

**MINUTES  
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
INTRODUCTORY PUBLIC HEARING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO METRO OPERATIONS CENTER  
9192 TOPAZ WAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123**

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:34 p.m. 65 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 7:40 p.m. to the next scheduled Introductory Public Hearing of the Redistricting Commission on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Chair Anisha Dalal called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal - present  
(VC) Vice Chair 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 Midori Wong, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff, before the item is called. 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 – Dr. Allen Chan, Asian & Pacific American Coalition (APAC)**

(Transcript Begins)

Good afternoon and welcome to our community. We have presented a proposed map for Rancho Penasquitos, Mira Mesa, Miramar Base west of the I-15, and Kearny Mesa. According to the new Census data, in which I was part of, I was the specialist for this area. Penasquitos and Mira Mesa are still the two most populated Asian communities in San Diego city. However, within the last 10 years this area was still separated by the two different districts and the majority of the people living there share the common interest in those two areas. From their residence to their relatives to their businesses, and worshipping, shopping, schooling, even infrastructures are shared by the two communities and also their services, including fire, water; this is all within the same district. For their business activities they also conduct those in the Kearny Mesa area and also Sorrento Valley area. There are a lot of shops, businesses, companies in those two areas in that district we propose. And I hope that this Commission will not make the same mistake by putting the communities in separate districts. The 4 areas that I mentioned, Penasquitos, Mira Mesa, Miramar Base, and Kearny Mesa, are now in 4 separate City Council districts, and I hope that will not happen again. Thank you very much.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CHAIR**

(Transcript Begins)

**Chair Dalal:** I want to welcome everyone. This is our very first meeting outside of Chambers in downtown. It's very important to us as a Commission to come out to the public to the communities where you live and to hear how you voice and your ideas about redistricting. Our charge is to look at our City Council boundaries and create a ninth district. We really want to hear from you and your ideas. We also have another meeting scheduled tomorrow at 6:30 pm and you will be receiving more information on that shortly. We are delighted, this is an introductory meeting and we want to share some information with you about the redistricting criteria, a little bit of an overview of the Census Data that just came out and hear discussion regarding city redistricting. We are very delighted. We also have in addition to the meeting tomorrow a series of eight pre-map public hearings in each of the 8 city council districts. So we encourage you to participate in that to encourage your friends to look at our web site. The information is very up-to-date and to come out and encourage everyone for their voice to be heard.

(Transcript Ends)

**ITEM 2 - 2010 REDISTRICTING AND U.S. CENSUS DATA OVERVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

Ms. Midori Wong, Chief of Staff, Redistricting Commission, provided an introduction to the 2010 redistricting process and an overview of the recently released Census data. There were no questions from the public.

**ITEM 3 - REDISTRICTING CRITERIA OVERVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE**

Ms. Sharon Spivak, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of legal criteria associated with the redistricting process. There were no questions from the public.

**ITEM 4 - DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY REDISTRICTING**

**Comment 1: Chad Michael Terry, a resident of Council District 4**

(Transcript Begins)

Thank you ladies and gentlemen. My name is Chad Michael Terry. I live in North Park. My presentation is about the boring stuff, I don't know why they gave me that section, but I wanted to run through just a couple of the high points of our City Attorney. In a perfect world, the City of San Diego has a few criteria that would be the perfect City Council District: 145,267 residents, be contiguous, be compact, be bound by natural boundaries, have reasonable access between population centers. District 3 currently as configured meets all of these criteria except for adjustments to satisfy the reduced population to make room for the Voting Rights adjustments. Just a couple of quick points, District 3 is contiguous, compact, their neighborhoods have a lot of character that are very similar, they have a lot of cultural similarities. The population hasn't changed from the 2000 to 2010 Census. We have just a few more people, I haven't seen the total figures, but we have great assets in District 3. We have the LGBT Center, that is the heart of the community, Balboa Park, which is used for the Pride Festival, marching, sporting events. We have North Park Theatre; there are several things at the North Park Theatre that our District composes; film out, comedy night performers, Joan Rivers I think was performing there. Morley Field is a great spot in our district. We hope to closely work with the Commission and other districts to accomplish the adjustments that need to be adjusted, but as it stands now I believe district 3 is the perfect district! Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

**Comment 2: Andy Berg, Rancho Penasquitos Town Council**

Our Council formed a subcommittee to look at this particular issue and decide what we thought was in the best interest of our community, and to try to bring that to you. That subcommittee had numerous meetings, at least 4 or 5 meetings to discuss this I believe, and came up with 2 potential plans. One is very similar to what Dr. Chan brought forward about a Mira Mesa, Penasquitos district. The other talked about Rancho Penasquitos being predominately with Rancho Bernardo what would be commonly referred to as "North County Inland type communities." The Council eventually voted pretty overwhelmingly, 14 to 2, that we would prefer to be in a district with Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs,

etc. The reason predominately for that is that Rancho Penasquitos is a children-oriented community. No other way to look at it. It has by far the highest percentage of people under the age of 18 living in that community than any other community in San Diego and I don't believe it's even close. Most of the people that moved up there, myself included, moved there for that reason and for the fact that we are in the Poway Unified School District. No disrespect to my good friends at San Diego Unified, but the fact is that's why people moved up there. One of the biggest concerns that I had with the City Council and Poway Unified School District is that there is no interaction whatsoever. There is not currently a district in the City of San Diego that has a majority from Poway Unified School District. We are in District 1 now which also has La Jolla and communities to our west that are part of San Diego Unified. District 5, which has Rancho Bernardo and some of the other communities, also has Mira Mesa, which is also in San Diego Unified. So there has been very little communication, if any communication, between Poway Unified and the City of San Diego. Poway Unified and the City of Poway do a lot of joint use projects; constant communication works out really well. We think we would be much much better served for that reason. That's the big community of interest. We would be much better served if we had a council district representative who represented the majority of the people from the Poway Unified School District. To touch on what Dr. Chan said briefly, we really did look at that and I feel the same way, in many ways I would love to see an Asian district, but when I read your guidelines, it says you cannot accomplish this with race being the predominate motive. I just don't see anything else that we have in common with Mira Mesa other than that factor. If there was more I could maybe be more supportive of what he has, but the biggest thing for us is definitely our kids the sports leagues they play. To give you one other example, my son has played every sport imaginable and he's traveled as far as Temecula to play football games; we've never played in Mira Mesa. We are the southernmost part of our sports leagues. So everything in common for us is Penasquitos and north, not Penasquitos and south. Thank you.

**Comment 3: Tim Gahagan, a resident of District 3**

Good evening. Unlike the first speaker, I've come here to ask you consider redistricting District 3 so that it's more consistent with the concept of communities of interest. I think the previous district lines were pretty good except that the eastern and western edges diverse dramatically and seem more like communities of least common interest. I think it would make more sense and be more consistent with the state's notion of a community of interest as a contiguous population, which shares common social and economic interest, if the neighborhoods of Mission Hills and Bankers Hill were included in District 3. And City of Heights to the east was included with neighbors in Districts 4 or 8. I believe it would better serve the interest of both communities and the LGBT community for that matter. I have some sample data describing the extreme economic and social differences between the two ends of the district. I'm sure you have much more accurate data at your disposal. I hope you will consider this and consider a better way to apportion the districts. Thank you.

**Comment 4: Dave McCulloch, a resident of District 3**

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Dave McCulloch. I am a local resident of Hillcrest, a member of the Hillcrest Town Council, although I do not speak on behalf of the Council tonight. Like my friend Tim, who just a moment ago was talking about redistricting Hillcrest and District 3 – while there are many communities within District 3 that are very similar, there are a few that are less similar. While we share many commonalities with City Heights, Talmadge, and Kensington, unfortunately it seems like perhaps in 2000 when the Redistricting Commission last met the areas of Bankers Hill and Mission Hills seem to be excluded from District 3. In my opinion District 3 shares more commonalities

with Bankers Hill and with Mission Hills than some of the other eastern areas. So what I ask you is to move District 3 further west. Move it so that all people in those areas, which have much more in common, are represented. I was looking at the deviations and it seems like the deviations for District 3 has a 4.78% and 5% deviation that's not a very big percentage compared to say District 2, the second largest, with almost 18%. So if we take some of the areas that are in District 2 now, Mission Hills and some of that Bankers Hill area – move that into District 3 and take some of the area toward the east and give that again to Districts 4 or 8. That would more fairly represent District 3. Those are the adjoining neighborhoods. Thank you very much.

**Comment 5: Nancy Moors, a resident of District 3**

Good evening. My name is Nancy Moors and I am a resident and a business owner in Hillcrest. I'm also a proud member of the LGBT community. However, first I consider myself a member of the entire community. I choose to live where I do because of the common interest and the love of the character and historic nature of our neighborhoods. My preference is to see my council district represent urban neighborhoods of character. Like North Park, Mission Hills, Bankers Hill, University Heights, South Park and Hillcrest. Thank you.

**Comment 6: Mel Merrill, a resident of District 3**

Good evening. My name is Mel Merrill and I am a resident of District 3. According to Article 21 of the California Constitution, a "community of interest" is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interest that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation. I would like to tell you a little bit about the LGBT community of interest and how it found a home in District 3. District 3 did not happen by accident; it came at the end of a long process of activism beginning in the middle of the 70's when the LGBT community began to first organize to achieve its rights by the political process. It took 15 years to realize our dream of a common safe community that we can call home. Following the 1990 Census, the community worked very hard in the redistricting process to achieve a district which qualified LGBT person would have a realistic chance to win. The present district map south of I-8 is very much the handy work of Attorney Charles McCain. McCain used mailing lists from the San Diego Democratic Club, our first LGBT political organization, and other communications and other community organizations to determine where most of our people were and what boundaries would best encompass them while not disadvantaging other minority groups, who were of course doing the same thing. The result was District 3 centered on Hillcrest, North Park and University Heights. In the first election using the new map in 1993 Christine Kehoe won the third district and become the first LGBT to be elected official in San Diego. She was reelected to a second term and followed by Tony Atkins who also served two terms. The seat is now being held by Todd Gloria, while Kehoe now serves in the State Senate and Atkins is in the Assembly. Given this, the LGBT community has a very strong interest in preserving the third district so that it can continue to be won by a community member. Besides initiating and voting on matters that effect the community a council member appoints community members to boards and commissions, serves as a role model to the community, and helps to destroy stereotypes regarding LGBT people. District 3 is a perfect example of how a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interest has been included within a single district and has resulted in its effective and fair representation with City Council. Thank you.

**Comment 7: Andrea Villa, a resident of District 3**

Ladies and gentlemen of the Commission, the Supreme Court has said that redistricting bodies such as yourselves must respect communities defined by actual shared interest, a common thread of social economic or political interest. This evening others will speak to you about the economic and political interest shared by the LGBT community. I would like to address the social shared interest. While the question before the Commission is in exploration of numbers and lines on a map, it is also a question of community. There will be much discussion about the two dimensional realities of geography, which again, while play a part, are only a part of the story we now call District 3. I, like many District 3 residents, made my home within its boundaries by a choice. Why? Well certainly over the years the boundaries of fact play a part in that decision. But the community itself formed before the district boundaries were drawn and subsequently reinforced. So why? Well, it's simple really. There is nothing as powerful as a sense of belonging or as welcoming in a place as someone who looks just like me, and there is nothing quite so affirming as a neighborhood that supports my family's vision of not only of who we are but who we wish to be. For the LGBT community, community is not just a word; it's who we are and District 3 is our home. It is in many ways the difference between what we call our families of choice and our families of origin. Too often our families of origin turned us away or dismissed that which was best in us. And so seeking welcome and support we created new families, and in this way we created our community, which as you see is not just an abstract idea of commonality but an actual shared geography. It is as much a place as this building, this neighborhood, or the street that each of you calls home. I and my neighbors came to District 3 because it is where we could see ourselves. It is where we could live our authentic lives and where we found our civic voice in the den of discrimination. It is where we have bought and made homes, where we are raising our families, and it is where some of us have passed our final breaths. It is our community. Merriam Webster defines "community" with the usual words; common characteristics, group, distinct; it's a very serviceable definition. However, the science dictionary is I think rather more apt. It says, "a community is a group of organisms or populations living and interacting with one another in a particular environment. The organisms in a community affect each other's abundance distribution and adaptation. This speaks directly to myself and my neighbors, my co-workers, my colleagues and those with whom I gather regularly to safeguard our achievements and rights. We affect each other's abundance and adaptation. We are responsible for each other, we are a community. Thank you again for your time, ladies and gentlemen of the Commission.

**Comment 8: Joel Trambly, a resident of District 3**

Good evening. My name is Joel Trambly and I am a resident of University Heights. I'd like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. As we discussed, the San Diego City Charter requires to the extent that it is practical to do so that the district preserve identifiable communities of interest. It fails, however, to define communities of interest, so we looked to the California Constitution, which states a community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interest, which should be included within a single district for purposes its effective and fair representation. As Ms. Villa mentioned the Supreme Court also weighed in recognizing respect for communities defined by actual shared interests and references a common thread of relative interests discussed as social, economic or political. Few groups meet these criteria as well as the LGBT community and rarely has the recognition of a community of interest been as beneficial as it has been through the creation of District 3. What is unique about the LGBT community as we have mentioned is that we come together geographically specifically because of the common thread of common interest. When I moved to San Diego in 2007, I wanted to live in a place where I would feel safe and be supported as a gay man. My first visit to San Diego I saw the stretch of rainbow flags from Hillcrest to North Park. Before I knew it was District 3 I knew it was home. Most San Diegans would similarly recognize District 3 as the center of LGBT social life. Indeed the San Diego LGBT

Community Center is in Hillcrest on Centre Street. The vast majority of LGBT owned friendly bars, clubs, and restaurants are located in the district. Beyond providing food and drink, these institutions sponsor other endeavors including our sports teams, our performance arts, and our support groups. These service-oriented business are part of our shared economic interest but not its full extent. The Greater San Diego Business Association is a group of over 800 businesses owned by or serving the LGBT community. A large portion are in District 3. These businesses also have strong representation in community organizations such as the Hillcrest Business Council. These groups help create a common living standard in our community; not a financial standard, but a promise that we can have our day-to-day needs met by businesses and professionals committed to openness and acceptance. One need look no further than Proposition 8 to see our shared political interest. A density plot of the “No on 8” voters in San Diego shows District 3 to truly be “a city on a hill” for the LGBT community. A similar pattern emerges with other initiatives involving equality and freedom. If the goal of recognizing community of interest is to ensure equal representation, San Diego has succeeded with regards to the LGBT community. Since the creation of District 3, which as you have heard acknowledges the LGBT community of interest we have exclusively elected members of the LGBT community to San Diego City Council. In fact, our most recent council election featured a November runoff between two gay men. The voting pattern with Proposition 8 at that same 2000 election shows that there are still too many places in San Diego where members of the LGBT community are not welcomed. Until that changes our common social and economic and political interest are better served by being united in one place in our home in District 3. Thank you.

**Comment 9: Linda Perine, a resident of District 3**

Good evening. My name is Linda Perine and I am the Chair of the LGBT Redistricting Task Force. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Commissioners for all their hard work on behalf of the City of San Diego. This is a tough job and you are a credit to the City for undertaking its burdens through time and effort. In appreciation of your contribution I will be brief. I want to reiterate that District 3 should remain much as it is today; certainly, however, adjustments will need to be made to accommodate the change in the population, limitations, and in consideration for protective classes under the Voting Rights Act and in recognition of neighborhoods of character. Section 5.1 of the City Charter mandates the preservation of identifiable communities of interest. Both the California Supreme Court and the Attorney General of the United States have recognized the LGBT community as a protective class, giving additional gravitas to its status as a community of interest. We will be working hard to provide a suggested map that meets population and Voting Right Acts objectives, and satisfies both the neighborhoods of character, community of interest, and the LGBT community of interest. I also would like to take the opportunity to voice our support for a district which recognizes the Asian Pacific Islander communities pursuant to the Voting Rights Act. As you can see, there are a number of people here wearing lavender and purple shirts and I would ask them to stand at this time. These are folks from all walks of life who come here tonight to show that not only is the LGBT community a community of interest; it's a community of the interested and the identifiable. We love our community. We want to be as helpful to the Commission as we can in preserving this wonderful identifiable community of interest. Let me again thank you on behalf of the citizens of this fine city.

**Comment 10: Ann Garwood, a resident of District 3**

Good evening. My name is Ann Garwood and I've been a resident of Hillcrest since 1984. I'm also on the board with the Hillcrest Residence Group and the President of the Hillcrest History Guild. The same year that I purchased my home in Hillcrest was the same year that I received an honor from the

community as Miss Gay Pride in 1984. I stand before you still as a proud lesbian, but I would like for you to take this opportunity you have to really divide up our community into two communities that are closely aligned—the neighborhood of Hillcrest social and economic group. We are not all gay and lesbians that live in Hillcrest and I think that we moved to that neighborhood because we like our communities of character. The preservation that is in the neighborhoods, the older homes; that is what ties us; that's why we bought our homes in Hillcrest and that's why we love it so much. I think you have an opportunity maybe to take a couple of districts or a couple of communities out of District 2 that maybe don't tie in with the beach area and downtown, and those two communities are Mission Hills and Bankers Hill. Those two neighborhoods definitely align with the values of the people that I know and live next to in Hillcrest as opposed to City Heights. I think if you look at the gay people in City Heights vs. the gay population in Bankers Hill and Mission Hills I think we might pick up even more gay people if we again picked up communities that have the urban feel of old San Diego. I think you could do that by taking an area that's dividing 805 and taking it west and having all of those older residents, University Heights, North Park, South Park, Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Bankers Hill; the communities that were San Diego's first suburbs. I think it's a great opportunity and I think that the gay population in San Diego is now everywhere. Carl DeMaio is a case in point. Hillcrest is the heart of the gay community, but on the west side of District 3, we haven't gotten a lot from our gay representatives. It took us until 2007 to get a community sign neighborhood sign saying that we are going into Hillcrest. We have no library, we have no community gardens, we have no community parks, we have no activity center, no recreation center, no street sweeping signs, yet Hillcrest was chosen as one of the great neighborhoods in the nation in 2007. Please take this opportunity to really tie our neighborhood into the communities that circle Hillcrest that do have the preservation and heart. Thank you.

**Comment 11: Susan Fosselman, a resident of District 3**

Hi, my name is Susan. I live in University Heights in District 3. Walking distance into Hillcrest, which I think is a great thing about University Heights. It's residential, but it's got that same feel; it's the same kind of community that I was looking for when I was looking for a place to live. I'm third generation San Diegan. For some reason I don't know why, my mother liked to move a lot; I've lived a lot between District 2 and District 3. That's kind of the two areas we lived in. I love them both and I think you can kind of understand that there is a certain feel that these two areas have, and when I was looking for a place to live, I chose to live close to Balboa Park, which I think is what the real gem here is. Balboa Park sort of creates something and everything near it especially up on that mesa is where the whole community of interest is to me. It's got that urban feel as other people has said and that historic feel and the gem of Balboa Park has I think drawn a lot of this community into this area but that's what I'd like to see stay contiguous. We have this feel and this feel really doesn't cross over the 805 in my opinion. There is a big difference when you cross over the 805 but when you keep going west, it's almost like you can barely tell the difference between Hillcrest and Mission Hills. They are both like great old neighborhoods that belong together. Thank you very much for your time.

**Comment 12: James Feinberg, a resident of District 6**

Good evening, I'm James Feinberg. I serve on the Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG). Since we have not taken up this matter, I can speak for myself. Currently we are in District 6 and our residential community is often competing against the commercial and industrial interest of Kearny Mesa and the business and retail interest in Mission Valley. I think that we might be better served by joining with other residential communities in Tierrasanta, Allied Gardens. I think we would be better represented by

joining with those other residential communities instead of with the industrial and commercial that we are currently joined with in District 6. Those are my thoughts on the matter. Thank you.

**Comment 13: Lyn Gwizdak, a resident of District 3**

Hi, I'm Lyn Gwizdak, and I live on Wabash Avenue, right on the edge of North Park and City Heights. I live literally just east of the 805. I would like to say that a lot of previous speakers had a lot of good things to say about the nature of the neighborhoods, but where I really see a real big change in the City Heights area is east of the 15. The community is totally different up that way so I think that if anything is to be cut back. Another thing too is our City Councilmember lives in City Heights. He lives several blocks east of me. What I really like about District 3; I moved to District 3 eleven years ago and it has felt like a good community. There have been lots of changes. When I was first living here North Park didn't look too great either but there have been over the years a lot of great changes. I know that there are redevelopment plans; well, unless the State messes that all up for the City Heights area or my area. I have seen the maps, and I think that it will come, there are a lot of great old homes and places like that in the City Heights area. So they all kind of go together. What I like about District 3 is that it is a very walkable fairly safe area. I spend most of my time in Hillcrest, in North Park, Balboa Park area and I think it's a good place to be. I hope that you guys try to keep our neighborhood; that the line will be further east than 805, because I know that I would like to stay in District 3. I think a lot of other people would as well. Thank you very much.

**Comment 14: Adam Manhbaoboua, representing APAC**

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Adam Manhbaoboua; I'm a representative of the Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC). First of all I'd like to thank the Commission for your hard work and dedication. I've been here many times and I just—from day one we have been here supporting the 9<sup>th</sup> District. A really great 9<sup>th</sup> District, which is Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Miramar Base, and also Kearny Mesa. When we submitted the proposed map we really put a big consideration into how it's going to affect other districts other communities. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District is not being touched at all and the 4<sup>th</sup> District is not being touched at all because we understand the importance of the community of interest. We understand that the City of San Diego is great because of its diversity. Right now the Asian Pacific American community is not being fairly represented there. We represent—our population accounts for 15% of the population, that's approximately one-seventh of the City of San Diego and now that there will be 9 districts, I think there should at least be one district that represents Asian Pacific community of interest. Like I said, San Diego is great because of its diversity and it's important that the Commission sees that. It's important that the government, the City government reflects all the community interest. It's important and I hope you guys consider that. Thank you.

**Comment 15: Jonathan Goetz**

Hi, good evening. First of all I'd like to thank you guys the Commission for the time and energy that you are putting into this process. I know that it is not easy and this is a very difficult task that is not to be taken lightly. So I'd like to start off by thanking you guys for the time and energy you are putting into this process. It's difficult obviously to provide comment on something like this prior to the actual maps being drawn. I know the Census data just came in last week; that gives you a little bit more information to work with. I would just recommend maybe use the zip codes in your first map when you are trying to draw different ways. Maybe draw a dozen different ways using zip codes to draw the districts and then narrow it down to 4 of those, and then from those 4 plug that in with your precinct data to try to get the

population count as equal as required by law and then to not use the precinct data on the first round. You start with the zip code data and then move into the precinct data. Maybe once you have those four maps, and I know the law requires you to hold 2 meetings in every district in every city council district. So maybe the first round of meetings you can go in with 4 maps or the 12 maps and narrow it down based on the public comment you get once you have some maps drawn up using the CGI data and all that stuff. Thank you.

**Comment 16: Sean Bohac, a resident of District 3**

Thanks for giving us a moment to make our case this evening. My name is Sean Bohac. I am a resident in District 3. I just want to air one thought after listening to people speak this evening. The economic interest of District 3 may be well served by including areas to the west as some speakers have represented. I just wanted to make the point that the LGBT community may be well served by expanding to the east for the following reasons: one of the things that tie the LGBT community together is a struggle against discrimination, and other people of other communities also share that struggle. I just wanted to make the point that I think it would make a central San Diego council district stronger if it's a colorful city council district. Thank you very much.

**Comment 17: Craig Roberts, a resident of District 3**

Hi, thank you for your time. Some of you may recognize me as one of your fellow applicants for the Commission last year. So, obviously this is a passion of mine. So, I hope you will take my testimony in that spirit as a potential colleague. I also served for 2 years as the Chair of the Greater North Park Community Planning Committee. Whatever Mid City is finally drawn I'm sure that North Park will continue to be the heart of it, as it has been in District 3 for the last 2 decades. It is exciting that we will be adding a 9<sup>th</sup> District to the City of San Diego. I actually believe that that will allow us to have better representation for all communities of interest in this City, including the LGBT community for which I am proud to be a part of. As a political progressive I currently support drawing districts that meet the spirit of the Voting Rights Act. I anticipate that you'll probably have a district that will be majority Latino, a District 4 that will be geared toward the African American community. I would like to support the creation of a council district that has a chance to elect an API officeholder, although I'd like to point out that our current Councilmember in District 3 is a member of the API community. Finally, I would like to encourage you to read if you haven't already done so the 2001 testimony that several of us gave regarding District 3 and the LGBT community. I think just about the only tweak that was made to the 90's District 3 to the last decade District 3 was the unification of University Heights and the current District 3. It may be possible that District 3 shifts a little bit to the east or to the west but I will leave that up to you. I know that you will be presented with lots of data in the ensuing weeks about where the LGBT community resides. We have thought about how to approve that and you will be seeing a lot of that. Thank you.

**Comment 18: Richard Willis, a resident of District 3**

I have a pretty long history in San Diego, beginning in the late 50's when I served in the Navy. I was born in Castro, Wyoming, along with Matthew Shephard and Mary Cheney. The last time we were there 16 years ago we were all but run out of town. Fortunately, they just cancelled their orders and left the restaurant instead of moving us out. I was raised in a farming community in Utah. It wasn't until I came to California, to San Diego in the Navy that I started getting some support and all I had to look at here was no dogs or sailors allowed. The signs were on the lawn. It wasn't until the early 80's when my

husband of 33 years and I moved into the Hillcrest area that we had a home. We have another home in Arrowhead Highlands, which is in the San Bernadino Mountains. I will tell you that in my entire adult life, I have never been represented by a district, any political district that has represented me--not economically, not sexual orientationally--there is no district that has represented me until District 3. I identify with every aspect of District 3. It is one of the most diverse communities that I have ever seen and this is my 5<sup>th</sup> event in 2 weeks. Every event was for some other activity and most involved people other than the LGBT community. I am proud to be part of a community that understands diversity and protects it. I can think of no district that has better met my needs as a citizen than District 3. Thank you.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

**Vice Chair Marquez:** First, I just want to thank everybody who came out this evening to talk to us so very passionately about why you want to preserve your communities. In particular, thank you so much to the folks of the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council, APAC, the Serra Mesa Planning Committee, and the LGBT Redistricting Task Force. I think that the folks up here, my colleagues--we all share the sentiment that we are very heartened by what we heard today, and I do just want to thank you. I have two questions, one is of the gentlemen that spoke for APAC who spoke later in the evening, Adam. Adam, my question was, because your map was proposed prior to the Census data being released, has APAC considered population deviation? My second question is for the Chair of the LGBT Redistricting Task Force, Ms. Perine. The Task Force is not—it doesn't seem to be of one mind about what your ideal district would look like? Is that correct?

(Transcript Ends – speakers did not speak into microphone)

Mr. Manhbaoboua responded that APAC would be revising their proposed map based on the Census data. Ms. Perine responded that it is her job to work on developing consensus.

(Transcript Begins)

**Vice Chair Marquez:** That clarifies it. I'm sure that there will be more to come. Thank you all so much and thank you, all the communities, for working together as well.

**Commissioner Quiroz:** I want to thank everybody too. I absolutely love the community that I live in and it's wonderful to hear from you about what you love about your communities too. It's so helpful to me as a Commissioner to hear you just tell me how much you love your community and what it is about it that you love so much. I just hope that you keep coming and telling us everything that you know about your community and especially the lines and I would ask one favor. You sometimes talk a little fast when you start naming the other areas that you want to be connected with, so if you could slow down a little bit so that I can write down all the areas that you want so that I don't miss anything—I appreciate it. It's wonderful to have you all here and I really appreciated everything that has been said. Thank you.

**Commissioner Potter:** I too want to thank everybody for attending this evening. It's really good to hear your comments and I'm sitting here looking at a map and looking at some of the adjustments that we could be making to accommodate the various groups. Hopefully—and I know you will be coming out to future meetings and I will be looking forward to having your testimony again. Thank you.

**Commissioner Kosmo:** At the risk of repeating what my other Commissioners said, I agree with what they said, but I just want to make sure that I said that to everyone in the community. I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations tonight; I thought they were very insightful and very interesting. As Commissioner Potter just said, we are up here looking at the map when you guys were saying Mission Hills versus all the different communities. I thought it was fascinating and I want to thank everybody that showed up because I think it is very helpful for all the Commissioners.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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