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June 29, 2021

**Via Drop Box**

Ms. Heather Halsey  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Halsey:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
SB 958 DRAFT EXPEDITED PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES  
19-TC-04**

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Article 2 (2 CCR) section 1187.9(a) and (b), and for the reasons set forth below, the County of Los Angeles (“Claimant”) requests a 30-day extension of time to submit written comments on the Commission’s Draft Expedited Parameters and Guidelines (“Parameters and Guidelines”), from June 29, 2021 to July 29, 2021. The County additionally requests a continuance of the scheduled hearing from September 24, 2021, to the next regularly scheduled hearing on October 22, 2021 (tentative) or the next regularly scheduled hearing date available.

Good cause for the postponement of the hearing and the County’s additional time to provide comments to the Parameters and Guidelines is needed because Claimant’s legal counsel will be unavailable preceding and on the filing deadline due to a pre-planned vacation. 2 CCR section 1187.9(b)(1)(A) provides that the executive director may postpone the matter on an affirmative showing of good cause, including “[t]he unavailability of a party, party representative, or witness because of death, illness, or other excusable circumstances.” The attached declaration of Lucia Gonzalez, legal counsel for the Claimant, indicates that she is unavailable to advise the Claimant during the time preceding and up through the deadline for filing comments on the Commission’s Draft Expedited Parameters and Guidelines. Additionally, Claimant is still in the process of collecting information necessary for providing a Comment and will need the assistance of legal counsel prior to the filing. The Claimant contends that it would be prejudiced if it were not provided the opportunity to provide written comments with a thorough legal analysis of the issues for the Commission’s consideration.

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Should the Commission allow for an extension in which to file written comments, Claimant respectfully request a postponement of the hearing date to October 22, 2021 or the next regularly scheduled available hearing date.

The request is not unreasonable in length and would not prejudice the parties.

If you have any questions please call me, or your staff may contact Fernando Lemus at (213) 974-0324 or via e-mail at [flemus@auditor.lacounty.gov](mailto:flemus@auditor.lacounty.gov).

I certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing facts are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

Very truly yours,



Arlene Barrera  
Auditor-Controller

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Attachment

County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission, 19-TC-04  
Draft Expedited Parameters & Guidelines  
Declaration of Lucia Gonzalez

I, Lucia Gonzalez, declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct based on my personal knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am employed with the Office of the County Counsel for the County of Los Angeles (County) and hold the title of Senior Deputy County Counsel. I have been employed with the County since 2001. One of my roles includes assisting and advising the Office of the Auditor-Controller on the filing of test claims with the Commission on State Mandates.
2. The County was served with the Draft Expedited Parameters and Guidelines, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Hearing on June 8, 2021 and was provided until June 29, 2021 to submit comments.
3. The County is in the process of collecting information that will be used in providing comments to the Commission's Draft Expedited Parameters and Guidelines.
4. As advice counsel to the Auditor-Controller, I review all documents that will be filed with the Commission on State Mandates prior to filing.
5. I have a pre-planned vacation from June 23, 2021 to July 2, 2021 and will be out of the country on the filing deadline date of June 29, 2021.
6. Due to my pre-planned vacation, I will be unable to review and provide advice to my client during the period immediately preceding the filing deadline.

I have personal knowledge of the foregoing facts and information presented in this Test Claim and, if so required, I could and would testify to the statements made herein.

Executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in San Gabriel, CA

*Lucia Gonzalez*

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Lucia Gonzalez  
Senior Deputy County Counsel  
County Counsel  
County of Los Angeles

**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL**

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On June 30, 2021, I served the:

- **Notice of Extension Request Approval and Postponement of Hearing issued June 30, 2021**
- **Claimant's Request for Extension of Time and Postponement of Hearing filed June 29, 2021**

*County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission, 19-TC-04*  
Elections Code Sections 21532(a) and (e)-(h) and  
21534(c)(2), (c)(3)(A)-(B), (c)(4)(A), (c)(5)-(8) and (d)(4)  
Statutes 2016, Chapter 781 (SB 958)  
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on June 30, 2021 at Sacramento, California.



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**Claimant:** County of Los Angeles

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