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- TO: Superintendents and Presidents Chief Business Officials Governing Board Members Los AngelesCountySchool and Community College Districts
- FROM: Octavio Castelo, Director Business Advisory Services
- SUBJECT: Census Redistricting and California Voting Rights Act Workshop Follow-up

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) would like to apprise you of a recent event held byour office and the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA).

LACSTA and LACOE hosted an online forum on recent elections changes, school districts responsibilities regarding redistricting and the recent release of the 2020 census data, and how these issues are impacted by the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). The forum was held on Monday, June 21, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event was designed for school and community college district staff and governing board members. The goal was to provide a place for informed dialogue with stakeholders from around the county and the state to discuss these important issues.

Recent legislation and statutory changes that affect elections, redistricting, and the CVRA, contributed to the value of the forum, with the goal of providing guidance and information for districts to consider. Panelists who participated in the forum included:

- Hon. Ben Allen, California State Senator
- Dr. Allison Deegan, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
- Dr. Douglas Johnson, National Demographics Corporation (NDC)
- Dr. Cherise Moore, Chair, Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee)
- Mr. Frank Ogaz, Vice Chair, County Committee
- David Soldani, Esq., Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR)

The recording of the event can be accessed at the link below, as well as documents related to the topics which the panelists discussed.

https://www.lacoe.edu/Business-Services/News-Announcements/ID/4575/Los-Angeles-County-School-Trustees-Association--Special-Workshop

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