

IRC FINAL REPORT

Independent
Redistricting
Commission

Item 7

September 30, 2021

Elections Code

- The IRC is legally required to file a final report
 - CA Elections Code Section 21552 (d)(3): The commission shall issue, with the final map, a report that explains the basis on which the commission made its decisions in achieving compliance with the criteria described in subdivisions (a) and (b). (Emphasis added.)
- Note: An After Action/Lessons Learned report is not required by statute but may be desirable
 - This presentation concerns the statutory report only

What Will Be in the Final Report?

- Report is statutorily required to link the mandatory criteria to matters in the Commission's record of meetings/hearings/comment received as the basis for decisions made and discretion exercised in the placement of district boundaries.
- IRC may want to summarize public comment and Commission activities in IRC regular, special meetings, and public hearings
 - E.g., what happened in the hearings -- how many were held, how many people attended, what type of testimony was received, what COI were identified, what public maps and partial maps were presented, etc.
 - Integrating information from ABASD, FLO, counsel, and special counsel. All contractors are required to provide a final report to the IRC.
- Final report was not required to be prepared by the County in 2010
 - Specific content is not defined in the Elections Code

Final Report Tentative Timing

*(*based on IRC approved timeline from Sep 9)*

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| Sept 30 | IRC discusses preparation of Final Report |
| Oct 14 | First draft of partial Final Report presented to IRC* (Regular Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda materials posted Oct 8; Counsel/staff review requested by Oct 6 |
| Nov 12 | Updated draft of partial Final Report presented to IRC (Regular Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda materials posted Nov 9; Counsel/staff review requested by Nov 5 |
| Dec 2 | Updated draft of partial Final Report presented to IRC* (Special Meeting & DMPH) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda materials posted Nov 23 due to Thanksgiving holiday; Counsel/staff review requested by Nov 19 |
| Dec 9 | Final draft of partial Final Report presented to IRC* (Regular Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRC scheduled to adopt final map, which is needed to inform the final draft of the final report• Agenda materials posted Dec 6; Counsel/staff review requested by Dec 1 |
| Dec 14 | IRC approves complete Final Report* (Special Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda materials posted Dec 13; Counsel/staff review requested by Dec 10 |
| Dec 15 | Statutory deadline for IRC to file Final Report with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Report must be filed with adopted final map |

Proposed Goals/Next Steps

- Draft template and milestones to complete the Final Report
- Develop a more detailed timeline
- Define content
 - Request needed information from contractors, counsel and staff
- Begin drafting
- Finalize content after IRC adopts final map

IRC Final Report vs. Lessons Learned Report

IRC Final Report

- Required by CA Elections Code (new statutory requirement for 2020 redistricting)
- Required to be submitted with final map Dec 15
- Content must explain the basis on which the IRC made its decisions in achieving compliance with statutory redistricting criteria in its final map
- Statute does not specify means of preparation (e.g., via IRC Ad Hoc Committee, Officers, etc.)

After Action/Lessons Learned Report

- Optional
- No deadline
- Can include any content, thoughts/opinions as desired by IRC
- IRC can determine desired timing and means of preparation (e.g., via IRC Ad Hoc Committee, Officers, etc.)