



The Commissioner Role

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Connie Malloy
2010-2020
California Citizens
Redistricting Commission



The Commissioner Role Panel



Colleen Mathis – 2011-2021 Arizona Independent
Redistricting Commission member and chair.



Cynthia Dai – 2010-2020 California Citizens Redistricting
Commission member and rotating chair.



Carlos Marquez - 2011-2012 San Diego Redistricting
Commissioner.

California Redistricting Commission

Connie Malloy and **Cynthia Dai** were each members of the inaugural California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The California Commission was groundbreaking – for the first time in the state’s history, district lines would be drawn without a focus on incumbency or political party by an independent body comprised of everyday Californians.



As fourteen people - 5 Republicans, 5 Democrats, and 4 Independents - their backgrounds were varied, but none had redistricting experience.



San Diego Redistricting Commission



Carlos Marquez was a member of the independent San Diego Redistricting Commission – redrawing the council lines in 2011, and adding a new seat.

The San Diego Commission had a **long history** as one of the first municipal independent redistricting commissions.



The city grew significantly from 2001-2011, making redistricting more complex. The commission also had competing goals to strengthen a historic African American district, while expanding opportunities for growing Latino and Asian populations and LGBTQ voters.



Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission



Colleen Mathis was a member and Chair of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

The Commission adopted new congressional and legislative districts for the state in January 2012, and prevailed in all litigation challenging its work.



The state Constitution required the commissioners - two Republicans, two Democrats, and an Independent Chairwoman - to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.



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This is your chance to hear first-hand from other redistricting commissioners who were in your shoes ten years ago, sitting on their first commission, and learning about the process.





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