



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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Arvid Larson
Fernandez Ponds
John Russ
Rameses Surban

Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM

I. Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commission Members David Bame, Colleen Brown, Amy Caterina, Chris Chen, Sonia Diaz, Carmen-Rosette Garcia, Kenneth Inman, Kristina Kruglyak, Arvid Larson, Fernandez Ponds, John Russ, Rameses Surban; and Erin Demorest, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

ABSENT: Commission Members Elidia Dostal, Barbara Hansen

(Note for the record: California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, all members of the Independent Redistricting Commission attended the meeting via teleconference and participated in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present.)

III. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Members of the public may address the Independent Redistricting Commission on subject matters within the Commission's jurisdiction, but not an item on this agenda. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

No Speakers

IV. Commission Business

1. Approval of Minutes from the April 8, 2021 Special and Regular Meeting

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the Minutes from the April 8, 2021 Special and Regular Meeting.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ

ABSENT: Dostal, Hansen, Surban

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2. Training: Presentation by “2020 Census Complete Count Stakeholder Working Group” by Rachel Cortes, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and Angelica Davis, City of Chula Vista

Rachel Cortes, San Diego Association of Governments and Angelica Davis, City of Chula Vista, provided an informational presentation on stakeholder outreach in San Diego County for the 2020 Census.

3. Update from the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee, and Discussion and Possible Approval of a Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 594 (Glazer)

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission approved the Resolution of the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission Relating to Senate Bill 594 (Glazer) that acknowledges that:

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been unavoidable and unforeseen delays in the U.S. Census Bureau’s release and dissemination of P.L. 94-171 decennial census data to all jurisdictions, now anticipated by September 30, 2021, which significantly curtails the amount of time available for the IRC to draw draft maps and public comment; and
- The IRC desires to protect, to the extent possible opportunities for robust public participation by protecting the public comment timing requirements as required by law; and
- Senate Bill 594 (Glazer) as amended on March 4, 2021, provides the IRC some relief from the delays by clarifying that the IRC’s deadline for adopting a final map is December 15, 2021 with the period for referendum commencing thereafter; and resolves that
- The IRC intends to work with the bill’s author, all residents and communities of interest of San Diego County, and other jurisdictions impacted by these delays, to come up with a reasonable solution, and propose additional amendments, that will maximize the period of time that the public can have to participate in the development of the boundaries of the new supervisorial district maps before being adopted by the IRC; and
- That the Chair of the IRC with the assistance of Staff shall take all steps necessary to transmit this letter to Senator Glazer, author of SB 594, as soon as possible.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

ABSENT: Dostal, Hansen

The following individual addressed the Commission on this item:

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- David Holtzman, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission member

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Request for Proposal (RFP) Documents from the Demographic Services RFP Ad Hoc Committee

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Inman, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, the Commission approved the Demographic Services RFP.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

ABSENT: Dostal, Hansen

5. Monthly Budget Update

Nicole Temple, County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission Co-Project Manager, provided an informational presentation on the monthly budget update.

6. Update from the Redistricting Budget Recommendation Ad Hoc Committee, and Discussion of Standing Budget and Finance Committee

Co-Vice Chair Caterina provided an informational update on the work of the Redistricting Budget Recommendation Ad Hoc Committee and discussed a potential Standing Budget and Finance Committee.

7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

A. Public Outreach and Engagement Services Request for Proposals (RFP)

Co-Vice Chair Caterina provided an informational update on the status of the Public Outreach and Engagement Services Request for Proposals (RFP).

B. Commissioner Training

Commissioner Ponds provided an informational update on the status of Commissioner training, noting that this Ad Hoc Committee sunset as of April 22, 2021, and Independent Redistricting Commission staff member Angela Fang provided a demonstration of the training continuum website.

C. Redistricting Outreach and Communications

Co-Vice Chair Garcia provided an informational update on the status of the interim outreach and communications plan.

8. Future Agenda Items

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Suggestions for future agenda items and/or follow-up questions for County staff that were proposed by IRC members included:

- Policy or legal guidance on political activity for Independent Redistricting Commission members
- Preparation of a Commission work plan between May and late July 2021, including planning and budgeting for additional ad hoc committees

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 6 of the *Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission*, staff identified a total of 8 members of the public present during the meeting.

ERIN DEMOREST
Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego, State of California

NOTE: These Minutes set forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Supporting documentation and attachments for items listed on this agenda can be viewed online at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/redistricting or in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402, San Diego, CA 92101.

Approved by the Commission: May 13, 2021