



Redistricting Commission

City of San José

Public Hearing MINUTES

**<https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/97678000504> and 3050 Berryessa Rd,
San Jose, CA 95132 (Berryessa Community Center)**

10:00 AM

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Present: Enedina Cardenas, Gloria Collins, B J Fadem, Ramon Martinez, Freddie W. Sidbury Jr.
(10:22 a.m.), Lenka Wright

Absent: Sylvia Alvarez, Jonathan Bruns, Andrew Ditlevsen

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

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Communities of Interest.

Kay Montplaisir, 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: Blair Beekman appreciated that the public hearing was held on a Saturday and wished the Commission good luck in addressing the redistricting process in terms of open democratic practices. Mike Kraus asked if communities of interest would be bisected by district boundaries.

III. Public Comment/Open Forum

1. Mike Kraus acknowledged that the Commission will try to not divide communities of interest and suggested that deviation could be allowed when the Commission aims to create districts of equal size. Mike urged the Commission to keep his community of interest, the Penitencia Neighborhood Association, within District 4 when the district boundaries are redrawn.
2. Gloria Collins advocated to keep the Penitencia Neighborhood Association within the boundaries of District 4, and cited the large size, shared values, community activism, established landmarks, and diversity that unites this community of interest.
3. Blair Beekman appreciated the Commission's focus on concepts of equity and the

conversation on redlining.

IV. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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