



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, September 9, 2021, 4:00 pm

1. Called to Order at 4:05 p.m. at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114 (District 4).

2. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Commission Members Elidia Dostal, 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.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Mayor Rebecca Jones regarding North County representation along the 78 Corridor.
- Mike Ai regarding LGBT representation in the redistricting process.
- Ellen Nash, Black American Political Association of California, San Diego Chapter

Comments were heard and referred to staff. Chair Bame directed that comments appropriate to the pre-mapping public hearings be reflected under agenda item number 5,

4. Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2021, Regular Meeting

ACTION:

Directing that the following amendments be made:

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- Item 5, “Pre-Mapping Public Hearing,” list the name “Ramah Awad” once rather than twice.
- Item 8, “Special Counsel Update”, the minutes currently read, “Chair Bame provided the Commission an update on the process of exploring the feasibility and timing of various options for procuring the services of special counsel.” It is directed that the following text be added prior to that statement: “Noting the IRC’s August 18, 2021 approval of the retention of Special Voting Rights Act (VRA) Counsel,”

ON MOTION of Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the Minutes from the August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

ABSTAIN: Diaz

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

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

The Pre-Mapping Public Hearing was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114 (District 4).

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

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- Jeanine Erikat, Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
- Group presentation including Muna Shagoow, Safia Jama, Abdisala Jama and Asho Farah with interpretation by Abdiaziz Hussein regarding the Somali Community
- Group presentation including Aden Nur, Hussein Eymo and Fatum Tahir Hassen with interpretation by Saliyo Hassen Usman regarding the Oromo Community
- Marc Johnson, University Heights Community Association
- Samantha Jenkins, Skyline Paradise Hills Planning Group
- Patricia Fillet regarding Old Town
- Ellen Nash, Black American Political Association of California, San Diego Chapter
- Ernie Bonn, University Heights Community Development Corporation

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- Mayor Rebecca Jones regarding North County representation along the 78 Corridor (Non-Agenda Public Communication).
- Mike Ai regarding LGBT representation in the redistricting process (Non-Agenda Public Communication).

The Pre-Mapping Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

6. Redistricting Process Training by FLO Analytics

The Commission received redistricting process training from John McKenzie of FLO Analytics, followed by a presentation by Alex Brasch from the FLO team.

7. Demographic Services Update, Including Discussion and Possible Approval of Timeline for IRC Mapping Activities, Draft Map Public Hearings and Addition of Special Meetings by Single Point of Contact Commissioner Ken Inman and FLO Analytics

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission approved the Draft Redistricting Timeline, Independent Redistricting Commission, September-December 2021 (draft 09/09/21).

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

8. Public Outreach and Engagement Services Update by Asian Business Association San Diego

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the Commission laid this item on the table.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

An individual who did not identify themselves addressed the Commission on this item.

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9. Discussion of Logistical and Possible Budget Implications of Draft Map Public Hearings and Meetings

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the Commission laid this item on the table.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

10. Discussion and Possible Approval of Special Voting Rights Act Counsel Procurement Proposal and Process, Including Possible Formation of Ad Hoc Committee

10.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Surban, seconded by Commissioner Chen, to approve the Procurement Proposal, also known as the RFQ, as included in the agenda materials, and approve Option 2 in the staff report for procurement of Special Voting Rights Act (VRA) Counsel.

AYES: Bame, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Hansen, Inman, Surban

NOES: Brown, Garcia, Larson, Ponds, Russ

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

Motion failed due to the lack of nine affirmative votes.

10.2. A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Procurement Proposal, also known as the RFQ, as included in the agenda materials, and approve Option 1 in the staff report for procurement of Special Voting Rights Act (VRA) Counsel.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Diaz, Garcia, Inman

NOES: Chen, Hansen, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

Motion failed due to the lack of nine affirmative votes.

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10.3. A motion was made by Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Ponds, to approve the Procurement Proposal, also known as the RFQ, as included in the agenda materials, and approve Option 3 in the staff report for procurement of Special Voting Rights Act (VRA) Counsel.

AYES: Larson, Ponds, Russ

NOES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Surban

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

Motion failed due to the lack of nine affirmative votes.

10.4. A motion was made by Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Caterina, to reconsider Motion 10.2 (Option 1).

AYES: Bame, Caterina, Diaz, Garcia, Inman, Ponds, Russ

NOES: Brown, Chen, Hansen, Larson, Surban

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

Motion failed due to the lack of nine affirmative votes.

10.5. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Garcia seconded by Commissioner Chen, the Commission reconsidered Motion 10.1 (Option 2).

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

NOES: Ponds

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

10.6. ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Garcia seconded by Commissioner Chen the Commission approved the Procurement Proposal, also known as the RFQ, as included in the agenda materials, and approved Option 2 in the staff report for procurement of Special Voting Rights Act (VRA) Counsel.

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

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NOES: Ponds

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

11. Capturing Lessons Learned Introduction

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the Commission laid this item on the table.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

12. Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the Commission laid this item on the table.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

13. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items for Upcoming IRC Meetings

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the Commission laid this item on the table.

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

ABSENT: Dostal, Kruglyak

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:32 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 37 members of the public present during the meeting.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Independent Redistricting Commission

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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.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 23, 2021