

MINUTES  
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011  
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dalal at 4:09 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dalal at 5:53 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Committee Room.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

- (C) Chairperson Anisha Dalal
- (VC) Vice Chairman Carlos Marquez
- (M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow
- (M) Frederick Kosmo
- (M) Theresa Quiroz
- (M) David Potter
- (M) Arthur Nishioka

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Anisha Dalal called the roll:

- (C) Chairperson Anisha Dalal-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Carlos Marquez-present
- (M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow-present
- (M) Frederick Kosmo-present
- (M) Theresa Quiroz-present
- (M) David Potter-present
- (M) Arthur Nishioka-present

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission's Operations Director prior to 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

**Comment-1:**

Alexander Winn commented on the huge population of Asians and the need to be a community of interest. He noted that Mira Mesa has 80,000 residents and is the largest urban area often overlooked by other communities.

**Comment-2:**

Ronald Wong commented on the large number of Asian-American owned businesses in the greater San Diego area and expressed the importance of having representation.

**Comment-3:**

Jim Varnadore commented on compressing the redistricting schedule to avoid conflicts with the 2012 election, suggested identifying the proposed districts by letters instead of numbers, and expressed concerns between legitimate and illegitimate expressions of community interest.

**Comment-4:**

Barry Pollard expressed the community's interest in providing input to the Redistricting Commission to ensure the diversity of the communities within District 4 our represented in this process.

**Comment-5:**

Kathleen Harmon commented on prior redistricting splits. She expressed her concerns with keeping the Skyline community together and the importance of preventing further chipping away of the community.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:**

Commissioner Comment-1:

Commissioner Marquez commented on docketing action items for the next meeting to: 1) approve a subcommittee to form guiding principles around the definition of "communities of interest"; 2) define a protocol between the reporting of Chief of staff to the commission; and 3) review Commission Bylaws to possibly amend the language of Article V, Section 6.

Commissioner Comment-2:

Commissioner Quiroz commented on a recent discovery. She noted the City Attorney explained that Commissioners are lobbying contacts and communications with lobbyists ought to be counted.

**CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING  
COMMISSION COMMENT:**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM - 1: APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE CITY OF SAN  
DIEGO 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:**

(a) Approval of the appointment of Midori Wong to serve as Chief of Staff for the City of San Diego 2010 Redistricting Commission.

(Aye votes by five members of the Commission are required for this appointment pursuant to San Diego City Charter section 5.1. This position is unclassified and exempt from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter, as stated in Charter section 5.1.)

Commissioner Quiroz provided an overview of the hiring process used by the subcommittee for the selection of Chief of Staff.

**Motion by Chairperson Dalal to approve the appointment of Midori Wong as Chief of Staff for the City of San Diego 2010 Redistricting Commission. Second by Vice Chairman Marquez. The motion is approved 5 to 2. Those in favor are Chairperson Dalal, Vice**

**Chairman Marquez, Commissioner Morrow, Commissioner Kosmo, and Commissioner Nishioka. Those in opposition are Commissioner Quiroz and Commissioner Potter.**

(b) Approval of the compensation package for the Chief of Staff, which includes an annual salary set at \$75,000 plus benefits, with an unclassified salary reduction of 3 percent.

(Funding for the compensation for this position was included in the Redistricting Commission budget previously approved by the San Diego City Council.)

**Motion by Commissioner Nishioka to approve the compensation package for the Chief of Staff, which includes an annual salary set at \$75,000 plus benefits, with an unclassified salary reduction of 3 percent. Second by Commissioner Kosmo. The motion is approved 6 to 1. Those in favor are Chairperson Dalal, Vice Chairman Marquez, Commissioner Morrow, Commissioner Kosmo, Commissioner Quiroz, and Commissioner Nishioka. Commissioner Potter is in opposition.**

**ITEM - 2: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HIRING OF OTHER REDISTRICTING COMMISSION STAFF AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS:**

Mr. Walker discussed the options in hiring other Redistricting Commission support staff. He noted some of the differences between hiring interns versus permanent staff.

Commissioner Marquez expressed his concern in hiring interns. He stated there would be confidential and sensitive information available to that individual and wanted to be sure the Commission could hold that individual 100 percent accountable for their actions.

Mr. Walker stated that there is no additional position currently part of the Charter. He described the Civil Service Commission's timeline.

Commissioner Quiroz asked about the possibility of using temporary staff.

Chairperson Dalal requested that Mr. Walker return with all the options available and provide a status update at the January 27, 2011, meeting.

**ITEM - 3: DISCUSSION REGARDING MAPPING SOFTWARE AND POSSIBLE CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Chairperson Dalal noted the importance of beginning the research of potential mapping software available and requested the formation of a subcommittee.

Commissioner Quiroz expressed the desire for one of the features of the software to have the ability for public input and public interaction. She stated access is important and people should be able to go in and map for themselves.

**Motion by Chairperson Dalal to establish a subcommittee to research mapping software and technical support which can include consulting with the Purchasing and Contracting Department. The subcommittee shall be comprised of a Chair Commissioner Morrow, Commissioner Kosmo, and Commissioner Quiroz. Second by Commissioner Potter. Motion approved unanimously.**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM - 4: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON REDISTRICTING TIMELINE:**

Chairperson Dalal provided copies of an informational draft and reported on the over-all timelines.

Mr. Walker reminded the Commissioners of his need to know of the public hearings out in the communities for coordinating purposes.

Commissioner Marquez commented on the February and March schedule of meetings and the possibility of switching the pre-map hearings to February.

Commissioner Quiroz commented on the February meetings and suggested referring to them as general informational hearings.

Other Commissioners expressed the urgency in getting out into the communities as soon as possible.

Commissioner Quiroz restated an earlier statement made by Vice Chairman Marquez regarding definitions. The Commission needs to define what is "a community of interest" and define what the criteria will be used for decision making prior to going out into the communities.

City Attorney Sharon Spivak announced that the City Attorney's Office would be providing training regarding the "Voting Rights Act." This will address some of the questions raised here today.

Commissioner Nishioka requested a minor change relative to the schedule. His request was to substitute the third word on the third sentence from "manipulate" to "simulate."

Commissioner Potter suggested holding more meetings in the next couple of months due to the volume of work, and Chairperson Dalal suggested the Commissioners bring their calendars to the next meetings.

Commissioner Kosmo also suggested holding the public outreach meetings on different days from the regularly scheduled Thursday meetings in order to add more dates.

Vice Chairman Marquez asked the Commissioners to email Mr. Walker with any suggestions of possible locations that are currently not on the list, and Commissioner Kosmo requested searching the Mira Mesa area for a location.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **ITEM - 5: STAFF MEMBER FROM CITY'S PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT, REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS:**

Hildred Pepper provided a PowerPoint presentation on the professional services selection process and answered questions from the Commissioners.

#### **ITEM - 6: JOSEPH WALKER, SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT ANALYST:**

Mr. Walker stated there was nothing further to add.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Gilberto Sanchez  
Legislative Recorder  
City Clerk's Office