

**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 PM**

Commission Members:

DISTRICT 1 – JOSE LOPEZ
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 – VACANT

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Roll Call: 6:02 p.m.

Present: Fox, Hanson, Lopez, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson

Absent: Taplin

Commissioner Taplin present at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - February 10, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Watson) to approve the minutes of 2/10/21.

Vote: Ayes – Fox, Hanson, Lopez, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Taplin.

Commission Action Items

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

Commission Action Items

2. Selection of One At-Large Independent Redistricting Commission Member and Five Alternate At-Large Commissioners

From: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary

Recommendation: Review the information regarding ranking of applicants and nomination of candidates for the one at-large commissioner and five at-large alternates, and appoint the at-large member and alternates for the Independent Redistricting Commission pursuant to Charter Section 9.5 and Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.10.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Rhodes/Hanson) to appoint Ronald Choy as an At-Large Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: Ayes – Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Sussell, Watson; Noes – Taplin; Abstain – Lopez, Tran.

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Taplin) to appoint Lupe Gallegos-Diaz as an Alternate At-Large Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Taplin) to appoint Sarah L. Price as an Alternate At-Large Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/Failed (Rhodes/Taplin) to appoint Bethany Andres-Beck as an Alternate At-Large Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: Ayes – Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Sussell; Noes – None; Abstain – Lopez, Taplin, Tran, Watson.

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Taplin) to appoint Cindy Rosenthal as an Alternate At-Large Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: Ayes – Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Sussell, Taplin, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – Lopez, Tran.

Action: M/S/Failed (Rhodes/Taplin) to appoint Vetri Velan as an Alternate At-Large Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: Ayes – Rhodes, Sussell, Taplin, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – Lopez, Tran.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Rhodes) to appoint Bethany Andres-Beck and Brandon Yung as Alternate At-Large Commissioners on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Vote: Ayes – Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Sussell, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – Lopez; Abstain – None.

Commission Action Items

A random draw was conducted to determine the order of the alternates to serve in place of At-Large Commissioners. The results of the draw are the ordered list as follows: 1) Cindy Rosenthal; 2) Lupe Gallegos-Diaz; 3) Sarah L. Price; 4) Brandon Yung; 5) Bethany Andres-Beck.

Items for Future Agendas

- Request for a population density map
- Request for discussion on the effect of delayed release of Census data on the redistricting process
- Request for data and mapping showing new housing units added since 2010
- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on February 24, 2021.

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 or may be viewed through [Records Online](#).