



All Aboard!

Welcome Address

9:00-9:30am – Yosemite Hall Central Station

California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners
Jeanne Raya, M. Andre Parvenu and Peter Yao



California went through an extensive process lasting over a year to select 14 people to serve on the new Citizens Redistricting Commission. With over 30,000 people initially applying, the Bureau of State Audits screened, scrutinized and interviewed the applicants to narrow the pool to California's best and brightest. Jeanne Raya, M. Andre Parvenu and Peter Yao will share their reflections on the process.



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Breaking Ground

The A, B, C's of Redistricting

9:45am-11:00am – Yosemite Hall Central Station

Train Conductor: Kathy Feng. **Engineers:** Justin Levitt, Donita Judge, & Thomas Saenz

California is embarking on a new route for redistricting. With the passage of Propositions 11 and 20, what will this new process look like? Can we anticipate what bumps in the road there will be? How can we make sure there is full public participation?



Full Steam Ahead

What's hot on the redistricting litigation front

11:15am-12:15pm – Cabrillo Station

Train Conductor: Bob Stern. **Engineers:** Ryan Haygood & Laughlin McDonald

Join us as our redistricting experts talk about the latest on the litigation front. What are the challenges to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act as extended by Congress in 2006? What is the status of claims of partisan gerrymandering in redistricting? How are Florida's voter-approved redistricting constitutional amendments being challenged? What impact will the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Bartlett v. Strickland* influence the next round of redistricting? What are the implications of the recent suit against the City of Compton?

Spikes and Bolts

Criteria used to draw maps

11:15am-12:15pm – Catalina Station

Train Conductors: Deanna Kitamura & Eugene Lee

Proposition 11 set out rules the commission must follow when it draws new electoral district lines. This session will cover the rules the commission will be using. It should be particularly useful to individuals and groups planning to submit mapping proposals.

Ticket to the Data Train

Finding data and technical assistance centers

11:15am-12:15pm – Mojave Station

Train Conductors: Karin Mac Donald & Bonnie Glaser

This session will cover all you need to know about data in order to develop and present submissions to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. We will provide an overview of the quantitative datasets used in redistricting and explain how to collect additional qualitative data about communities. We will also introduce the resources available at Redistricting Technical Assistance Sites that will be operating around the state in March.

Staying on Track with the Voting Rights Act

Ensuring that communities are not derailed from voting

11:15am-12:15pm – Yosemite Hall Central Station

Train Conductors: Ana Henderson & Myrna Perez

The Voting Rights Act protects racial and language minority populations. We will talk about the different sections of the VRA and how they give communities the tools to ensure they have the ability to elect candidates of their choice.

E-Ticket to Ride

Don't waste time; get access to maps now!

11:15am-12:15pm – Sequoia Room Station

Train Conductor: John Kim

Given the long-standing gap in technology and data access for many community groups, the Advancement Project is launching a one-of-a-kind online mapping website specifically built for community engagement in the redistricting process. The online mapping website will allow users to analyze key redistricting data, draw/articulate communities of interest, and prepare data and maps to present in front of the commission.



Taking the Transcontinental

A conversation about redistricting around the country

12:30pm-2:00pm – Yosemite Hall Central Station

Lunch Discussion



Erica Teasley Linnick



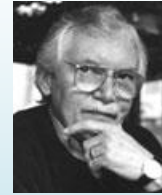
Steve Carbo



Mike Dean



Janis Hirohama



Laughlin McDonald

Take a fun ride with us around the U.S. to see how redistricting is going across the country. Are there lessons to be learned and pitfalls to avoid?

Join as Moderator Erica Teasley Linnick asks our guests to share their stories and experiences.



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Train Crossing Ahead

How to navigate multi-racial districts

2:15pm-3:15pm – Cabrillo Station

Train Conductor: Donita Judge. **Engineers:** Eugene Lee, Nancy Ramirez & Tunua Thrash

California's racial and ethnic diversity can present challenges in redistricting when different minority groups reside in the same district. What does the Voting Rights Act require? How should the district be drawn when there is more than one minority group? This panel will explore strategies for collaboration and how to respond to regions with more than one protected group.

Laying Tracks

Teaching your community to testify – training the trainers

2:15pm-3:15pm – Sequoia Station

3:30pm-4:30pm – Sequoia Station

Train Conductors: Rosalind Gold & Erica Teasley Linnick

Efforts to reach and engage community leaders will be critical to ensuring full public participation in the 2011 redistricting process. Thinking about organizing your community to present to the commission? Come to this workshop to learn how to talk about redistricting to stakeholders in your community.



Taking the Express

Preparing to testify about your community

2:15pm-3:15pm – Catalina Station

3:30pm-4:30pm – Catalina Station

Train Conductors: Chris Lanier & Michelle Romero

Join us for an interactive discussion on “communities of interest” and prepare to tell the story of YOUR community. Presenters will unpack what tools and resources are available to you and what you can expect during public hearings. Hands-on activities will focus on helping community members prepare their case for a community of interest, including suggestions for locating data to support their case.

Shoveling the Coal

A hands-on redistricting exercise

2:15pm-3:15pm – Mojave Station

Train Conductor: Steven Ochoa

Come get a small sample of what redistricting really means by going through an exercise and putting your "training" to the test! You will have an opportunity to draw maps using the criteria that the Commissioners will be looking at.

Taking the Local

Preparing for city, county and school board redistricting

2:15pm-3:15pm – Yosemite Hall Central Station

Train Conductors: Chris Carson & Trudy Schafer. **Engineers:** Joaquin Avila, Doug Johnson & Jackie Dupont-Walker

Statewide redistricting is attracting lots of publicity. But local governments and agencies that elect by districts have to redraw their lines as well, and the process isn't nearly as neat and clear as you may think. This workshop will help you navigate the often complex and confusing laws and procedures that govern local redistricting and assist your community in achieving fair districts.

Watch Your Step!

Redistricting prisoners, non-citizens & others

3:30pm-4:30pm – Yosemite Hall Central Station

Train Conductor: Tunua Thrash. **Engineers:** Steve Carbo & Dale Ho

Who gets counted and where are questions makes all the difference in political representation? Should prisoners be counted where they are incarcerated or from the communities where they last resided? What about non-citizen residents, students and the homeless? Join a lively conversation about these and related topics.



I Think I Can

Using Data & Tech Tools

3:30pm-4:30pm – Mojave Station

Train Conductor: Doug Johnson

Once you have learned about redistricting and figured out your "community of interest," how do you effectively share your views with the Commission? If you use email and can get driving directions online, you can draw and track your community's fate in redistricting. At this session you will learn how, using everything from simple online maps to full-powered online redistricting programs, to clearly share your maps with the Commission, and how to track whether the Commission implements your requests throughout its process.

Surveying the Land

Analyzing & Evaluating Maps

3:30pm-4:30pm – Cabrillo Room Station

Train Conductor: Michael McDonald

Academics and advocates have teamed together to develop free software to be able to draw, analyze and evaluate redistricting maps. Find out how to get access and use these tools.

Final Destination

Closing Remarks

4:35pm-5:00pm – Yosemite Hall Central Station

For more information regarding what you've seen and learned at our 2011 RedistrictingCA Conference, please visit www.redistrictingca.org. Conference photos and videos will be online soon!

Stay tuned for our RedistrictingCA Conference in Northern California this Spring. Email us at redistrictingCA@gmail.com.

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