



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## Independent Redistricting Commission

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### AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** March 11, 2021

**Item 3**

**TO:** Independent Redistricting Commission

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF COMMISSION BYLAWS TO PROVIDE FOR MULTIPLE CO-VICE CHAIRS**

#### **OVERVIEW:**

On December 10, 2020 (Item 6) the Independent Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) unanimously selected David Bame as Chair, and Sonia Diaz as Vice Chair for an interim period through February 28, 2021.

On February 25, 2021 (Item 4) the Commission named David Bame as permanent Chair and extended the interim period of Vice Chair Sonia Diaz through March 11, 2021. At that time the Commission discussed an amendment to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission (“Bylaws”) to allow Commissioner Amy Caterina and Commissioner Rosette Garcia to serve simultaneously as Co-Vice Chairs.

Today’s item proposes an amendment to the Bylaws that would provide the option of multiple Co-Vice Chairs, as desired and approved by the Commission.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The approved Bylaws include the duties of the Vice Chair as, “In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair assumes the duties and responsibilities of that office.”

Multiple Co-Vice Chairs serving simultaneously would provide the Commission with additional leadership opportunities and could offer added focus on various topics, as directed by the Commission. A potential drawback of multiple Co-Vice Chairs could be inefficiency and duplication in effort and/or communication due to overlapping or unclear roles and responsibilities.

#### **AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS FOR MULTIPLE VICE CHAIRS:**

Today the Commission may consider an amendment to the Bylaws to allow for multiple Co-Vice Chairs to serve simultaneously. Revisions to the Bylaws Article III – Officers and Staff are proposed that, if approved, would allow for the possibility of multiple simultaneous Vice Chairs, which was not contemplated when the Bylaws were originally drafted. Attachment A provides a strikeout/underline version of the amendment that indicates the proposed revisions.

If approved, the amended Bylaws would not require the Commission to have more than one Vice Chair but would allow the Commission to name more than one Commissioner to serve simultaneously as Co-Vice Chairs, as desired.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider approval of an amendment to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission to allow for multiple simultaneous Co-Vice Chairs, as included in Attachment A.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission (strikeout/underline)