Redistricting 2021/2022: What Just Happened?

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2021/22: A Wild Redistricting Ride

• 2nd round for the State Redistricting Commission
  – Congressional, State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization
• 1st time for the Los Angeles County Independent Commission
• 28 cities in LA County districting or redistricting
  – 20 redistricting for the first time (or districting)
  – LA, Long Beach, and Pomona via independent commissions
  – Active lawsuits in Santa Monica and Santa Clarita
• Roughly half the county’s school districts are districting or redistricting
Due to slow population growth, LA County lost a district as CD40 and CD47 merged into CD42.

Both Representatives Roybal-Allard and Lowenthal are retiring.

Representative Garcia’s competitive northern district became more Democratic.
Probably the most stable among the maps, other than Sen. Hertzberg’s Supervisorial run.

Odd shapes reflect Commission’s focus on Latino numbers over city boundaries and compactness.
San Gabriel Valley: Asm. Calderon picks up Chen’s LA County areas.
North County: relatively stable
Big battle: AD44: incumbents face off as old AD46 disappears.
AD51: New open seat (Bloom retiring)
South Bay: relatively stable
South LA: Major redraw in Long Beach
Gateway: Cerritos, Artesia move to heavily-OC AD67
Significant change from the county’s first-ever independent redistricting commission. But not as radical as many proposals.

Risky map for its goals:
- South Bay with South LA.
- Palos Verde in majority-Latino SD4.
- Asian-American communities concentrated in majority-Latino SD1.
Odd: La Verne split nearly in half.
By-District Cities

Before the 2002 California Voting Rights Act:
• 8 by-district cities
• Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Inglewood, Long Beach, Downey, Bradbury, Pasadena and Pomona

Switched since 2002:
• 20 cities

In active litigation:
• 2 cities (Santa Monica & Santa Clarita)

Similar change underway among the county’s school districts.
More Information

• Interactive Map: https://tinyurl.com/4yrjp4d2

• Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College: http://roseinstitute.org/

• National Demographics Corporation: https://www.NDCresearch.com

• CalCities: https://www.calcities.org/