



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS
David Bame, Chair
Amy Caterina, Co-Vice Chair
Rosette Garcia, Co-Vice Chair
Colleen Brown
Chris Chen
Sonia Diaz
Elidia Dostal
Barbara Hansen
Kenneth Inman
Kristina Kruglyak
Arvid Larson
Fernandez Ponds
John Russ
Ramesses Surban

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 4:00 pm

- 1. Called to Order at 4:10 p.m. at Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 E Douglas Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020 (District 2)**

- 2. Roll Call**

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

ABSENT: Sonia Diaz, Kristina Kruglyak

(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, 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.

No Speakers

- 4. Approval of Minutes from the August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting and August 18, 2021 Special Meeting**

ACTION:

Directing that the location of each meeting be included in the minutes and reflecting the presence of Commissioner Russ at 5:15; ON MOTION of Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Chen, the Commission approved the Minutes from the August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting and August 18, 2021 Special Meeting.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Kruglyak

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5. Pre-Mapping Public Hearing (TIME CERTAIN 5:30 pm)

The Pre-Mapping Public Hearing was called to order at 5:34 p.m. at Ronald Reagan Community Center 195 E Douglas Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020 (District 2)

- A. The Commission held an informational presentation
- B. The Commission received public comments

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item:

- Elke Mitchell
- Ramah Awad
- Jeanine Erikat
- Rami Ibrahim
- Yasmeen Obeid
- Farida Erikat
- Alysson Hartmann
- Kori Jensen
- Douha Alhalabi
- Selma Hussein
- Amy Reichert
- Diane Ake

The Pre-Mapping Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

6. Public Outreach and Engagement Update, Including Analytics and Metrics Report by Asian Business Association San Diego

Co-Vice Chair Caterina and Jason Paguio, President and CEO of Asian Business Association San Diego gave the Commission an update on Public Outreach and Engagement, Including an Analytics and Metrics Report.

7. Demographic Services Update, Including Introduction of Racially Polarized Voting Consultant Subcontractor, Dr. Christian Grose, Ph.D., and Training on Census Data by FLO Analytics

The Commission received a demographic services update, including introduction of racially polarized voting consultant subcontractor, Dr. Christian Grose, Ph.D., and training on census data from Alex Brasch of FLO Analytics.

8. Special Counsel Update

Noting the IRC's August 18, 2021 approval of the retention of Special Voting Rights Act (VRA) Counsel, Chair Bame provided the Commission an update on the process of

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exploring the feasibility and timing of various options for procuring the services of special counsel.

9. Monthly Budget Update

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

10. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items for Upcoming IRC Meetings

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

- Metrics of success regarding public outreach/input process.
- Capturing lessons learned including the use of a template.

11. Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report

Commissioner Russ provided an informational update on the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee.

12. Recess for Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 – Brief Amicus Curiae Letter)

Name of case: *Legislature of the State of California v. Padilla* (2020) 9 Cal.5th 867

No reportable actions.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 9:12 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 49 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.sdcountry.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: September 9, 2021