

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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Fernandez Ponds
John Russ
Ramesses Surban

SPECIAL MEETING Thursday, December 2, 2021, 3:00 PM Friday, December 3, 2021, 10:00 AM

1. Called to Order at 3:05 p.m. at San Diego County Office of Education, 6401 Linda Vista Rd, Room 401–402, San Diego, CA 92111 (District 4)

2. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Amy Caterina and Kenneth Inman.

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3. Approval of Minutes from the November 19, 2021 Special Meeting

ACTION:

Directing that spacing be added between motions to clarify the actions taken, ON MOTION of Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the Minutes from the November 19, 2021 Special Meeting.

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

ABSTAIN: Dostal

ABSENT: Caterina, Inman

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

ACTION:

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

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

ABSENT: Caterina, Inman

5. Presentation of Ability to Elect Analysis of IRC Draft Maps 13a and 14 by Dr. Christian Grose

The Commission heard a presentation of Ability to Elect Analysis of IRC Draft Maps 13a and 14 by Dr. Christian Grose.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Jennifer Jeffries
- Cheryl Brierton
- Esther Sanchez Mayor, City of Oceanside
- Diana Caudell
- Dan Castillo

6. Legal Assessment of IRC Draft Maps 13a and 14 by Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Bruce Adelson

The Commission received a legal assessment of IRC Draft Maps 13a and 14 by Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Bruce Adelson.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Esther Sanchez Mayor, City of Oceanside
- Michelle McCafrey
- Cheryl Brierton
- Dan Castillo

7. Update on Statutorily Required Draft Final Report

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

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

• David Holtzman

• Cheryl Brierton

The Commission recessed at 4:57 p.m.

8. Draft Map Public Hearing (TIME CERTAIN 5:00 PM)

8.1. Informational Presentation on Maps Submitted by the Public and IRC Draft Maps:

•	13a v.1	•	13a v.5	•	14 v.2
•	13a v.1-6	•	13a v.6	•	14 v.3
•	13a v.2-4	•	14 v.1	•	14 v.4

8.2. Receive Public Input

The Commission convened the Draft Map Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

The Commission received an informational presentation from Alex Brasch and John McKenzie, FLO Analytics on IRC Draft Map variations included with the agenda materials.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Dori Rattray
- Kathy Steel
- Diana Aguirre
- Laura Hunter
- Debbie Resler
- Matt Rubel
- Pam Albergo
- Judah Coker
- Jeanine Erikat
- Luca Barton
- Mike Fredenburg
- Kyle Bright
- Defina Gonzalez
- Rose Montano
- David Hall
- Jesus Martin Gallegos-Munoz
- Iris Trammel
- Elene Bratton
- Karla Gonzalez
- Christine Nava
- Jennifer Jeffries
- Shirley Anderson
- Esther Sanchez
- Kristina Mananquil, Asian Solidarity Collective

- Stacey Uy, Asian Solidarity Collective
- Keara O'Laughlin, Center on Policy Initiatives
- Tama Becker-Varano, Change Begins with ME
- Vivian LaPaglia, Change Begins with ME
- Jane Moores, Change Begins with ME
- Hope Nelson, Citizens for a Friendly Airport
- Nao Kabashima, Karen Organization of San Diego
- Nam Nguyen, Viet Vote
- Judith Howell
- Jean-Huy Tran, Center on Policy Initiatives
- Remy Bautista, Center on Policy Initiatives
- Darrin Mroz
- Nancy Relaford
- Steve Goble, Councilmember City of El Cajon
- Darrin Mroz, Planning Commissioner, City of El Cajon
- Ricardo Favela, VOCES Fallbrook
- Morayma Flores, VOCES Fallbrook
- Luis Higinio, VOCES Fallbrook
- Noori Barka, Caldean Community Council
- Ryan Mikha, Caldean Community Council
- Luis Montero-Adams, SD LGBT Community Center
- Rebekah Hook-Held, SD LGBT Community Center
- Laurie Gonzalez
- Rachel Smith
- Crystal Irivng SEIU 221
- Maya Luv, SEIU 221
- Neal Ortiguerra, SEIU 221
- Nancy Nguyen
- Iris Trammel
- Michael Schertzer
- Barbara Campbell
- Jamie Arangure, Proyecto Trans Latina
- Romina Alcanta, Proyecto Trans Latina
- Victoria Bello, Proyecto Trans Latina
- Victoria Arellanes, Proyecto Trans Latina
- Jonathan Gomez, Proyecto Trans Latina
- Mauricio Quintero, Proyecto Trans Latina
- Vanessa Valenzuela
- Gloriani Weiss
- Nedy Velazquez
- Gloria Conejo
- Marisol Martinez, EYD

- Lilian Serrano
- Flower Alvarez-Lopez, Homie Up North County
- Ramah Awad
- Chad Adapon, Asian Solidarity Collective
- Kandi Custodio-Tan, Asian Solidarity Collective
- Aidan Lin
- Sparky Mitra
- Mumtaz Momand, Afghan Community Culture Center
- Yusef Miller
- Homayra Yusufi, PANA
- Michael Whyte
- Jeanine Erikat
- Ramla Sahid
- Arcela Nunez, Universidad Popular
- Chris Heiserman
- Yvonne Elkin
- Luay Zetouna
- Karin Brennan
- Brett Stoner-Osborne
- Sharon Haven
- Khalid Alkhurie
- Remon Mansour
- Pat Frazier
- John Mansour
- Cheryl Robertson
- Timothy O'Healy
- Sarina Oshiro
- Kevin Stevenson
- Tommy Hough
- Lesa Heebner, Mayor, City of El Cajon
- Eric Anderson
- Farida Erikat
- Micah Perin
- Vince Vasquez, Convoy District Partnership
- JP Theberge, Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council
- Debbie O'Neill, Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council
- Janet Mulder, Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group
- Kathy Kassel, Lakeside Chamber of Commerce
- Mohammed Tuama, Middle Easterners for East County, The Arabic Council of San Diego
- Marlon Mansour, Neighborhood Market Association
- Molly Sylvester

- Aden Nur, PANA
- Hinda Tura, PANA
- Aden Nura, PANA
- Safia Jama, PANA
- Amina Farah, PANA
- Safia Jama, PANA
- Abdisalam Jama, PANA
- Aster Keleta, PANA
- Samira Halim, PANA
- Robin Sales, Showing Up for Racial Justice North County
- Marjory Williams, Solana Eastside Community Group
- Danielle Polson
- Ron Cho
- Rama Obeid, Majdal Center
- Asia Areigat, Majdal Center
- Lana Al Any, Majdal Center
- Rama Awad, Majdal Center
- Safia Haidari
- Ayad Mansour
- Marisa Allen
- Patty Medina, ACCE
- Cheryl Brierton
- Larry Johnson
- Joe Gury
- Judith Scheuer
- Hadeel Kareem
- Lynda Vosbein
- Rami Ibrahim
- Luis Higinio
- Kevin Lourens
- Steve Robak
- Barry Willis
- Morayma Flores-Higinio
- Preston Brown
- Niko Kaki
- Justin Domecillo
- John Minton
- Mark Wyland
- Travis Lyon
- Frank Hilliker
- David Burton
- Eric Joyce

- Czeska Cabuhat
- Ross Pike, Fallbrook Planning Group
- Michele McCaffery, Fallbrook Planning Group
- Basem Obeid
- Kevin Belou
- Darwin Fishman
- David
- John Bodulum
- Susan Williams
- Chris Mansour
- Theo Jaden
- Fidel Ita
- Polett Schafer
- Suhair Erikat
- Etira Rahim
- Matthew Azmar
- David Spurino
- Rony Patrus
- Kusay Zetouna
- Yusef Mica
- Kurt Magoo
- Sophia Hijari
- Michael
- Balsam Mikha
- Kathy Kassel, Lakeside Chamber of Commerce
- Debbie O'Neil
- Laila Aziz
- Amy Reichert
- Rob Howard
- Aiden Degaly
- Brian Butchers
- Tazheen Nizam
- Warsan Aktan
- Diania Caudell
- Selma Hassane
- Amena Radwan
- Layla Zbinden
- Zamika
- Juan Vargas
- Rawan Obeid
- Billie Jo Jannen
- Sara Hassane

- Ryan Darsey
- Andrew Hayes
- Lindin Brooks
- Jon Dummer
- Nehaya Obeid
- Mustafa Nazim
- Rema Mansour
- Steven Nissou
- Bianca Mansour

The Draft Map Public Hearing concluded at 10:05 p.m.

9. Communities of Interest Update and Maps Submitted by the Public, Presentation and Discussion of IRC Draft Maps:

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and Discussion and Possible Selection of Preferred Draft Map, and Possible Direction to FLO Analytics Regarding IRC Preferred Draft Map

The Commission received an update from FLO's John McKenzie on COI and public maps.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Steven Nissou
- Mohammed Tuama
- Esther Sanchez, Mayor, City of Oceanside
- Marlon Mansour, Neighborhood Market Association
- Ross Pike

9.1. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission adjourned the meeting until December 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

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

NOES: Surban

ABSENT: Caterina, Inman

At 10:24 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to December 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

CONTINUED SPECIAL MEETING Friday, December 3, 2021, 10:00 AM

Called to Order at 10:03 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)

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, John Russ, Ramesses Surban; and David Hall, Clerk.

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and Discussion and Possible Selection of Preferred Draft Map, and Possible Direction to FLO Analytics Regarding IRC Preferred Draft Map

The Commission received a presentation from John McKenzie FLO Analytics on IRC Draft Maps included with the agenda materials.

Commissioners gave statements including preferences based on statutory criteria.

9.2. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Caterina, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission moved forward Draft Map 13a.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Larson, Russ

NOES: Chen, Diaz, Ponds, Surban

ABSENT: Kruglyak

The Commission held a thematic discussion among Commissioners to clarify key issues and priorities with four organizing themes: North County, East County, South County, and Central County. The following summary statements were developed and FLO Analytics was asked to test the directions on Map 13a:

North County

In Map 13A, keeping Escondido as part of the North County including the unincorporated areas and the North County tribal areas based on public testimony that Escondido is part of a historical contiguous and compact minority, socioeconomic and agricultural community of interest with North County. We also heard from the tribal nations that they are part of this North County community of interest with respect to shared concerns including historic economic, social and fire concerns.

East County

Maintain East County as depicted in Map 13A, with the additions of unincorporated areas around El Cajon including Valle de Oro and Spring Valley planning areas; moving the tribal areas in the northeast and moving unincorporated areas south of Escondido into District 5. Question: What to do with regard to the western boundaries and the AAPI community of interest and the communities of Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos?

South County

Considering all the input received and in order to achieve better population balance as well as respecting ability to elect and contiguity, it is the will of the majority of the Commission to move Coronado into District 1, respecting the military community of interest.

Central County

Move the communities of Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos to the coastal District 4 to maintain a cohesive community of interest representing historical AAPI interests. Move District 2 boundaries north into District 4 as necessary and perhaps south into District 1 to better balance population in those districts.

The Commission recessed at 2:35 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 3:32 p.m.

The Commission received an informational report from John McKenzie FLO Analytics about the impact of their summary statements on Map 13a, which report was called Map 13a v10.

9.3. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission moved forward with Map 13a with the following adjustments, as shown in Map 13a v11, specifically:

In District 1

• Add Skyline-Paradise Hills community plan area.

In District 2

 Add Mission Valley, Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista community plan areas, and the Convoy area bounded by SR-52 on the north, I-805 on the east and SR-163 on the west.

In District 3

- Add unincorporated areas around El Cajon including Valle de Oro and Spring Valley community plan areas.
- Add Kearny Mesa community plan area excluding the Convoy area south of SR-52, east of I-805 and west of SR-163, and Serra Mesa community plan areas.

In District 4

- Add the community plan areas of Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, Black Mountain Ranch and Torrey Highlands.
- Add San Dieguito community plan area including Harmony Grove, excepting the area south of Del Dios.

In District 5

• Expand to include the North County tribal reservations, not to include Borrego Springs, preserving the boundaries of the community plan areas.

In addition, in District 2 add the Birdland area east of the SR-163 and west of the I-805, and north of the Mission Valley community plan area.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Diaz, Dostal, Inman, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

NOES: Kruglyak, Hansen

ABSTAIN: Garcia
ABSENT: Chen

10. Review of Pro Forma Resolution for Adoption of Final Redistricting Map

The Commission received a review of Pro Forma Resolution for Adoption of Final Redistricting Map from Marguerite Leoni, IRC Counsel.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Leticia Maldonado Stamos
- Travis Lyon

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 7:14 p.m. on December 3, 2021.

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 425 members of the public present during the meeting of December 2 and 120 members of the public present during the meeting of December 3.

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: December 9, 2021