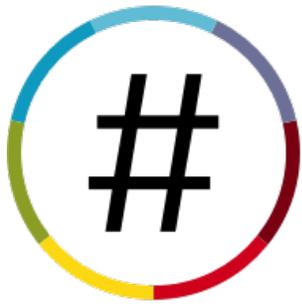


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“Some general comments in response to today's meeting: I've been struck by how relatively few public comments have been submitted for this 2020 redistricting compared to 2010. I have a few theories about this, other than because of the US Census data being delayed and general exhaustion of groups and the populace due to the pandemic at keeping up with everything. The first is that I believe that most people are generally content with the existing district lines, and believe that the lines will probably not change much (not thinking too hard about how we are losing a congressional district), and I'd like for Commissioners to keep this in mind, that for the most part the reasons for district lines (and all the comments) from last time mostly still apply, and for the most part community characteristics haven't changed drastically from 2010. As a political person I've noticed that public comments have frequently been made by people with ulterior political agendas for someone-in-that-area's political career, and I hope that the commissioners are sophisticated enough to recognize this, and will scrutinize the reasons given for a COI and probe whether or not they really hold water, rather than merely accepting the suggested COIs at face value. And yes, it's unfortunately true that many even political people still don't quite know how to provide comment to the commission, or feel that they have any useful information to provide, when they have a lot of valuable, valid, completely nonpartisan input to provide regarding their COIs. [NOTE: Submitted COI maps that are missing a parcel in the middle are likely because the drawing tool is a little quirky, and unincorporated areas may be not included in the city/town selection, and if the person doesn't know to switch it to "tracts" to select the unselected parcel and figure out how to select it, they may have decided the map was good enough, and that it would be obvious that the wholly interior parcel should be included.] I read the letter from the LA County Counsel, and I see that there are good reasons why the primary election cannot be delayed to accommodate an extension of the redistricting timelines. This is concerning, because it takes a lot of time to draw good lines. I was a principal line drawer for the Sierra Club's comments to the CRC in 2010, working on the computers provided to the public by the Rose Foundation in Berkeley in the same offices as CRC line-drawing staff. From what I observed there, I can tell you that the process was overly compressed last time, which was probably why the law was changed to give CRC more time to draw the lines this time around. Unfortunately this extra time has been



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