LOS ANGELES COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Applicant Review & Ranking Results

Review of 361 applications | Public shortlist meeting

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Purpose and scope

361

eligible applications reviewed

Commission's assignment

Identify approximately 12–16 applicants for public interviews, then nominate four additional Commissioners.

Required representation

At least one of the four nominees must reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

From application review to public selection

EARLY OCTOBER

Independent review

361 applications

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OCT 16

Method adopted

A/B/C process

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OCT 19

A lists submitted

15 per Commissioner

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OCT 21

B lists submitted

30 per Commissioner

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OCT 23

Public discussion

Select interview shortlist

Preliminary classifications support discussion; they do not determine the final shortlist.

How each Commissioner independently classified applicants

GROUP A | 15

Top applicants identified for consideration, including three residents of unincorporated areas.

GROUP B | 30

Additional applicants for consideration; the list could also include unincorporated-area residents.

GROUP C | REMAINDER

Applicants not identified by that Commissioner on their A or B list.

One A/B/C classification per applicant, per Commissioner.

How the six priority groups are defined

PRIORITY GROUP	AGGREGATE A/B/C COMBINATION
1	3 A
2	2 A + 1 B
3	2 A + 1 C
4	1 A + 2 B
5	1 A + 1 B + 1 C
6	1 A + 2 C

Every applicant in these six groups received at least one A classification.

Staff compilation and public reporting

STAFF COMPILED

The Commissioners' A, B, and C classifications were consolidated for applicants appearing on at least one A list.

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Aggregate counts and priority groups only. Individual Commissioner classifications are not displayed.

Ranking totals are preliminary inputs for public deliberation—not interview selections.

Overview of preliminary ranking results

361

Eligible applications

36

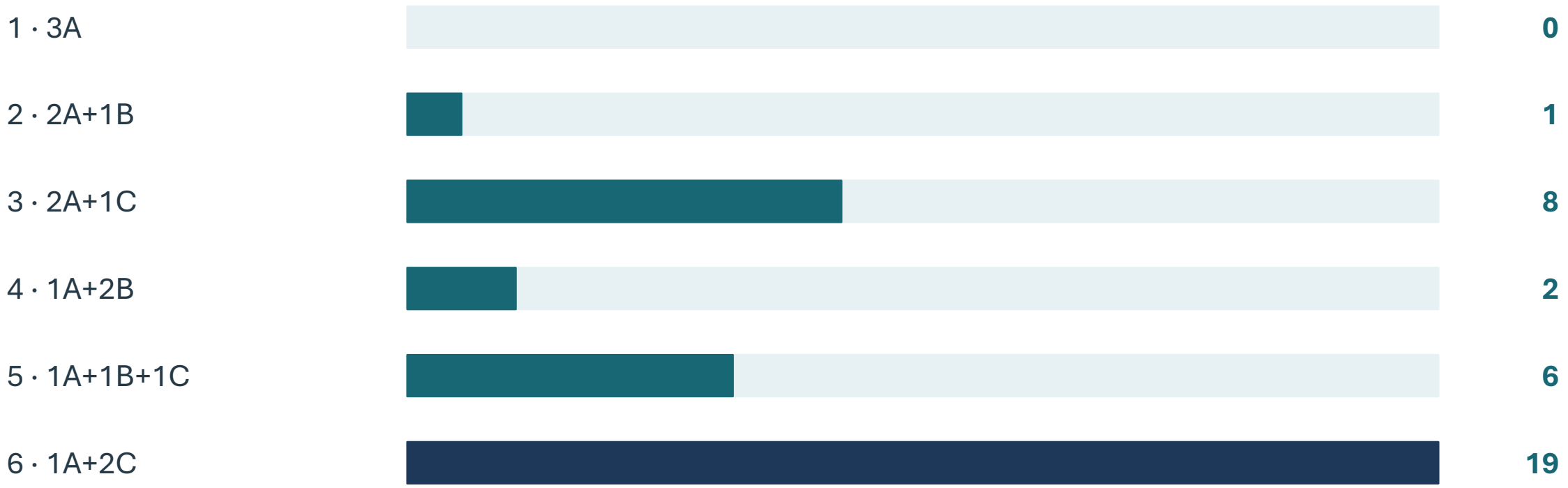
Received at least one A

8

Unincorporated among 36

The 36 ranked applicants are the preliminary discussion pool—not the selected interview slate.

Distribution by priority group



TOTAL 36

Unincorporated-area applicants: initial review

8

in the ranked pool

CONSIDER FIRST

Eight unincorporated-area applicants received at least one A classification and are reviewed first using the same priority definitions.

Applicants remain eligible

Applicants not selected in the initial consideration remain eligible with the full pool of candidates.

How the October 23 public discussion proceeds

- Consider the unincorporated-area applicants first, in priority order.
- Review remaining applicants using the same six priority groups.
- Discuss groups as needed to determine approximately 12–16 interviewees.
- Allow further consideration of an applicant before finalizing the shortlist.

Upcoming public meetings and milestones

OCT 23	**Shortlist selection** Approximately 12–16 applicants
OCT 30	**Public interviews · Day 1** Approximately eight candidates
NOV 6	**Public interviews · Day 2** Approximately eight candidates
NOV 13	**Nomination meeting** Nominate four members

At least one of the four nominees must reside in an unincorporated area.

Action requested: select the interview shortlist

The Commission will publicly determine which approximately 12–16 applicants advance to interviews.

The preliminary priority categories organize deliberation; they do not automatically advance candidates.

Questions and Commission discussion