

**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 8, 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 – LUPE GALLEGOS-DIAZ
AT-LARGE – RONALD K. CHOY

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 6:02 p.m.

Present: Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Price (for Smith), Sussell, Taplin, Tran, Watson

Absent: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 0 speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.

- Minutes - August 18, 2021 and August 30, 2021**
Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Hanson) to approve the minutes of 8/18/21 and 8/30/21.
Vote: Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Sussell, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – Gallegos-Diaz, Price.

Commission Action Items

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

- Discussion and Approval of Public Submission Process Packet**
From: Independent Redistricting Commission
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
Action: 0 speakers. Discussion of submission packet and PowerPoint presentation. Edit to change “accept” to “review” on slide 16 in the presentation. Final presentation to return as Information Item on 9/22/21.
- Discussion and Possible Adoption of Official Commission Slogan**
From: Independent Redistricting Commission
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
Action: 0 speakers. Discussion of options for a slogan and whether any slogan is needed. M/S/C (Nicol/Tran) to create a slogan subcommittee with Commissioners Cooper, Gallegos-Diaz, and Sussell.
Vote: All Ayes.

4. Discussion of Possible Change to April 1, 2022 Deadline

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

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

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion of benefits and drawbacks of having an earlier due date for final action on a new map by the IRC. M/S/C (Rhodes/Fox) to table the issue to November after the public submission period has ended and the commission has an opportunity to evaluate the volume of submissions and determine the best schedule for consideration and finalizing the map.

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

Commissioner Nicol absent 6:47 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

5. Review of COI Forms/Possible Improvements to Form

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

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

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion of improvements noted in the staff memo and support for staff changes with some additional information to provide context for how community of interest testimony relates to drawing new boundaries.

6. Review of Paper Map for Public Submissions

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

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

Action: Item continued to September 22, 2021.

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 agendized on the commission's Action Calendar.

7. Verbal Report from Community Outreach Subcommittee

Action: Report provided on outreach activities and plans leading up to the October 2 meeting.

8. Verbal Report from Public Submission Process Subcommittee

Action: No report. Items covered under Item 2.

Information Reports

9. Website Statistics for Redistricting Page

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Recommendation:

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

Action: Presentation of data in the memo. No action taken.

Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**
 - Request for additional map layers (Arterials and Collectors, Transit Routes, Neighborhoods, Topography).
 - Items for September 22, 2021
 - Report and Action on Commission Slogan
 - Updated COI Form
 - Review of Paper Map
 - Final Presentation as an Information Report
- **Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar**
 - None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Gallegos-Diaz) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on September 8, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

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