

## MINUTES

**FOR THE 2000 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
OF  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2001  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

### CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pesqueira at 4:10 p.m. Chairman Pesqueira announced that the Commission would not accept any speakers slips submitted after 4:30 p.m. Chairman Pesqueira adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. to the next scheduled Redistricting Commission Meeting of August 13, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 12<sup>th</sup> floor City Administration Building.

#### **ITEM-1: CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ralph Pesqueira called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

#### **ITEM-2: ROLL CALL**

Operations Director Staajabu Heshimu called the roll:

- (C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present
- (M) Mateo R. Camarillo-present
- (M) Charles W. Johnson-present
- (M) Marichu G. Magaña-present
- (M) Shirley ODell-present
- (M) Juan Antonio Ulloa-present

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A008-012.)

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

- (C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present
- (M) Mateo R. Camarillo-present
- (M) Charles W. Johnson-present
- (M) Marichu G. Magaña-present
- (M) Shirley ODell-present
- (M) Juan Antonio Ulloa-present

Also present was:

Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster  
City Manager's Liaison Dave Seyfarth  
Operations Director Staajabu Heshimu  
Senior Planner Joey Perry

**ITEM-3: PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Pesqueira explained and reviewed for the public the remaining procedures that the Commission has to follow in submitting a map to the City Clerk's Office.

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION:** (Tape location A013-070.)

Ms. Foster explained some of the legal criteria that the Commission had to follow in making their decisions. She informed the audience that hopefully this would help explain why some of the boundary changes occurred in the way shown on the preliminary map.

Ms. Foster went on to give a brief summary of the legal factors in order of importance. She stated

that number one on the list is the equalization of the population between districts. The most important reason to do that is for the constitutional concept known as one-person-one-vote. When a person votes for their councilperson, their vote is worth the same as someone else's in another district. They will be getting the same amount of representation for their vote as someone in a different district.

Ms. Foster informed that the second criteria is the Voting Rights Act. In the process of equalizing the districts the process should not make changes that are harmful to racial, ethnic, and language groups in their ability to elect candidates of choice. Certain groups qualify for protection under this act when they meet a three part test. The group has to be large enough to potentially be a majority in a district. The group has to be politically cohesive meaning they tend to vote the same. The group prefers candidates that are defeated by the white population in that particular area.

Ms. Foster shared that the third concept was that race cannot be considered too much. In some cases the groups are not geographically close together and the district shape turns out to be very irregular.

Finally, the districts have to be eight in number. This criteria appears in the City Charter and can't be changed unless the people vote to change the number. They need to be made of contiguous territory. They need to be geographically compact as possible. They need to use natural boundaries to the extent possible. They need to preserve identifiable communities of interest. The Commission is to use whole census units and should not draw lines for the purpose of creating an advantage for elected officials.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A071-166.)

**Speaker 1** Bob Dingeman

Now is not the time in the final hour to change direction as indicated in your evolution plan. Your initial preliminary plan represents not only your best effort, but it includes serious consideration and application of all the principals, and it is your best effort. I still recommend it with some minor changes. The evolution map does not address four established principals as well as they should be. I recommend that you return to your preliminary plan as revised. It is your best plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A167-192.)

**Speaker 2** Al Strohleim

I do support the revised preliminary plan with one of your previous ideas which made a lot more sense. Allow District 6 to invade a bit of Mission Bay. Two council representatives for that important portion of the district should be reconsidered by you.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A193-215.)

**Speaker 3** Kathym Strohleim

The evolution is pretty absurd especially as it regards District 2 and District 6. It has taken almost all of Clairemont which just elected a council member and just drifted it off to the south. Somehow District 2 which is part of Pacific Beach has shot up all the way above La Jolla. These are the reasons I like the first map better.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A216-222.)

**Speaker 4** Kevin Faulconer

I want to strongly support your primary plan not the evolution plan. I believe it accomplishes what this group set out to do much better. Primarily, that map really unites communities rather than divides them. Clairemont has certainly been mentioned and Pacific Beach. We need these communities to stay together. I am a strong supporter of keeping Mission Bay all in one district. I think it is the right policy to do so. It is not something that we want to have council members potentially switch districts in midstream. Overall, I am strongly supportive of your first map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A223-238.)

**Speaker 5** Pam Montanile

I would like to state that I agree with the preliminary map, and support your decision to adopt that map. I feel that it follows all the guidelines, and it is very fair, and a rational plan. Please keep the communities of interest together with our sister communities. These are Scripps Ranch, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, and Carmel Mountain Ranch. The evolutionary map that includes Clairemont and Mission Valley really don't have anything in common with the I-15 communities. The preliminary plan contains contiguous territories with reasonable access between population centers in the district. The preliminary plan that you propose is geographically compact, and that is not evident in the evolutionary plan. The evolutionary plan would change the council representatives and force very different issues resulting in less representation. I urge you to adopt the preliminary plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A239-268.)

**Speaker 6** Donna Frye

I am here to restate my position which is very clear to keep Clairemont together as a community of concern and a community of interest. We are a community that deserves to stay together. Please make sure Sierra Mesa stays in our community. In regards to the map, we certainly oppose the evolutionary map, and it's difficult when I feel that I have to speak out against one community of interest in defense of another community of interest. It is not a good position to find myself in. I believe there is a way to accommodate all communities of interest. I hope you can look at accommodating people without dividing existing communities. I want to restate that we have submitted documentation, and please remember that Clairemont and Bay Park belong together. Please allow them to stay together.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A269-293.)

**Speaker 7** Andrew Berg

The public told you that they wanted minimal changes. We just voted for our council representatives and we want to keep them. The new map, however, makes drastic changes.

It should be named revolution, it blows up the whole north part of our city. It is not what the people asked for. It will create council districts that are represented by people that weren't representing them before and don't know the issues we have. In Rancho Peñasquitos we are looking at major issues on traffic, sighting a skate park, the strategic plan. A new representative won't know what is going on there. We will get a new representative if we go with the revolutionary plan. I don't see the reason to do this. It will not create an Asian majority district. If it did, I would be all for it. I think you need to go back to your original plan. You need to accept the well deserved accolades that you will get for that original plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A294-324.)

**Speaker 8** Keith Flitner

I would like to speak on behalf of the preliminary plan and oppose the evolutionary plan. Mira Mesa is a gateway community to the north county inland area. I would like to urge the committee to go back to including it with the other I-5 communities. Mira Mesa has comprehensive community plan. It is predicated on growth, and its involvement along the I-15 corridor. Recent development in our community of our new Mira Mesa market center was coordinated with our Scripps Ranch neighbors so it will support the I-15 corridor. Mira Mesa has an interesting infrastructure that has grown over the years to become an effective lobbying group within the city structure as it exists today.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A325-357.)

**Speaker 9** Tom Schmidt

I haven't testified before because I have had no problem with the maps previously. I have a real problem with the evolution map. What do I have in common with the residents of Rancho Bernardo. The Charter stressed keeping communities intact. That should have been the number one priority, and then address the other issues to the best possible that's obtainable. One community is broken up. Clairemont is torn asunder into three separate districts. I am just flabbergasted. I consider the evolution map a travesty.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A358-377.)

**Speaker 10** Robin Stutsman

We have representatives on numerous councils in the community. The volunteers of Mira Mesa are few and our resources are very limited. The only way we look at the community is that it seems to be a united community, and we are very adamant about trying to do outreach. We've been working on this for a long time, and it was very discouraging to go and sit in a meeting in our own town and hear that we have missed a whole population of people. I am sorry that we missed them. The processes are opened to everyone, and we do encourage people. I recognize that the commission is bound to hear all testimony, and I hope that you understand that my fear is that there could be some serious repercussions based on the second map. It could very well undo the small amounts of progress that we've made, and we do have a very strong tie with Scripps Ranch.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A378-409.)

**Speaker 11** Jim Bell

I am going to second everything that everybody has said who wants to see the preliminary redistricting map adopted. If there is a need for an Asian community council person district, that should be taken up in that area not shift everything completely. I am not speaking against that. I still believe that we should keep the map pretty much the way it is. The preliminary redistricting map works for me, and it works for the communities.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A410-432.)

**Speaker 12** Kennan Kaeder

I did not speak when you were in Pacific Beach because I was very pleasantly surprised at the logic that the Commission had demonstrated with the preliminary map. In my humble opinion if you adopt the evolution plan, you are walking straight into a sure litigation. This clearly creates legal issues because you have responded at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to a racially based

redistricting map that is not favored by the community. Clearly, that is the only justification for the so-called evolution plan, and it is illegal. Secondly, it violates the City Charter. You are breaking up neighborhoods. I would urge the Commission not to adopt the evolution plan, and I would urge the city attorney to step in with an opinion that they are inviting litigation if they do.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A433-471.)

Ms. Foster expressed there is a stronger legal argument under the evolution map rather than the preliminary map. That map is racially motivated in large part to unite Asians in a single district without the Voting Rights Act criteria being met.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A472-496.)

**Speaker 13** Levin Sy

The plan drawn currently that is up for your review is not the plan that was submitted by the Asian-Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting group. Many have categorized this evolution plan to be the map that our group submitted. I want to reiterate that is in fact not the case. The plan that we created creates a new district in the northern part of the city because we feel that the growth in the northern part of the city merited that. The plan was drawn with the communities of interest that provided testimonies throughout the public hearings that this Commission had. Clairemont was not divided. Community planning boundaries were respected. Police beat boundaries were respected, and we respected issues related to the diamond gateway communities. This new district creates a second diamond gateway city council district. Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos are combined within one district. The gloom and doom that has been provided by testimony previously shows that Mira Mesa and Peñasquitos are not in common, and in fact Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch have more in common. That is false. Statistically, based on voting, based on other criteria that you have deemed necessary to evaluate redistricting plans, Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos do in fact share more in common.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A497-539.)

**Speaker 14** Stan Chu



I am very strongly in favor of the evolution map although it has been revised from our original presentation as an Asian-American influence district. I believe that the growth in north county really merits a separate district. An Asian influence district can use that as some kind of catalyst to promote more involvement. Asian-Americans can be more involved with community service and community meetings. I heartedly encourage you to vote for our district.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A540-558.)

**Speaker 15** Jose Lopez

Commissioners, the survival, future, prosperity and political clout of Fox Canyon heavily depends on being safely nestled in District 7. I want to thank you all for listening to our voice. Please remember that through all your deliberations that Fox Canyon wants to be what it is now. Thank you for your time and for your endeavor that you have ahead.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A559-575.)

**Speaker 16** Joe Mannino

I am here to support the revised preliminary plan with one small change, and that is to keep Sea World in District 2. There is a unique business connection between Sea World and the business community, and since Sea World doesn't vote, there is no equalization of the population issue. We simply see no reason to bring Sea World out of that particular area where there is such a significant connection. The other reason I am here is to oppose the evolutionary plan, and I know that it's been spoken about here very eloquently. I think you can see the concern of the communities. This is an 11<sup>th</sup> hour plan, and, of course, this Commission has a responsibility to take in the concerns of the community. I think at this very late date that is not happening with this new plan. There is also a very significant issue in terms of maintaining the integrity of the voting process. The people in our district voted for Byron Wear. As you can hear many of the people are concerned about who they voted for, and we're concerned about that vote and we want to be represented by the people that we voted for. It was raised here with a previous speaker that there was a potential conflict of interest.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location A576-B047.)

Ms. Foster commented that she doesn't know of any facts of legal conflict of interest that has occurred. The fact that there is a Commissioner that is acquainted with members of the public that have drawn a map certainly does not raise a Brown Act issue. Ms. Foster clarified some issues involving the possibility of two council representatives being drawn in one district.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B048-075.)

Mr. Camarillo, Mr. Saito, and Ms. ODeil added their own personal comments to the issue raised of Commissioners drawing maps.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B076-156.)

**Speaker 17** Jerry Butkiwicz

I am excited that we are having a healthy debate. When we leave today, we might not agree with each other, but we should respect each other. As we leave today, we should be friends because we are all after the best thing for San Diego. I am here to urge you to stick to your preliminary map as you amended it. Just because we weren't here don't think that a lot of us weren't monitoring everything that you were doing. I found you were doing such a great job that you didn't need any of my input. At this point I just want to urge you, you've done a lot of work, you've heard a lot of testimony, you know if there is going to be a legal challenge. The legal counsel has told you that part of your defense in your final decision is the testimony that you've heard for the last several months. You are going to have a difficult time defending a map this late in the process since you have already visited the council districts. I think you need to stick with what you had. You are doing a great job.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B157-187.)

Chairman Pesqueira thanked the public again for showing up and having the motivation to give their valuable testimony.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B188-200.)

**Speaker 18** John Culea

I urge a no vote on the evolution map that would move District 1 to District 2. I am a 16-year resident of Rancho Peñasquitos. Scott Peters has served our district well. There would be a long learning process involved if communities were changed into new districts. This would be very expensive to put projects on hold. I strongly urge a yes vote for the preliminary redistricting map, and please vote no on the evolution map. It is a bad theory.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B201-227.)

**Speaker 19** Donald Cohen

We have worked with Leland Saito, and we do not question his motivations. We completely agree with his and other members of the Commission's goals to increase minority participation and representation of communities in this town. There is a lack between what the population is and what the representation is. We are opposed to the evolutionary map and support the preliminary map. This map takes Clairemont which is clearly a community of interest and splits it into three districts. It is really insane. Council Member Frye's residents in Clairemont identify themselves with that water. It is important for you to understand it is absolutely a bay-oriented district.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B228-254.)

**Speaker 20** Leslie Wade

I have some real reservations about the evolution plan. I see some real problematic things for some of our neighboring areas. I would simply like to point out that we support the preliminary plan as drawn and previously adopted. I would like to state for the record that the evolution plan does not follow the community plan boundary for the East Village.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B255-272.)

Chairman Pesqueira asked the question that early on in the process there was a recommendation that the downtown area should be represented by more than one council member. It was stated it is

so big and it has such an impact on what happens in all the City of San Diego.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B273-277.)

Leslie Wade: In my observation those other council members retain such a small percentage of downtown. Downtown historically has not been predominantly residential and has few voters. We are in a district elections environment. Those council members are always politically beholden to the balance of their district, and really have very little interest or incentive to represent that part of downtown very well. We have been hurt by that.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B278-306.)

**Speaker 21** Reggie Smith

District 6 was particularly pleased that after 10 years of being split apart we would again be logically united and be able to address issues of common neighborhoods and geographic lines. This morning I opened the paper to find something that must have been created at the stroke of midnight on a full moon. It is called evolution but guaranteed to create revolution. I know your job is not easy, but this is not the time to lose your good sense of logic. Please don't allow pressure groups to take over. Please restore District 6 so we can get along with the projects that we have waited for, for 10 years.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B307-333.)

**Speaker 22** Jeffery Stevens

You produced a fair and reasonable plan. You united communities that have been split and kept communities intact. A particularly important aspect of the preliminary map is that it maintains continuity of elected representation throughout most of the city. I support that for two reasons. It means that voters will continue to have the representation that they voted for. It also means it will be represented by people that have the background and knowledge of the community that is necessary for effective representation. It took years to recover from the mistakes that were made in the past. This Commission after doing a fine job on the preliminary map is being subjected to political pressure to radically change it. Please do not

do this. Take into consideration the disenfranchisement of voters that the evolutionary map creates. You got it right the first time with the preliminary map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B334-374.)

**Speaker 23** Kathy Elliot

We were happy to see that you put us with Kearny Mesa and Mission Valley that has always been our hope and dream. Today was the first time I saw the evolution map in the paper. The majority of us here in the city would not ever want to see the Voting Rights of any race or ethnic group taken away from them, but are we talking about a cohesive group, are we talking about people who have cultural and financial and all the things you need to see in order to form a cohesive group. I am not sure that is the case. I am definitely in opposition of the evolution map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B375-407.)

**Speaker 24** Karen Heumann

I would like to support the preliminary map. The reason is that it has minimal impact on the current districts and that is consistent with voters expectations. Secondly, it adequately equalizes the districts. Third, it keeps communities intact which is particularly beneficial for the city planning boards. I am also here concerned about the evolution map to the extent that it specifically addresses race. You may consider race to the extent that there is a correlation to political voting blocks in order to not dilute voting rights under the Voting Rights Act. However, where race and political voting patterns do not correlate race may not be used to draw lines because a minority group does not vote collectively as a group. The preliminary map complies with redistricting criteria and is in conformance with the requirements of the U. S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, and the San Diego City Charter.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B408-441.)

**Speaker 25** Sarah Young

We have to stop meeting like this. I did give you some testimony in writing. I really appreciate everything you have done. If you do adopt the evolution map, you will divide many shared facilities in various communities. In fact, our service center is in Scripps Ranch. People in Mira Mesa have to go there. Please do not divide the communities that are next to each other and shop next to each other. Please do not divide those things. It is physically impossible to do that.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B442-467.)

**Speaker 26** Joyce Tavrow

The fact that you developed a new map following the Mira Mesa hearing which I attended shows that you really were listening to those people who were testifying. I would like to say why I favor the preliminary redistricting map. I feel that it best preserves identifiable communities of interest. I have learned much about the communities adjacent to us and how they interact. I realize that your charge is not to protect the seat of any council member. However, the preliminary plan will cause much less disruption for some newly elected members than the evolution plan. Voters who elected them would be justifiably upset if they were now changed.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B468-489.)

**Speaker 27** Richard Belzer

I know that it has been a real challenge. I encourage you to approve what is being called the preliminary redistricting map. Having worked for many months and processed a great deal of community input, you came up with this preliminary map. Very late in the process you came up with a radically different map. I understand the need to balance the districts every 10 years based primarily on population. It seems this should be done with the least amount of boundary changes and disruptions to the existing districts. Your preliminary map does this very nicely. The evolutionary map creates radical changes in five of the eight districts. The preliminary map is geographically compact and enjoys natural boundaries by many

communities. It keeps together communities with common interests and common problems. We ask you to approve the preliminary map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B490-527.)

**Speaker 28** Mitch Berner

I was shocked to find the late notice of changes and the radical nature of the changes you adopted. It worried me enough that I took the time out of my workday to come and speak. I attended the previous public hearing. I was absolutely grateful that you seemed very attentive to the desires of the people who spoke. When you adopted the map on June 29<sup>th</sup>, I thought this process is working. The changes you made to the preliminary map seemed to be working to address the public testimony. Most of us were stunned when we saw the radical changes that were brought forward. Something happened along the way. I would urge you to go back to the preliminary map of June 29<sup>th</sup> with the minor revisions you made.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B528-568.)

**Speaker 29** Hermie Cervantes

Contrary to earlier comments we believe you are doing a great job. As expected, we applaud the Commission's evolution version of uniting Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, and Carmel Valley into one council district. We feel this is very important. The proposal made by the Commission is fully in conformance with the preference of our residents in those communities. I could say with confidence that if these communities are united into one council district the advantages are enormous in terms of social, cultural, economic, and political interests for the residents in that community.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B569-616.)

**Speaker 30** Greg Alabado

I am speaking in support of the evolution plan for the reason of equity and fairness. I have seen the growth of the communities of Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa from infancy. They both have common communities of interest. It is contiguous because the normal boundaries set forth in considering redistricting are already defined there. Big references were made that the Asian-Pacific Americans don't participate in community councils. The Asian-Pacific Americans are here appealing to you for fairness and equity in redistricting, and please consider combining the communities of Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa into one council district.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location B617-C052.)

**Speaker 31** Andrew Shogren

You have heard much testimony today from both sides about the revised map and evolution map. It is up to the Commission to balance the needs and wants of every community in San Diego. This Commission asked to hear from the Asian-Pacific American community, and we came out and spoke. The Commission has established a fair opportunity for all San Diegans to participate equally in this political process. The evolution map while very similar in many ways to the Asian-Pacific American for Fair Redistricting's map is not the same map. It is a map that still has room for improvement because it divides communities. It is not the 11<sup>th</sup> hour that the Asian-Pacific Americans have been here for the last month speaking before you.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C053-077.)

**Speaker 32** Bob Weller

I am in favor of the revised plan. We do want to remain as part of Clairemont. In the United States we are mostly bounded by geographies. On a local level we seem to use freeways and roads to do the geographic bounding. When we are divided by ethnic cultures, we have the possibility of ending up looking more like Bosnia, or Servia, or East Germany, or West Germany. I just want to encourage that you adopt the revised plan. In the revised plan Clairemont looks more square, it is more squarely laid out. We are often referred to in Clairemont as "Squaremont". Please elect to go with the revised plan and keep Clairemont square.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C078-102.)



**Speaker 33** Alex Sachs

I came down to speak to my knowledge of Clairemont, but folks who live in Clairemont have already spoken their mind quite well. I do not need to speak, thank you.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C103-111.)

**Speaker 34** Marie Cruz

I definitely believe that uniting Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos is very important. I have been a resident of San Diego since 1949, and I have seen radical growth. When you talk about radical, you are talking about everything about San Diego. I am just here to support uniting the Asian-Pacific Americans in their totality.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C112-120.)

**Speaker 35** Ann Fathy

My interest is downtown. We are a unique community if there ever was one. We love high density, mixed youths, mixed income, and walkable. We are an urban village and we should be represented by one council person. We've been happily represented by Byron Wear; his staff is phenomenal. He has paid a lot of attention to our needs. He understands us and I hope you keep it that way.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C121-128.)

**Speaker 36** Richard Pearson

We urge that you adopt the preliminary redistricting map, and we oppose the evolution map.

There is one change we would like to suggest and that is a portion of the bay area be included with Clairemont. It will affect the areas that we have now in terms of water quality. We strongly recommend that you make a slight change in that area allowing a portion of it to go into Clairemont.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C129-142.)

**Speaker 37** Eleanor Mang

Our community came to speak out and help you understand how important the bay is to the Clairemont community. I really was disappointed when you did not discuss Clairemont's request to include the east portion of Mission Bay with District 6. Clairemont was the first real track on the mesa that took place after World War II. When I was growing up, the hills were bare. Please do not divide Clairemont. Please approve the preliminary revised map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C143-173.)

**Speaker 38** Thomas Martin

I have spoken to you four times previously. Every time that I have come before you I brought up the issue of allowing Clairemont to unify again. I was very pleased when I saw the two maps proposed one with and one without the bay. Either one of those maps would be fine. The evolution map is beyond me. The people representing Asian-Pacific Americans have said this is not the map that they presented. Their map has been altered. What they are looking for, in essence, is another district. That is a City Charter issue. This is not geographically compact. It is not utilizing natural boundaries. It is certainly not preserving the identifiable community of Clairemont. Please vote for your original plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C174-204.)

**Speaker 39** Michael Zucchet

I am here today to ask once again for your support and adoption of the preliminary map as the final map for the City of San Diego. You spent the last several months taking testimony and doing a tremendous amount of work, drawing, and redrawing. This does seem like an 11<sup>th</sup> hour change, and it does seem quite radical. The evolution map drastically alters the northern part of the city and creates the ripple effects that dramatically alter the preliminary map. If you attempt to unify Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa, you are going to create that dramatic, radical change. That change is not supported by the community or the record that you have painstakingly gathered over the last several months.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C205-232.)

**Speaker 40** Don Mullen

I would like to say that Pacific Beach would like to stay in District 2. I strongly urge you to adopt and file the preliminary map as your final map and not the evolution map. The 11<sup>th</sup> hour evolution map disenfranchises the voters in recent elections and creates a Charter crisis for the City of San Diego. The Charter requires a drawing of lots if redistricting creates a district with more than one council member. That means Jim Madaffer, Donna Frye, or Brian Maienschein could be displaced from their district by the mere flip of a coin. Apparently, the term of office is protected but the district is not. The 11<sup>th</sup> hour map undermines term limits for elected officials.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C233-269.)

**Speaker 41** Steve Padilla

All around this country boards like yours are coming under political pressure despite the legal admonitions to consider race and ethnicity as an overriding factor. The presumption being that, that is a way to enhance and to encourage participation of members from certain groups. That logic is fundamentally flawed, and it contains within it racist presumptions in itself. The presumption that people of a particular race or ethnicity vote alike and in blocks. People of a particular race and ethnicity cannot ascend to positions of leadership and trust over people of different race and ethnicity in the same communities. This idea should be offensive and insulting to all of us. The different racial and ethnic differences among us

though cherished and valued become less and less relevant, not more and more. Certainly, not the fundamental organizing principal around which we organize. I am proof of that. I stand before you as the first person of Latino descent ever elected to the Chula Vista City Council. I was elected though from a very diverse community being overwhelmingly a Caucasian electorate. Make your decision based on unifying principals not on dividing ones.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C270-299.)

**Speaker 42** Richard Flanagan

If this is a real serious consideration, you owe it to the communities that are impacted to digest this and then speak to you on this. A lot of people have spoken today encouraging you to accept the preliminary plan. I say if it isn't broke don't fix it. The preliminary map looks good to me. There are concerns by the Asian-Pacific Islanders, and they may be legitimate. I do not want to degenerate those concerns at all. You really owe it to the community to come back and hear from them.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C300-336.)

**Speaker 43** Rebecca Cole

I seriously request that you do not support the evolution plan and do support the preliminary redistricting plan. Under this plan you already satisfy the legal ramifications as outlined by Attorney Foster. It does not dramatically impact five of eight districts. It does not create the possibility of council members not representing communities in which those communities voted them into office. It keeps communities with similar interests aligned. I urge you to adopt the preliminary redistricting plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C337-392.)

**Speaker 44** Margo Leimbach

I live in a very diverse community. Please consider putting us back the way you did it last Friday. I couldn't tell you what map I like. I don't want to upset anybody else's community. I want to take care of ours, but I have sympathy for every one of them. This has been a wonderful experience of learning about the City of San Diego. I am a volunteer like you are, and I know how difficult your job has been.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C393-428.)

**Speaker 45** Bob Williams

You have heard a lot of testimony particularly from self-serving groups. You have been exposed to many district map variations. They are not reasonable deviations from the principals you have been asked to implement. Based on everything you have seen and heard, I would like to ask has your focus or goal been altered. The preliminary map your consultant has indicated to you does accommodate fair representation for protected classes. The evolution map should be rejected as it is obviously a blatant attempt to create a new majority district for a group not meeting the "Gingles" criteria. Please stay on track, and give all of us a map we can live with.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C429-470.)

**Speaker 46** Paul O'Sullivan

I am representing Council Member Byron Wear. "I regret due to prior commitments I am unable to attend this important meeting. It is critical that I voice my strong support for the revised map and equally strong objection to the recently created evolution map. My objection concerns the timing of the introduction of a completely new map. The revised map has been before the public for some time and has received the benefit of thoughtful public scrutiny. An entirely new map which fundamentally changes how the council district population and community of interest are grouped without time for equal public input risks undermining the legitimacy of the entire process. If the evolution map is to be seriously contemplated, the public should be afforded the same level of input which has been afforded the revised map including a series of community meetings. I am sorry to say that the evolution map does a disservice to the process. For these reasons I strongly urge your

approval of the revised map. Sincerely, Byron Wear.”

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C471-510.)

**Speaker 47** Bob McQuaid

I am here in support of the preliminary redistricting plan revised. I want to urge you with the addition of the eastern part of Mission Bay to District 6 to craft a final redistricting plan accordingly.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C511-532.)

**Speaker 48** Allen Chan

I am here to represent the interests of Asian-Pacific Islander Americans who reside in the city and contribute to the growth of the city. If you have a chance to look at the map that we prepared, you will probably notice that a lot of issues that were raised today were probably solved, but not all of them. You can please most of the people most of the time, but not all of the people every time. I hope that you can consider the map that we presented, and also consider the racial issue here.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C533-582.)

**Speaker 49** Dave Potter

The evolution plan will further compound the problems for District 6. Under that plan District 1 is going to include La Jolla, Del Mar Heights, University City, and a small portion of Clairemont. Who do you think is going to get the attention. District 5 will include Scripps Ranch, Rancho Bernardo, and a small portion of Clairemont. Who do you think is going to get the attention. District 6 will include Ocean Beach, Hillcrest, Downtown, and a small portion of Clairemont. Who do you think is going to get the attention. I strongly suggest that you reject the evolution plan. I support the preliminary plan with the inclusion of eastern

Mission Bay.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location C583-D043.)

**Speaker 50** Jimmie Saber

I would like to say that you are well-respected by the majority of people that I have spoken with. You are to be commended for the openness, the fairness, and the equity. My interests lie mostly in Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos. I am a volunteer myself for some 30 years. Most of my family and friends are in the Mira Mesa, Peñasquitos area. I regret that we have to be broken up into racial groups. Unfortunately, that is the reality it seems, and I don't know if that will ever cease to be. I am here to support the evolution map, and the reason for that is cultural reasons. The Asian-Pacific Islanders are more like the neutral group in the United States of America. The Asian-Pacific Islanders don't really have a strong voting voice.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D044-066.)

**Speaker 51** DeDe McClure

I am very pleased that this afternoon finally south of 8 was mentioned. I want to thank Leland for the excellent history lesson. My map was not only amended it was thrown out. These are the facts of life. I hope you are ready in the 21st Century to know there is a difference between black folks, brown folks, yellow folks, and white folks. It does make a difference. We live in a city with 51 percent of non-whites. There are only two non-whites on the City Council. How many are on the school boards. How many are on the board of supervisors. Get a wake-up check folks. I support the amended map; it may need some tinkering but so what.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D067-086.)

Mr. Camarillo and Mr. Johnson commented on the usefulness of the maps submitted by the public. There were good ideas and good sections on a lot of the maps, but the Commission had to view and vote on the entire map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D087-097.)

**Speaker 52** Michael Pallamary

I have not attended any of these meetings. I follow them on television. I think your initial efforts were extraordinary. I am here to tell you I am incredibly troubled by this evolutionary map. I want to tell you why. I am upset because we tried this before. Ten years ago I sued the city. I drew the map that has governed the city for the last ten years with four attorneys. We drew it as a settlement for that lawsuit. I fought very hard. I worked with the Chicano Federation and the Pan-Asian Community. I believe in what these people want to do. I believe it with fervor. This map that came out so late is wrong. It is wrong because it defies the process. I sued the city with the Pan-Asian folks and won that lawsuit. This is about process, and the process has been violated. This map if it had validity should have been out a long time ago. You are setting yourselves up for a lawsuit. I beg you to heed the voices of this community or there will be consequences.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D098-118.)

**Speaker 53** Fred Jensen

I strongly support the revised map that is shown on the right here and strongly oppose the evolutionary map. I support the revised map for the same reasons that people have stated here today.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D119-133.)

**Speaker 54** Dorothy Jensen

We have been 43-year residents of Clairemont. We work on lots of volunteer committees, the storefront, the libraries, and the parks. It is one community. To divide it would be a dreadful thing to do to us.



REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D134-141.)

**Speaker 55** Caryl Iseman

I live in the East Village which is in the 8<sup>th</sup> District, and my councilman is Hispanic. I don't have a problem with that, and across the street from me is District 2. The first thing I want to say is I am in support of us being in one council district. It doesn't matter to me what the nationality of my council person. I also want to applaud you for the job and the time you have spent. I know what you have gone through. I compliment you on that, and I compliment you on the work that you have done on the preliminary map. I don't know what made you come up with the evolutionary map. You spent so much time and so much effort in coming up with something that is good, and I do not know what possess man when we think we are reaching something close to perfection we blow it. That is what you guys did. I want to share something with you. I am a real estate broker. I am a white, Jewish, female, and I lost my heritage in the Holocaust. Above all I am an American, and I am also a San Diegan and have been one for 32 years. I sell San Diego. I don't sell what nationalities are in a community. I sell a community. I sell a community because of the shopping available in that community or the schools. What I have seen you do with this evolutionary map is take--and you are basing it on the way people are going to vote of a certain nationality. That to me it totally objectionable. Thank you for your work, but stick to your preliminary map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D142-177.)

**Speaker 56** Carrol Waymon

Today, I want to talk about process rather than the destination. It seems to me the timing is right because these other hearings have convinced me that maybe the process is a bit flawed. You will eventually come up with a final map submitted to the City Clerk as a result of all the hard work and dedicated work that you have been doing. My concerns are not about your destination, your ability, your commitment, or about the final product. It is about the process. This is about the next decade, and not the next election. Many of the speakers stayed with the contemporary as if it is always going to be this particular election, this particular person representing them. What is the meaning of the inclusion in your pamphlet that says the Commission encourages residents of San Diego's communities to assist in

identifying and preserving communities of interest. Does this mean that every single person's goodie is going to be included; I think not. Many want to know does this mean the Commission will depend on citizens' input for eventually deciding where the boundaries will be drawn. Many want to know if residents' input will be critical in helping to determine where the district boundaries' line should be drawn for the final redistricting map. What does this mean. Is it possible then for this Commission to be both as objective and as reasonable as possible. Will you respond to residents who have their own dynasties, and invested interests to promote and protect. It is obvious that many here have pushed their own thing. Please put out information to explain to the public how you plan to do all of this.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D178-216.)

Chairman Pesqueira explained that the beauty of the process is that the Commission kept the map alive by always changing it. After hearing certain testimony, they would try to include that person's comment. The process has always been one of inclusion, and constantly trying to see what they can do to satisfy as many people as possible.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D217-227.)

Dr. Waymon: I think you did a good job. I don't think the public understands what you just said. I don't think the public understands that everybody's goodie can't be included. Maybe you can prepare a sheet of paper explaining this is the democratic process.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D228-249.)

**Speaker 57** Jim Morrison

I wanted to share with you that my neighborhood appreciated your preliminary map. They liked the fact that east Pacific Beach was going into District 2. I ran for City Council in District 6. I campaigned heavily in east Pacific Beach and that was one of the points that the residents brought up is that they would love to be part of Pacific Beach, and to be made whole again. I would like to congratulate you for your impartiality and the wonderful job that you have done. I diligently followed your progress on the television, website, and newspaper articles. The evolutionary map brought me down here today to speak to you in this regard. We appreciate the preliminary map very much. I also wanted to say in regards to the Asian-Pacific community that I was in the hopes that you could appeal to some of their needs, but keep the flavor of the preliminary map. I hope that the Asian-Pacific community could have a candidate run for City Council.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D250-281.)

**Speaker 58** Benito Sy

I applaud you for all the effort and time you have given to this function. I am a school psychologist not a politician. I appreciate the concern raised by the communities in District 5 to remain together, but demographically these communities continue to experience the greatest growth. The plan submitted by Asian-Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting meets the legal guidelines established which states that race can be one of the many factors which our plan incorporated. The totality of circumstances test a district that unites Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos is legally defensible. The proposed plan made under the time guidelines set out by the Commission were met. I heard a lot of speakers say in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. In defense of the Commission, I think you have given enough time. Any change is scary. In uniting these two communities you are giving them a fair opportunity to participate in the political process which is vital.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D282-308.)

**Speaker 59** Lucy Gonzales

I would like to change my presentation in the fact that after hearing the people speak everybody wants to get their issues made clear. That's not going to be possible because you are a group versatile, most experienced and you have come into a time that is going to be a very important decision for our city. There are going to be a lot of people that are going to say what they want to say. It is because it's their own opinion, and this is mine. When you want what is best for your own community, you participate and you teach them and you learn. I support the evolution map because that's exactly where we are going.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D309-363.)

**Speaker 60** Vivienne Tacason

I live in Rancho Peñasquitos, and I support the evolutionary map. It encourages Asian-Americans to have a reason to register to vote, and to be aware of the issues to participate in. A good example would be the stadium, the freeways, and criminal prevention in neighborhoods. They should vote for officials who acknowledge that we exist. I would encourage all young and elderly Asian-Americans to support the evolutionary map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D364-383.)

**Speaker 61** Jim Treglio

This is my first meeting, but I have seen you on television. I am here to speak against the evolution map for one interesting reason. I take a 20-minute ride to get to school. Under the evolutionary map I am going to start in District 5 almost to the very end. Having driven through those communities, I can tell you, the issues that you are going to put to the council member are completely different. There are differences for someone who lives by I-163 and someone who lives by I-15 around Mira Mesa. According to the paper Scripps Ranch and Bay Park will be in the same district. That is ridiculous. They are two completely different set of issues. They are not the same community. You are going to split Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa. These are two communities that have been very closely united.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D384-422.)

**Speaker 62** Adrian Kwiatkowski

I do have a question if the evolution map is approved; will Frye and Maienschein be in the same district. If Frye wins after drawing straws will she inherit Maienschein four-year term. The evolution map that you are presenting is too late. I am not discounting what the Asian-Pacific Islander community is talking about. A lot of people are hearing the message, but this is not the time to do it. I totally oppose this evolution map. I think it is wrong. I think the issues that the Asian-Pacific Islanders raised are very valid, but I think what is really important we are arguing over a table that has eight chairs. Nobody seems to remember that we should be talking about the fact that the table needs more chairs. That needs to happen sooner than later.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D423-461.)

Ms. Foster stated that her office is still in the process of researching these Charter issues as they apply. She thinks it is a fair reading of the Charter to say that it is possible that if Frye resulted being the District 5 representative she could potentially inherit the term. Council Member Frye would then fall under the odd number of council districts and their term.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D462-475.)

**Speaker 63** Maxine Sherard

I was wondering if you would be a rubber stamp for the past, or will you be a beacon for the next Commission. Will you leave things undone because you don't have the courage to do what needs to be done. I have a problem with the preliminary map. I don't necessarily like the one that is called evolution, but the preliminary map is a big problem for me. The reason is District 3. I believe that you have balanced the population in District 3 on the backs of poor people. I feel very sad about that. They are protected groups. They are poor. They're the ones that collect the trash, pick the fruits from the trees, do the gardening, and clean the buildings. They are the faceless ones who are not here to speak for themselves. Yet, one-fourth of a district that has so much in common with east and west City Heights are left apart. I don't feel very happy about that because they have an opportunity if brought together to elect one person to develop the skills in government. I don't know what you can do about that, but I do know that left in District 7 they will be disenfranchised continually. Their voices have not been heard. I hope that you will continue to seek some solution for that group that is the most disenfranchised and the most affected by this redistricting process.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D476-538.)

**ITEM-4: DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Ms. Foster made some clarifying comments regarding the issue of legality concerning the evolution map. She said that she has not concluded that the evolution map is racially motivated. Ms. Foster meant to convey that she believes that it is more vulnerable to a legal challenge than the preliminary map revised.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D539-568.)

Chairman Pesqueira noted the importance of videotaping the last couple of meetings. Chairman Pesqueira listed the scheduled and pending redistricting meetings for the coming week. Chairman Pesqueira announced that if the map were to be challenged they would be pressed for time in order to justify the answer. He stated that the Registrar's Office needs to get things ready for the next election, and candidates need to know exactly where the districts will be.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location D569-E049.)

Mr. Camarillo expressed two concerns. He questioned the deviations of the map and hoped there would be time to further discuss the evolution map. Mr. Camarillo wanted to see the numbers of deviation for District 3.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E050-087.)

Mr. Saito suggested if Ms. Heshimu could address a few comments and complaints. Certain people suggested the Commission were getting things done in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and were not following the process. He wondered if Ms. Heshimu could talk a little bit about the process that was followed. His feeling was that they had followed the process in a timely manner.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E088-095.)

Ms. Heshimu said there is no denying that there were a lot of time lines that were compressed. Ms. Heshimu also reassured the speakers that there were no maps accepted by any person or group after the deadline of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Heshimu outlined some of the time lines and constraints of the process that were inevitable.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E096-138.)

Mr. Saito asked if Ms. Foster could address the comments made by people regarding the "Gingles" criteria. Mr. Saito added the "Gingles" requirement isn't the only requirement taken into consideration when drawing districts. There have been certain cases where the "Gingles" was not the basis for the lawsuit. There have been lawsuits won where the "Gingles" requirement wasn't the basis for the lawsuit at all.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E139-154.)

Ms. Foster stated that there are two different ways someone can claim a Voting Rights Act violation. Ms. Foster frankly admitted she did not focus on intentional discrimination because she did not

expect the Commission to engage in it. A party would need to make a strong showing that the Commission engaged in intentional discrimination to make a claim without meeting the “Gingles” requirement. Ms. Foster said she was biased in thinking that was the only possibility for this Commission. There is always the possibility that someone could make a claim based on a showing with evidence of intentional discrimination.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E155-166.)

Mr. Ulloa informed everyone that the audience was correct in that the evolution map was not the map submitted by the Asian-Pacific Islanders. Mr. Ulloa mentioned what he did was to take into account as many of the interests as he could when drawing the evolution map. The evolution map includes the comments and concerns that the Commission heard in City Heights, Oak Park, Asian-Pacific Islander interests, and a couple of other areas. There was no intent to divide communities. Mr. Ulloa suggested looking into the two maps further in order to make necessary revisions.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E167-248.)

Chairman Pesqueira reminded the Commission that Ms. Magaña and Ms. ODell made several comments in public testimony encouraging more people to attend the meetings.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E249-257.)

Mr. Johnson suggested the Commission make the final decision which will allow them to begin working with one map. Mr. Johnson expressed working from one map as opposed to trying to continually reference two maps. He recommended the decision should be made in the near future because time is running out. Mr. Johnson noted the concern that he still has regarding the City Heights area because they are still split.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E258-279.)

Ms. ODell inquired from Mr. Ulloa what changes he is considering making to the evolution map on Monday.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E280-285.)

Mr. Ulloa said the first issue that comes to mind is the Clairemont unification. Mr. Ulloa also touched on the subject of incumbents and what stand will the Commission take.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E286-301.)

Ms. ODell asked what prompted the split in the Clairemont community.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E302-304.)

Mr. Ulloa explained it was the ripple effect in moving the numbers in the north that pushed the numbers in the lower parts of the city.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E305-324.)

Ms. Foster announced that she could not resolve the issue of protecting incumbents for them. It is a decision the Commission would have to make for themselves. One way to look at considering that information is that it is not appropriate under the Charter because it is for the purpose of considering an elected official. The other argument is that they can consider the information as reflecting the interest of the community and their representation. They are both legitimate interpretations of the Charter. It is similar to the issue of race. It is an issue that can be considered, but they have to talk about why they are considering it and to what extent. If you are considering it for the purpose of reflecting the community concerns, not because they are concerned about protecting the elected officials, she feels there is an argument they can do that under the Charter.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E325-350.)

Chairman Pesqueira mentioned the possibility of disruption is definitely there. The Commission is not there to draw a map in order not to have the possibility of disruption. The mere fact that it is spelled out in the Charter is anticipation that there could be a map drawn creating disruption.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E351-372.)

Mr. Camarillo wondered if they can begin the merited discussion regarding the evolution map. In case there are issues that could come up that would warrant some homework for staff. This way Joey could have those directions and time to work on them.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E373-406.)

Chairman Pesqueira suggested that next week they will set a very strict time limit on the number of people allowed to turn in speaker slips in order to give the Commission more time on the maps. That time has been announced as 20 minutes after the meeting has been called to order.



REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E407-421.)

Mr. Camarillo said two of the biggest challenges the Commission has faced were in the middle of the city, and the other was how to remove barriers that prevent all the citizens of the City of San Diego to participate in government. The way that people have historically been elected is by the people they represent and how those districts are drawn. The Commission's job is to draw fair boundaries and districts that offer opportunity for all people to select a representative of their choice. Mr. Camarillo stated the issues that he has with the evolution map is the city-wide deviation, the breaking up of communities, and the best that we could do is create a 33.5 voting age population of a protected group.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E422-523.)

Mr. Johnson shared that he also looked at the numbers for the areas of Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa, and the numbers simply are not there. The disruption is also a concern of his.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E524-539.)

Chairman Pesqueira feels that on Monday the Commission can look into the possibility of keeping Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa together. Mr. Pesqueira suggested to Joey Perry that maybe they can spend some time trying to accomplish that goal.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E540-563.)

Mr. Ulloa agreed with the comments made by the public. If the Commission cannot unite most of the communities that have asked to be united, then maybe they need to stay with the preliminary map. He does not want to be premature about that.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location E564-F050.)

Ms. ODell stated for the record that she has a very difficult time accepting the evolution map. The concept of helping a protected group is obviously something that everybody wants to do. She added that she does not like the idea of moving everybody else around to meet one requirement. Ms. ODell questioned if they were short termers, or will they really be active in the process and create some noise in their area.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F051-074.)

Chairman Pesqueira spoke in defense of the public. Mr. Pesqueira informed the Commission that this particular community had been trying, but the problem is the way the map is set up. They would have to overcome the power of La Jolla, and that is very, very difficult to overcome.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F075-082.)

Ms. Magaña commented when the Commission went to draw the first map, they had suggestions on how to include Mira Mesa and Peñasquitos into one district. They took the request into consideration for about ten minutes. They focused about 90 percent of their energy on City Heights. It was only within the last month that the Commission realized the disservice that was being done to a very large community. Ms. Magaña realized that having done the exercise, it was a big task. She stated feeling very uncomfortable going with the evolution map because they would be putting one groups' interest ahead of others. The whole purpose was to unite the communities that had expressed being united. This is the starting point where San Diego really needs to fight for the next ten years because that's where the major changes are going to occur.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F083-111.)

Chairman Pesqueira announced that the Commission's goal should be set for Monday. They need to make their final choice and live with it.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F112-127.)

Ms. Foster reminded everyone that they did spend more time on City Heights than on the Peñasquitos, Mira Mesa issue, but one other piece of that was that they did direct the consultants to draw maps showing that. There were other efforts presented in addition to the Commissioners themselves made during the meetings.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F128-135.)

Mr. Camarillo asked if there would be some preamble, executive report, or recommendations in addition to the end product. Mr. Camarillo suggested putting into writing some of the things that would assist the next body ten years from now like expanding the council to ten seats, and not waiting ten years for redistricting.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F136-153.)

Chairman Pesqueira outlined that this is exactly what he has expressed from the city managers and

several others involved in the process. Chairman Pesqueira has requested input from various sources in order to help the next Commission with the anticipated changes and obstacles they will have to overcome.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F154-189.)

Ms. Foster explained that every ten years is the minimum requirement. There was an odd situation after the last redistricting because there was some settlement agreement in the litigation.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F190-198.)

Mr. Ulloa wondered if Joey Perry would be available on a full-time status because the next week would be rather critical.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F199-222.)

Mr. Camarillo asked Joey to note to the extent possible the communities that have been divided, and reduce the city-wide deviation in terms of the evolution map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F223-249.)

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ulloa expressed the importance of making the final decision in choosing one map. They would like to try to improve the map before moving ahead. Mr. Ulloa wants to look at all the data in order to be fair to everyone and not sacrifice the concerns of individuals. He suggested taking a further look at the communities that have expressed their concern.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F250-286.)

**ITEM-5: ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Ralph Pesqueira adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION: (Tape location F287-288.)

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