



Redistricting Commission

City of San José

MINUTES

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6:00 PM

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Present: Chair- Teresa Alvarado; Members- Sylvia Alvarez, Jonathan Bruns, Andrew Ditlevsen (6:03 p.m.), Ramon Martinez, Freddie W. Sidbury Jr. (6:10 p.m.), Kaitlyn Tran, Lenka Wright

Absent: Enedina Cardenas, Daisy Castro, B J Fadem

Staff: Megan Roche, Legislative Secretary; Toni J. Taber, City Clerk; Mark Vanni, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Chris Chaffee, Redistricting Partners

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Days

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Alvarez and seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission moved to accept the Orders of the Day. (6-0-5; Absent: Cardenas, Castro, Ditlevsen, Fadem, Sidbury)

II. Public Record- None

III. Consent Calendar

a) Approve Redistricting Commission Minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Alvarez, the Commission moved to adopt the Redistricting Commission minutes from April 15, 2021. (7-0-4; Absent: Cardenas, Castro, Fadem, Sidbury)

IV. Public Hearing- None

V. Old Business- None

VI. New Business

a) Best Practices on Public Engagement and Communities of Interest.

This item was taken out of order, after item VI.b. Dr. John Dobard, Director of Political Voice at Advancement Project California, presented to the Commission on best practices for public engagement and identifying communities of interest. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Public Comment: None

b) Discussion on the Commissioner Role.

This item was taken out of order, before item VI.a. On behalf of Redistricting Partners, Connie Malloy, a 2010-2020 California Citizens Review Commission Member, led a discussion on the role of Redistricting Commissioners with Cynthia Dai, a 2010-2020 California Citizens Review Commission Member, and Carlos Marquez, a 2011-2012 San Diego Redistricting Commissioner. The panel answered questions from the Commissioners.

Public Comment: Carol Watts, President of the League of Women Voters in San José and Santa Clara, confirmed the value of holding public meetings at various times of the day, emphasized the importance of ranking priorities when developing criteria to evaluate choices, and also suggested a resource from the Brennan Center for Justice titled “Creating Strong Rules for Drawing Maps.”

VII. Reports & Information

a) Report from Chair- None

b) Report from Clerk

The City Clerk, Toni Taber, outlined a preliminary schedule of community outreach for the Redistricting Commission.

Public Comment: Blair Beekman wished to confirm that Public Comment/Open Forum would be held at the end of the meeting.

c) Report from Consultant- None

VIII. Public Comment/Open Forum

1. Blair Beekman highlighted the importance of both fostering beneficial social planning in the future and also creating open dialogue between community and government.

IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next Redistricting Commission meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021.

X. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 8:35 p.m.