

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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John Russ
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SPECIAL MEETING Wednesday, November 10, 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, Sonia Diaz Carmen-Rosette Garcia, Barbara Hansen, Kenneth Inman, Kristina Kruglyak, Arvid Larson, Fernandez Ponds, John Russ, Ramesses Surban; and David Hall, Clerk.

ABSENT: Commissioners Chris Chen and Elidia Dostal

(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 28, 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 Brown, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission approved the Resolution Authorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings as included with the agenda materials.

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

ABSENT: Chen, Dostal

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of Final Racially Polarized Voting Study, and Discussion of Ability to Elect Analysis by Dr. Christian Grose

The following individual addressed the Commission:

• John Costigan

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ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ponds, Seconded by Commissioner Inman, the Commission approved the final "Racially Polarized Voting Analyses of San Diego County" report by Dr. Grose and team as revised and dated November 8, 2021, and included with the agenda materials.

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

ABSENT: Chen, Dostal

5. Presentation and Discussion of Voting Rights Act Legal Assessment by Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Bruce Adelson

The Commission heard a presentation and discussion of Voting Rights Act legal assessment by Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Bruce Adelson and IRC Counsel Marguerite Leoni.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Pamela Hammond
- John Costigan

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the Commission suspended the rules and returned to Item 4 to resume questioning Dr. Christian Grose.

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

ABSENT: Chen, Dostal

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Caterina, seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve enhancements to the IRC website, including an associated expense of approximately \$10,000-\$15,000.

AYES: Caterina, Diaz, Surban

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NOES: Bame, Brown, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ

ABSENT: Chen, Dostal

Motion failed due to the lack of nine affirmative votes.

7. Update on Statutorily Required Draft Final Report

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

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:29 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 16 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: November 19, 2021