



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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Kristina Kruglyak
Arvid Larson
Fernandez Ponds
John Russ
Ramesses Surban

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 2:00 pm

- 1. Called to Order at 2:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)**
- 2. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Commission Members David Bame, Colleen Brown, Amy Caterina, Chris Chen, Sonia Diaz, Elidia Dostal, Carmen-Rosette Garcia, Barbara Hansen, Kenneth Inman, Kristina Kruglyak, Arvid Larson, Fernandez Ponds, Ramesses Surban; and David Hall, Clerk.

ABSENT: Commission Member John Russ

(Note for the record: Pursuant to AB 361, signed into law on September 16, 2021 by California Governor Gavin Newsom as urgency legislation, effective immediately, and the October 7, 2021 Resolution Of The County Of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission Authorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant To Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(C), some 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.)

- 3. 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.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Rami Ibrahim, PANA San Diego
- Jennifer Jeffries
- Christine Nava
- Timothy O'Healy
- Laura Hunter
- Leticia Cazares, President, Southwestern College Board
- Julie Corrales
- Carlos Hernandez, AACE Institute
- Diana Aguirre

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4. Approval of Minutes from the September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting and Pre-Mapping Public Hearing, September 25, 2021 Pre-Mapping Public Hearing, September 30, 2021 Special Meeting and October 7, 2021 Special Meeting

ACTION:

Directing that the Clerk review whether Diana Aguirre spoke during the meeting of September 23, 2021, and correct the minutes as necessary (minutes were corrected to remove Diana Aguirre); ON MOTION of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Larson the Commission approved the Minutes from the September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting and Pre-Mapping Public Hearing, September 25, 2021 Pre-Mapping Public Hearing, September 30, 2021 Special Meeting and October 7, 2021 Special Meeting.

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

ABSENT: Russ, Surban

5. Presentation of Racially Polarized Voting Study by Dr. Christian Grose, Ph.D. and Voting Rights Act Analysis by Bruce Adelson, Esq.

The Commission received a presentation of a Racially Polarized Voting Study by Dr. Christian Grose, Ph.D., and Dr. Natalie Masuoka, Ph.D.; and Voting Rights Act Analysis by Bruce Adelson, Esq.

The following individual addressed the Commission:

- Esther Sanchez, Mayor, City of Oceanside

Chair David Bame exited the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

6. Update and Discussion of Additional Public Input and Map(s) Submitted by the Public

The Commission received an update and discussion of additional public input and map submitted by the public from John McKenzie of FLO Analytics.

The following individual addressed the Commission:

- Esther Sanchez, Mayor, City of Oceanside
- Rami Ibrahim, PANA San Diego

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7. Discussion and Possible Approval of Direction to FLO Analytics Regarding Development of IRC Draft Map(s)

Chair David Bame returned to the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

7.1. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Co-Vice Chair Caterina, the Commission approved direction to FLO Analytics to draw a draft map that uses Co-Vice Chair Caterina's horizontal district concept (See note) from north to south and also taking into consideration the findings of the racially polarized voting report for IRC consideration with the data sheet and other visualizations as FLO is able to produce.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Kruglyak, Larson, Surban

NOES: Inman, Ponds

ABSENT: Russ

Note:

- Creates a border district up to the top of National City and Chula Vista keeping the Hispanic community in South Bay united
- Creates a second district including the BIPOC neighborhoods and a small part of the City of San Diego (for population purposes) running all the way East through East County along the 8 freeway to Santee that could include Coronado in the west if it is not included in the border district
- Creates a third district in the central area going from as far up as UCSD to Carmel Valley and to University City, Mira Mesa and Kearny Mesa and again to the east uniting Asian or Asian Pacific areas.
- Creates a fourth a coastal district from La Jolla, perhaps, up to Encinitas, keeping that going as far east as possible.
- Creates a fifth district along the 78 corridor and including Oceanside and perhaps Carlsbad if possible

7.2. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Co-Vice Chair Garcia, the Commission approved direction to FLO Analytics to draw a draft map with the following four themes for IRC consideration:

- Creates a border district that does not include Point Loma and Coronado.
- Creates a coastal district that includes Point Loma and Coronado and extends up along the coast to the border of Carlsbad and east to I-805.

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- Creates a district in North County that includes the cities along the 78 corridor of Carlsbad, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido and Oceanside.
- Takes into consideration the refugee and immigrant communities in Southeastern San Diego along the communities that include City Heights, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, and La Mesa.

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

ABSENT: Russ

7.3. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Kruglyak, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved direction to FLO Analytics to draw a draft map with the following elements for IRC consideration:

Retains the elements of the map described in 7.2, except District 5 should include the northern border of the County and including the 76 corridor into Bonsall and Fallbrook, and extending south to include the 78 corridor according to population limits. This District should include Valley Center and Camp Pendleton.

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

ABSENT: Russ

7.4. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Surban, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved direction to FLO Analytics to draw a draft map with the following elements for IRC consideration:

- Retains the elements of the map described in 7.2, but without direction to create a coastal district
- Recognizes the community of interest geographies that have been identified for the Asian Pacific Islander (API) and Latino communities of interest.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Ponds, Surban

NOES: Larson

ABSENT: Russ

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The following individual addressed the Commission:

- Esther Sanchez, Mayor, City of Oceanside

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 7:17 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 35 members of the public present during the meeting.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Independent Redistricting Commission
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: October 21, 2021