

# INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 6, 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

## **PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, there will not be a physical meeting location available.

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**Roll Call:** 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alejos, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith Sussell, Tran, Watson

**Absent:** Choy, Taplin

Commissioner Taplin present at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioner Choy present at 6:06 p.m.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 1 speaker**

## **Minutes for Approval**

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

### **1. Minutes - April 15, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Hanson/Rhodes) to approve the minutes of 4/15/2021.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## **Commission Action Items**

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

### **2. Selection of District 1 Alternate Commissioner by Random Draw**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a random draw to fill the vacancy in the position of District 1 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:** Random draw selection conducted by the Commission Secretary. Steve Toub selected as the District 1 Alternate Commissioner.

### **3. Training – Legal Aspects of Redistricting by Myrna Pérez**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

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

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

Recess 7:30 p.m. – 7:42 p.m.

### **4. Training – Legal Aspects of Redistricting by Paul Mitchell**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.

## Information Reports

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5. **UC Berkeley Student Undercount in 2020 Census**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** Item continued to May 19, 2021.
6. **Independent Redistricting Commission Budget**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** Item continued to May 19, 2021.
7. **Summary of Berkeley's 2010 – 2014 Redistricting Process and Map**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** 1 speaker. Item continued to May 19, 2021.
8. **Draft Bylaws of the Independent Redistricting Commission**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** Item continued to May 19, 2021.
9. **Deadline to Complete New Council District Boundaries**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** Item continued to May 19, 2021.
10. **Commissioner Choy's Notes on State Redistricting Meeting**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** Item continued to May 19, 2021.

## Items for Future Agendas

- **Requested items on the following topics:**
  - Public outreach framework and subcommittee
  - State re-opening and transition to in-person meetings
  - Schedule for meetings in the next three months

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on May 6, 2021.

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Mark Numainville  
City Clerk

## **Communications**

*Communications submitted to the Independent Redistricting Commission are on file in the City Clerk Department at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA and are available upon request by contacting the City Clerk Department at (510) 981-6908 or [redistricting@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:redistricting@cityofberkeley.info) or may be viewed through [Records Online](#).*