



AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS GOVERNING BOARD  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.\***

**Teleconference Meeting**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83095231509>

**Livestream Available at:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngq8klg8Dfg>

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Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting. The Governing Board encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the Governing Board are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Office (100 South Vincent Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790).* The Governing Board agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcog.org)). Documents distributed to a majority of the Board after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Governing Board meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Board. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the meeting refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

**TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BOARD:** At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. There is a three-minute limit on all public comments. Proxies are not permitted, and individuals may not cede their comment time to other members of the public. **The Governing Board may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.**

**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Governing Board. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Governing Board can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Governing Board.



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To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Board Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Governing Board meeting scheduled for November 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Governing Board will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83095231509>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or participate by Zoom.

- Email: Please submit via email your public comment to Katie Ward ([kward@sgvcog.org](mailto:kward@sgvcog.org)) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Governing Board prior to the meeting.
- Zoom: Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Katie Ward at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 214-8160 or at [kward@sgvcog.org](mailto:kward@sgvcog.org).

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**5 MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment *(If necessary, the President may place reasonable time limits on all comments)*

**PRESENTATION**

**30 MINUTES**

4. Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail Briefing: Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**ACTION ITEM**

**15 MINUTES**

5. Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) Comment Letter and Maps - Page 1  
*Recommended Actions: Submit a comment letter and maps to the CRC that outlines the SGVCOG's priorities for the Los Angeles County redistricting process.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. Upcoming Governing Board Meetings  
- Regular Meeting – November 18, 2021 at 4PM

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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DATE: November 10, 2021

TO: Governing Board Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC) COMMENT LETTER AND MAPS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Submit a comment letter and maps to the CRC that outlines the SGVCOG's priorities for the Los Angeles County redistricting process.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) is the organization responsible for selecting a new supervisorial map for Los Angeles County. The CRC must select a new map by December 15, 2021. To do this, they are considering maps first submitted by the public. As of October 28, 2021, only 31 maps had been submitted. During the CRC Special Meeting on October 28, 2021, the Commission narrowed this down to the four (4) maps for consideration; however, it will also accept maps from the public through the month of November. The four maps selected for further consideration by the CRC are as follows:

- **Map A:** This map was submitted by the People's Bloc (<https://www.thepeoplesbloc.org/>). The People's Bloc is a coalition of community groups with a stated goal of "proposing solutions to the redistricting process that promote the political voice, representation, and access to resources of historically underrepresented groups." Active SGV is a member of the People's Bloc coalition.
- **Map B:** This map was submitted individually by CRC Commissioner Stecher. During the CRC public hearing on November 7, 2021, Commissioner Stecher expressed that the intention behind how he drew this map was to incorporate wholly as many COIs as possible.
- **Map C:** This map was submitted by MALDEF, also known as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (<https://www.maldef.org/>). During the CRC public hearing on November 7, 2021, a MALDEF demographer expressed that the intention behind how MALDEF drew this map was to provide better representation for the Latino/x communities in Los Angeles County.
- **Map D:** This map was submitted individually by CRC Commissioner Stecher. During the CRC public hearing on November 7, 2021, Commissioner Stecher expressed that the intention behind how he drew this map was to mitigate political polarization by creating districts with diverse socioeconomic factors.

In November and December, the CRC will host four (4) public hearings for residents and stakeholders to provide public comment on any maps or communities of interests (COIs). Below is a complete schedule for public hearings:

- Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 1:00pm

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- Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30pm
- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

## **DISCUSSION**

Given how quickly the CRC must decide on a final supervisorial map, on October 28, 2021, the Governing Board held a special meeting featuring a presentation by the CRC Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough and CRC Commissioner Mark Mendoza on the County redistricting process. While there was not a quorum at that meeting, staff was directed to submit a public comment at the October 28, 2021, CRC Special Meeting expressing the desire of the cities in attendance to keep the San Gabriel Valley cities in a single supervisorial district.

Subsequently, at its November meeting, the SGVCOG Executive Committee authorized the establishment of a Redistricting Working Group to further engage in the process and make recommendations to the Governing Board on how to prioritize and best advocate for a map option that aligns with the San Gabriel Valley's values and interests. The Redistricting Working Group was made up of representatives from the following cities:

- Arcadia;
- Glendora;
- La Verne;
- Pasadena;
- San Gabriel;
- South Pasadena;
- Walnut; and
- West Covina

Additionally, President Becky Shevlin attended the meeting to facilitate discussions at the Governing Board meeting.

The working group met on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Many items of interest came up while examining the CRC process and timeline, as well as the four (4) main maps being considered. After much discussion, the working group recommended the following redistricting priorities, which have also been incorporated into a draft comment letter (Attachment A) for the CRC:

- Keep supervisorial districts representing the City of Los Angeles and supervisorial districts representing cities in the San Gabriel Valley separate.
- Keep all municipalities whole; do not split up individual cities in the San Gabriel Valley into numerous supervisorial districts.
- Keep a majority of the cities within the San Gabriel Valley within the same supervisorial district.
- Consider the cities of Diamond Bar, Industry, Pasadena, and Montebello as cities in the San Gabriel Valley and align them with a supervisorial district representing a majority of the San Gabriel Valley cities.

One working group member also presented his own map to the working group for consideration which encapsulates the above referenced principles (Attachment B). Additionally, the working

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group directed staff to prepare a modified version of this new map (if needed) to address the following:

- Include the cities of Diamond Bar, Industry, and Montebello, which were not included in the San Gabriel Valley-centric district, pending feedback on preferences from those cities; and
- Modify the boundaries of all the districts to ensure that the racial and ethnic balances between the districts were similar to the splits demonstrated in the four maps that were put forth for consideration by the CRC.

That modified map is included as Attachment C. Attachment D provides several charts that compare the differences between each of the maps. SGVCOG staff has also reached out to MALDEF and the People's Bloc to discuss the SGVCOG's developed maps but have not yet received any response.

During the first CRC Public Hearing on Sunday, November 7, discussion did take place among Commissioners regarding the fact that many municipalities within the San Gabriel Valley are split up into multiple supervisorial districts on various map submissions. They came to an agreement that this needed to be addressed in future CRC meetings.

At this meeting, the Governing Board will discuss these proposed redistricting priorities and modified map for submission. Pending direction from the Governing Board, staff will submit a comment letter and map(s) and provide comments at the upcoming public hearing.

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## ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A** – [SGVCOG Comment Letter on Supervisorial Map Submissions](#)
- Attachment B** – [Working Group Member Map Submission](#)
- Attachment C** – [Potential SGVCOG Supervisorial Map](#)
- Attachment D** – [SGV Supervisorial District Demographic Breakdown](#)