



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

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**7:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

Present: Sylvia Alvarez (7:04 p.m.), Jonathan Bruns, Enedina Cardenas, Gloria Collins, Andrew Ditlevsen, B J Fadem (7:25 p.m.), Freddie W. Sidbury Jr., Lenka Wright

Absent: Ramon Martinez

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Ditlevsen and seconded by Commissioner Bruns, the Commission moved to accept the Orders of the Day. (7-0-2; Absent: Fadem, Martinez)

## **II. Public Record- None**

## **III. Consent Calendar**

### **a) Approve Redistricting Commission Minutes.**

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Alvarez and seconded by Commissioner Ditlevsen, the Commission moved to adopt the Redistricting Commission minutes from August 14, August 21, and September 11, 2021. (7-0-2; Absent: Fadem, Martinez)

Public Comment: None

## **IV. Reports & Information**

### **a. Report from Chair**

Vice Chair Cardenas announced that the Commission concluded its final Community of Interest public hearing, which were held in all ten Council districts. The Commission will continue to accept community of interest testimony from the public. Vice Chair Cardenas also highlighted the many facets of the City of San José's Redistricting webpage and GIS Open Data Portal. The Commission will meet weekly from now on.

**b. Report from Clerk**

City Clerk Toni Taber demonstrated where Redistricting Commission resources are located within the City of San José's webpage. City Clerk Taber also announced the passing of AB 361, which enables the Commission to hold entirely virtual meetings.

**c. Report from Consultant- None.**

Public Comment: None

**V. Public Hearing- None**

**VI. Old Business**

**a) Communities of Interest.**

Liz Stitt, on behalf of Redistricting Partners, shared the current status of San José's Redistricting process and highlighted the community of interest testimonies and maps which have been submitted thus far. Ms. Stitt provided an overview of the demographers' role and also the next steps for the Redistricting Commission's process. Redistricting Partners reviewed the 2020 Census data and commissioners provided comment and discussion ensued.

Public Comment: A caller with the phone number ending in 5140 discouraged the labeling of distinct groups within the citizenry of San José.

**VII. New Business- None**

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting of the Redistricting Commission is scheduled for October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Commission will hold weekly meetings beginning immediately and will submit its final report and recommendation to City Council by November 16, 2021.

Public Comment: A caller with the phone number ending in 5140 expressed his opinion on the process.

**VIII. Public Comment/Open Forum**

Public Comment: A caller with the phone number ending in 5140 wished for the City to give back taxes collected from tobacco and alcohol sales and called for more transparency in marijuana tax revenue spending.

**X. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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