



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021

Item 4

TO: Independent Redistricting Commission

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OR MULTIPLE CO-VICE CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION

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.

Item 2 on today’s agenda provides an opportunity for the Commission to consider an amendment to the Bylaws to allow for multiple simultaneous Co-Vice Chairs. This item proposes the Commission’s consideration and selection of one or more Vice Chair(s).

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.

SELECTION OF ONE OR MORE VICE CHAIR(S):

The Commission must consider the expiration of the interim term of the current Vice Chair on March 11, 2021. Article III, Section 1 of the Commission’s Bylaws states that, “the full Commission shall select from its membership a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson and any other officers it deems necessary.” The Commission will need to act at today’s meeting to ensure that the Commission has a Vice Chair in place after the expiration of the current interim term.

The Commission’s selection of Vice Chair(s) may include one or more Commissioners, in accordance with the approved Bylaws. Should the Commission approve Commissioner Caterina and Commissioner Garcia as permanent Co-Vice Chairs, these Commissioners would serve simultaneously for the remainder of 2021 including all meetings of the Commission.

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The Commission has discussed the possibility of having a Commissioner from each supervisorial district serve temporarily as Chair pro-tem and/or Vice Chair pro-tem of the district-specific pre-mapping public hearings. These hearings have yet to be scheduled. County staff is currently developing revisions to the Commission’s approved timeline and meeting schedule to incorporate the recently announced Census delay. Staff will provide an opportunity for the Commission to review and consider the pro-tem Chair and pro-tem Vice Chair roles for the district-specific hearings once the meeting schedule has been approved by the Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Consider approving the Vice Chair(s) of the Independent Redistricting Commission commencing March 12, 2021 as either:
 - a. Commissioner Amy Caterina and Commissioner Rosette Garcia serving as simultaneous multiple Co-Vice Chairs, or
 - b. Selecting a single Vice Chair.

ATTACHMENTS:

None