

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 9, 2021
6:00 PM

Commission Members:

DISTRICT 1 – TERRY NICOL
DISTRICT 2 – JESSE SUSSELL
DISTRICT 3 – LISA M. TRAN
DISTRICT 4 – CURTIS W. HANSON
AT-LARGE – DELORES COOPER
AT-LARGE – CARLY MICHELE ALEJOS
AT-LARGE – SHERRY SMITH

DISTRICT 5 – WINSTON RHODES
DISTRICT 6 – ELISABETH WATSON
DISTRICT 7 – SAMUEL C. TAPLIN
DISTRICT 8 – ANDREW FOX
AT-LARGE – SIMELIA ROGERS
AT-LARGE – RONALD K. CHOY

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 6:02 p.m.

Present: Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Rhodes, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson

Absent: Hanson, Nicol, Rogers, Sussell

Commissioner Rogers present at 6:20 p.m.

Commissioner Hanson present at 6:37 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 0 speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - May 19, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Smith) to adopt the minutes of 5/19/2021.

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Rhodes, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Hanson, Nicol, Rogers, Sussell

Commission Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up.

2. Adoption of Bylaws of the Independent Redistricting Commission

From: Independent Redistricting Committee

Recommendation: Review the proposed bylaws and formally adopt final bylaws for governing commission procedures.

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: M/S/C (Smith/Rhodes) to adopt the second set of bullet points under the Consensus section to read:

- I fully agree with the action
- I substantially agree with the action
- I have reservations, but I support the action
- I do not agree with the action; however, I have shared my opinions during the discussion and I support the Commission's action

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Fox, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – Cooper; Abstain – None; Absent - Hanson, Nicol, Sussell.

Commission Action Items

Action: M/S/C (Rogers/Rhodes) to adopt the revised paragraph regarding subcommittees as follows:

In the course of its regular business, the Commission may form ad hoc subcommittees to review particular topics in depth and recommend future actions on particular topics at a duly noticed Commission meeting. A report from the subcommittee of its recommendations will be provided at a meeting of the full Commission.

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Hanson, Nicol, Sussell.

Action: M/S/C (Rogers/Rhodes) to adopt the Bylaws of the Independent Redistricting Commission as amended and edited in the agenda item and at the meeting.

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

3. Independent Redistricting Commission Mission Statement and Slogan

From: Independent Redistricting Committee

Recommendation: Review the proposed mission statements and slogans submitted by commissioners and take action to select the preferred options.

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held. The commission will consider additional options from commissioners for a slogan and mission statement.

Action: M/S/C (Watson/Taplin) to re-order the agenda to hear Item 5 and Item 6 after Item 3.

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

4. Topics for Public Hearing #1 Agenda

From: Independent Redistricting Committee

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on topics to highlight for the agenda of the first public hearing scheduled for July 10, 2021.

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held. The commission approved the proposed agenda in the staff memo and provided general information about the presentation, timing, participation by the public.

Subcommittee Reports

Subcommittees may provide verbal reports on their activities and discuss topics under their purview with the full commission. To take action on a subcommittee item, the topic must be agendaized on the commission's Action Calendar.

5. Report from Community Outreach Subcommittee

Action: 0 speakers. The subcommittee provided an update on advertising buys, media outlets, the creation of the July 10 presentation, its goals and mission statement, and the press release to be drafted for July 10. The commission asked questions and discussed possible future action.

6. Independent Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest/Mapping Outreach Resources and Timeline 2021-2022 (Continued from May 19, 2021) From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: Received and filed. No action taken.

Information Reports

7. UC Berkeley Student Undercount in 2020 Census (Continued from May 19, 2021) From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held. No action taken.

8. Independent Redistricting Commission Budget (Continued from May 19, 2021) From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held. Updated item to be submitted for June 23 regular meeting.

Action: M/S/C (Cooper/Rhodes) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting beyond 9:00 p.m.

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

9. Summary of Berkeley's 2010 - 2014 Redistricting Process and Map (Revised) (Continued from May 19, 2021)

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 1 speaker. Discussion held. No action taken.

Information Reports

- 10. Status of In-Person Meetings for the Independent Redistricting Commission**
(Continued from May 19, 2021)
From: Independent Redistricting Commission
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held. Updated item to be submitted for June 23 regular meeting.

Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**
 - Subcommittee report on purchasing advertising
 - Draft PowerPoint for July 10 Public Hearing
 - Map of New Housing Units
- **Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar**

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tran) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission held on June 9, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

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