

**DRAFT Recommendations from California Citizens Redistricting Commission
(Commission) Language Access Subcommittee
for Interpretation at Public Input Meetings (June 2021 – Sept 2021) (5/18/2021)**

Background: Tables 1 & 2 language access recommendation or the interpretation of verbal public input during Public Input Meetings from June 2021 – September 2021. These recommendations are solely for virtual Public Input Meetings.

Table 1: Background Research and Procedural Recommendations for Interpretation During Public Input Meetings

Topic	Recommendation
Appointment System & Requests for Interpretation	<p>Recommendations for public input meetings when the Commission will provide interpretation services (see Table 2 for proposed meeting dates where Commission will provide interpretation)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend the use of an appointment system to schedule timeslots where individuals would require interpretation services. 2. Based on a 6-hour meeting, for days already designated for interpretation (see Table 2) recommend a two-hour block of appointments to be designated for individuals requiring interpretation services, if needed. 3. For all other Public Input Meetings without designated interpretation services, recommend holding one hour for interpretation requests received timely. 4. Appointments for interpretation services must be submitted no later than 5 business days before the public input meeting date. 5. If some of the timeslots designed for language interpretation are filled, then any remaining unfilled interpretation timeslots will be opened 24 hours prior to the meeting date to all Californians. 6. If none of the timeslots designated for language interpretation are filled, then all interpretation designated timeslots will be opened to all Californians 4 business days prior to the meeting date. 7. Appointment timeslots that require interpretation services should be doubled to allow for consecutive interpretation (i.e., if public input is 3 minutes for non-interpretation, then it would be 6 minutes total if there is interpretation).
Volunteer Interpretation	The public can always use their own interpreters, such as family members.
Disability Access	<p>Recommend ASL and Closed Captioning for Public Input meetings</p> <p>Requests for any other disability-related modification or accommodation should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting and should be submitted in writing either by mail at 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814 or by email at votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.</p>

Zone specific Public Input Meetings open to all Californians	The public is not limited to the Commission Outreach zone they live in to provide public input for a Zone-specific Public Input meeting, and this should also be the case for interpretation assistance. This will allow the Commission to utilize interpretation resources more efficiently.		
Additional languages beyond CA top 12 languages	This initial recommendation is just for California's top 12 non-English languages and we hope to discuss language requests for other languages at another public input design meeting.		
Background on language recommendations for interpretation services for specific Zone Public Input Meetings	<p>The Language Access subcommittee based the recommendations for Table 2 utilizing data on Limited English Proficient (LEP) population from the American Community Survey B16001 dataset (American Community Survey Tables: 2009 - 2013, B16001 Languages Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 years and over (looking at population who self-identify as speaking English less than "very well")).</p> <p>The subcommittee reviewed the total number of LEP populations for CA's top 12 non-English languages per the Commission's outreach Zone. For each of the 12 non-English languages, the subcommittee identified 1 to 3 Zones with the largest population for that specific language. Languages that are recommended for LA County Public Input meetings are languages where this is the largest concentration of that LEP populations and/or there were no other Zones with large concentrations of the specific language.</p>		
Recommendation for number of meetings that will include interpretation for CA top 12 non-English Languages	LEP population statewide total per language	Number of Public Input Meetings to provide interpretation of non-English Public Input	Languages
	Greater than 1,000,000	12 meetings per language (including 1 statewide meeting)	Spanish
	From 100,000 to 1,000,000	2 meetings per language	Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese) Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean
	Less than 100,000	1 meeting per language	Armenian, Farsi, Russian, Arabic, Punjabi, Japanese, Khmer

Table 2: Public Input Meeting dates and recommendations for interpretation services

The public is not limited to the Commission Outreach zone they live in to provide public input for a Zone-specific Public Input meeting, and this should also be the case for interpretation assistance. This will allow the Commission to utilize interpretation resources more efficiently.

Date	Zone	Language
6/10/21 Thursday	Statewide	
6/19/21 Saturday	Statewide	Spanish
6/21/21 Monday	D	
6/24/21 Thursday	I	
6/26/21 Saturday	H	Spanish, Khmer
6/28/21 Monday	C	Chinese - Mandarin, Tagalog
7/1/21 Thursday	A	
7/2/21 Friday	B	
7/8/21 Thursday	J	Vietnamese, Korean
7/10/21 Saturday	K	Spanish
7/12/21 Monday	F	
7/15/21 Thursday	H	Farsi, Armenian
7/17/21 Saturday	C	Russian, Chinese - Cantonese
7/20/21 Tuesday	G	
7/22/21 Thursday	E	Spanish
7/24/21 Saturday	K	Tagalog, Arabic
7/29/21 Thursday	I	
7/30/21 Friday	H	Korean, Japanese
7/31/21 Saturday	C	Spanish, Vietnamese
8/4/21 Wednesday	F	Punjabi
8/9/21 Monday	B	Spanish
8/12/21 Thursday	J	Chinese – Mandarin
8/15/21 Sunday	H	Chinese - Cantonese, Spanish
8/18/21 Wednesday	D	Spanish
8/21/21 Saturday	K	
8/23/21 Monday	E	
8/25/21 Wednesday	G	
8/27/21 Friday	A	Spanish
8/29/21 Sunday	F	Spanish
8/30/21 Monday	C	
9/1/21 Wednesday	J	Spanish
9/2/21 Thursday	I	Spanish
9/8/21 Wednesday	Group COI Input – LA	
9/9/21 Thursday	Group COI Input – SD	
9/10/21 Friday	Group COI Input – SF/Bay Area	
9/11/21 Saturday	Group COI Input – Statewide	