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**Subject:** RE: FW: League of Women Voters concerns  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 06, 2021 9:46:00 AM  
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Ms. Goldman,  
Thank you for the email and input.  
Please see my responses to your questions below in “red” and let me know if the responses fully address your concerns.  
Sincerely,



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**Subject:** RE: League of Women Voters concerns

Hi Ms. Goldman, I have actually moved over to a County Department and worked with John Thompson to transition the oversight of the redistricting project. I have copied him on this email so he may review and address your concerns. In the future, you can also send your concerns to the main County redistricting email address and I copied that on the email too. Thank you, Sam.

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**From:** Susan Goldman <[121143pvct@att.net](mailto:121143pvct@att.net)>  
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**Subject:** League of Women Voters concerns

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Hi Samantha,  
I am the chair of the LWV Fresno Redistricting committee. At our meeting this morning some concerns arose regarding some areas of the County's redistricting process.

1. It is difficult to navigate the County's website to find the meeting dates for public attendance and input. It would be great if there was a direct link on the home page.

**Response:** We have been working on the Redistricting webpages and just published updates on Thursday, July 1. There is now a redistricting icon on the main County webpage called “Redistricting” and when you click on that it takes you to the main Redistricting page, which now has a navigation bar across the top and one of those buttons is “meetings” which bring up the calendar of meetings and associated documents. These changes should make it easier to find the meeting calendar, agendas and notices. Per your suggestion we will also add

the Redistricting announcements and press releases to the main County webpage as that may also help residents.

2. There will not be much notice for the July 7th meeting.

**Response:** As it pertains to the noticing, we are cautiously following our interpretation of Elections Code 21508(c). The agenda for the July 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting has been physically posted on July 1 at approximately 3:45 pm at the Hall of Records, posted on the internet on July 1 at approximately 5:15 pm, and electronic notices, to all subscribed interested parties, were emailed on July 2 at approximately 8:30 am. In addition, a press release was issued on Friday, July 2, along with social media posts. Now that we have the website complete, we will attempt to provide more of an advanced notice on future Commissioner meetings, but at a minimum, ensure that remain within compliance of the Elections Code and Brown Act.

3. The public input session for District 4 on July 14th doesn't give communities and individuals much time to prepare their input when there is little notice. Other districts have their sessions much later. How will these sessions be publicized?

**Response:** The District 4 meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> is a workshop that is intended to first educate the public on the redistricting process and second solicit feedback from the public on how the district lines should be drawn and the communities within the area. The workshop meetings will be noticed via social media, press release, and posting on the web. Residents within districts can attend any of the five district meetings, so if their schedule prohibits them in attending one of the dates, they will have four other meeting dates to choose from. The workshops will also be recorded and available on the web so residents can view them as they have time. If you have additional ideas, please let me know.

4. The August 4th input session is the same day as the state's COI input session for Region F (our area) which could pose a conflict for some people.

**Response:** Thank you for bringing that to our attention. The first COI input session for Region F is set for July 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and no time has been assigned for the second COI input session on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the August 4<sup>th</sup> session will also be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. so there is no conflict.

I realize you must be quite busy and we are now at a holiday weekend. When you get the chance I would appreciate a response. Have a nice weekend.

Sue Goldman  
Director of Voter Services

League of Women Voters Fresno