



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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Kristina Kruglyak
Arvid Larson
Fernandez Ponds
John Russ
Rameses Surban

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 5:30 PM

1. Called to Order at 5:32 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

2. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Elidia Dostal and Rameses Surban

(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. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution Authorizing Continuance of Teleconferenced Public Meetings

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission approved the Resolution Authorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings as included with the agenda materials.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Surban

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised Regular Meeting Schedule

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the Revised Regular Meeting Schedule, as included with the agenda materials.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Surban

5. Demographic Services Update on eComment/Communities of Interest Data Access Tool

The Commission received an update on eComment/Communities of Interest Data Access Tool from John McKenzie of FLO Analytics.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Kevin Stevenson
- Dan Neirinckx, Chair, Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group
- Robin Joy Maxson, Chair, Ramona Community Planning Group
- Lindsay Jones
- John Minto, Mayor, City of Santee
- Frank Hilliker, Hilliker's Ranch Fresh Eggs, Lakeside Water District Board of Directors, San Diego County Water Authority
- Erica Pinto, Chairwoman, Jamul Indian Village of California
- Travis Lyon, Chair, Alpine Community Planning Group
- Rami Ibrahim, PANA San Diego
- Tracy Morgan Hollingworth
- Billie Jo Jannen

6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Inclusion of Relevant Communities of Interest Data Submitted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for San Diego County and to the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission into the Record of Proceedings Before the IRC

The following individual addressed the Commission:

- Tracy Morgan Hollingworth

A Motion was made by Commissioner Inman, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve, in principle, the inclusion of relevant COI data submitted to the CCRC for San Diego County and to the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission, respectively, into the record of proceedings before the IRC, with the understanding that FLO Analytics will return to the IRC for additional guidance or if new financial resources are required to have such inclusion.

AYES: Bame, Caterina, Chen, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Russ

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NOES: Brown, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Surban

Motion failed due to the lack of nine affirmative votes.

7. Discussion and Possible Approval of Updated Racially Polarized Voting Study by Dr. Christian Grose and Legal Assessment by Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Bruce Adelson

The Commission received a presentation related to the updated Racially Polarized Voting Study by Dr. Christian Grose and legal assessment by Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Bruce Adelson

12. Recess for Closed Session

- a. Public Employment (Gov. Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Legal Counsel

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Inman, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission suspended the rules to immediately consider Items 12 and 13.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Surban

The Commission recessed for Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

13. Reconvene in Open Session

- a. Announcement of any Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 9:44 p.m. and reported the following action:

The Independent Redistricting Commission convened into Closed Session today at 7:18 pm. until 9:29 pm on Item 12 regarding public employment of legal counsel. With nine commissioners voting aye, the Independent Redistricting Commission approved to retain Nielsen Merksamer for both General Counsel services and Expert Counsel services with an instruction to amend Counsel's current contract.

8. Statutorily Required Draft Final Report Update

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Co-Vice Chair Garcia provided the Commission with a progress update on the draft of the IRC's Statutorily Required Final Report.

9. Monthly Budget Update

The Commission reviewed the staff report and attachments on the Monthly Budget Update that were included with the agenda materials.

10. ABASD Preliminary Report on Pre-Mapping Public Hearings and Lessons Learned, and Presentation on Targeted Outreach for Draft Map Public Hearings

The Commission received a presentation on the preliminary report on the IRC's pre-mapping public hearings and lessons learned, and a presentation on targeted outreach for the upcoming draft map public hearings by Jason Paguio, the IRC's Outreach Contractor, Asian Business Association San Diego (or ABASD).

11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Enhancements to IRC Website and Associated Expense

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Inman, seconded by Commissioner Ponds, the Commission laid this item on the table.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Surban

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:05 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 44 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.

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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: November 13, 2021