



**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 1, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Commission Members:**

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# AGENDA

**Roll Call**

**Election of Vice-Chair**

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

## Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

- 1. Minutes - March 17, 2021**

## Commission Action Items

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

- 2. Training - The Commissioner Role & Best Practices (Presentation by Redistricting Partners, City Redistricting Consultant)  
From: Independent Redistricting Commission  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900**

## Items for Future Agendas

- Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

## Adjournment

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I hereby certify that the agenda for this meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on March 25, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Numainville". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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Roll Call: 6:04 p.m.

Present: Alejos, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Lopez, Rhodes, Smith, Sussell, Taplin, Tran, Watson

Absent: Choy, Rogers

Commissioner Choy present at 6:08 p.m.

Commissioner Rogers present at 6:08 p.m.

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

**Action:** M/S/C (Rhodes/Fox) to elect Commissioner Watson as Chair.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

The Commission deferred action on the election of Vice-Chair to the next meeting.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 0 speakers**

### **Minutes for Approval**

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

#### **1. Minutes - February 24, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Rhodes/Rogers) to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021.

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

### **Commission Action Items**

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#### **2. Selection of District 6 Alternate Commissioner by Random Draw**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a random draw to fill the vacancy in the position of District 6 Alternate Commissioner pursuant to the selection process outlined in Charter Section 9.5 and Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.10.

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

**Action:** 0 speakers. A random draw of eligible District 6 applicants was conducted and Susan Murphy was selected as the new District 6 Alternate Commissioner.

## Commission Action Items

**3. Update from Commission Staff on Redistricting Process**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

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

**Action:** 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. The Commission requested more information on the 2010 Redistricting process and the significant issues that informed the final 2010 map, and more information on how the UC students were accounted for in the Census.

**4. Discussion of Commission Bylaws and Meeting Schedule**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

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

**Action:** 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. Meeting invites will be sent for April and May meetings with the addition of a meeting on April 29. The Commission requested that city staff develop the first draft of the bylaws for the Commission to review.

Recess 8:06 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

**5. Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, and Parliamentary Procedure Training**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

**Recommendation:** Receive staff presentations on the Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, and Parliamentary Procedure.

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

**Action:** 0 speakers. Presentations made and discussion held.

## Items for Future Agendas

- **Vice Chair election at next meeting**
- **Bylaws review in May**
- **Additional information on student Census count and 2010 map**

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on March 17, 2021.

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Mark Numainville  
City Clerk

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# The Commissioner Role

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## The Commissioner Role



This panel will feature 2011-2020 California Redistricting Commission Member Connie Malloy interviewing two other seasoned independent redistricting Commissioners regarding their roles and reflections, inviting questions from Commissioners and staff.



**Cynthia Dai** – 2010-2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission member.



**Carlos Marquez** - 2011-2012 San Diego Redistricting Commissioner.



## California Redistricting Commission

**Connie Malloy and Cynthia Dai** were each members of the inaugural California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

**The California Commission was groundbreaking** – for the first time in the state’s history, district lines would be drawn without a focus on incumbency or political party by an independent body comprised of everyday Californians.

Their backgrounds were varied, but none of them had any professional redistricting experience.



## California Redistricting Commission

The work of redistricting at  
The state level in 2011  
Included many factors that the  
Commission had to balance.

- **A Charge** under Prop 11 and 20  
to change the system of  
Redistricting that had for years  
protected Incumbents and political parties.



- **Connecting the Public** to the process when many either distrusted the  
redistricting process or were unaware how it would impact them.

- Simply **getting the job done** in a limited timeline and budget was a challenge.



## California Redistricting Commission

- Working with new **redistricting terms** such as “compactness,” “contiguity” and other rules and terminology specific to the process

- Understanding **Communities of Interest (COI)** was critical to the Line drawing process – but how were they to identify these?

- The **Federal Voting Rights Act** would help drive the line drawing process, but also create challenges for maps that were simple squares and circles.



## California Redistricting Commission

Another key factor was just the varied personalities on the commission.

The ethnic, geographic and skillset diversity of the commissioners provided opportunity.



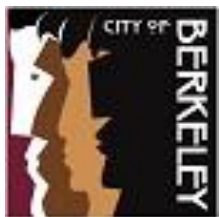
Varied backgrounds and strong opinions can be valuable in producing a good final work product, but also created challenges.

Getting the commission to work together as a team, with everyone filling **their role as a commissioner** was important to the success.



# California Redistricting Commission

Your local commission has the added pressure of needing to conduct redistricting in a COVID era, learning and developing new best practices.



## San Diego Redistricting Commission



**Carlos Marquez** was a member of the San Diego Redistricting Commission – an independent Commission charged with both redrawing the council lines in 2011, and adding a new seat.



The San Diego Commission had a **long history** as one of the first municipal independent redistricting commissions.

The city was also growing significantly from 2001-2011, making the job of the commission even more complex.

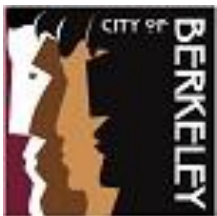




## San Diego Redistricting Commission

Large population changes and the additional seat that was created by voters signaled major changes in the future lines.

Specifically, the commission had competing goals in trying to strengthen an historic African American district, expand opportunities for the cities growing Latino and Asian populations and preserve or expand the opportunities for LGBTQ voters in a key district that has been a pipeline for regional and statewide elected Gay and Lesbian elected officials.



## San Diego Redistricting Commission

The LGBTQ community as a **protected community of Interest** is based on core redistricting principles and was supported by San Diego, Sacramento and the State Redistricting Commission.

This community is bound by some of the same factors that define Protected classes in the **Voting Rights Act**.



## The Commissioner Role



This is your chance to hear first-hand from other redistricting commissioners who were in your shoes ten years ago, sitting on their first commission, and learning about the process.



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