



# **Redistricting Commission City of San José Public Hearing MINUTES**

**<https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/97678000504> and 4860 San  
Felipe Rd, San Jose, CA 95135 (Evergreen Community Center)**

**2:00 PM**

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

Present: Sylvia Alvarez, Enedina Cardenas, Daisy Castro, Gloria Collins, Andrew Ditlevsen, B J Fadem, Freddie W. Sidbury Jr., Lenka Wright

Absent: Jonathan Bruns, Ramon Martinez

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

## **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

## **II. Public Hearing Public Hearing on Communities of Interest.**

Liz Stitt, on behalf of Redistricting Partners, presented a communities of interest overview to the public. She highlighted the many ways that members of the public may submit their community of interest testimony and also provided a demonstration of the DistrictR website.

Public Comment: Paul Soto, whose family has resided in San José for six generations, spoke of redlining in the City, specifically around Hillview airport, and asked how the Commission can center the historically unjust treatment of Chicanos in their process. Camille Valerio, on behalf of LEAD Filipino, shared important landmarks and common interests that unite the Filipino American community, which resides primarily in District 8, Berryessa, and East Side San José, and asked the Commission to keep the Filipino American community together.

## **VIII. Public Comment/Open Forum**

Paul Soto, who resides in the Horseshoe in San José, urged the Commission to center their discussions on racism and the injustices which the Chicano community endured in San José.

## **X. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 2:31 p.m.