

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
YEAR 2000 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

September 5, 2001 - 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
202 C Street, 12th Floor
San Diego, California

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

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

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A003.)

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster called the roll:

- (C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present
- (M) Mateo R. Camarillo-not 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 A004-010.)

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:

Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster
Staajabu Heshimu, Operations Director
Joey Perry, Senior Planner

ITEM 3 NON-AGENDA COMMENT

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

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission's Operations Director no later than 20 minutes (approximately 4:20 p.m.) after the Call to Order. 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.

Speaker 1: Billy Paul

Mr. Paul agreed with splitting Mission Bay into two districts and he thanked the Commission for their work.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A275-296.)

CONSENT ITEM

ITEM 4 Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Commission Minutes for the Meeting of July 25, 2001

Approval of Commission Minutes for the Meeting of August 1, 2001

MOTION BY COMMON CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A012-015.)

INFORMATION ITEM

ITEM 5 Plan Boundary Between District 2 and District 8

Father Joe Carroll requested to address the Commission regarding the Imperial Street boundary line between District 2 and District 8 in the Final Redistricting Plan.

Speaker 1: Ralph Inzunza:

Council Member Inzunza thanked the Commission for reaching out to all the communities. Mr. Inzunza stated that he had no problem if Father Joe Carroll's facilities are in District 2 or 8; however, if he plans to expand that is a problem. He expressed his opposition to this type of expansion and believes homeless services should be offered throughout the city. Mr. Inzunza expressed his concern with the number of homeless services in one concentrated area.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A036-300.)

Speaker 2: Billy Paul

Mr. Paul stated that the community has to have influence over what happens in their district. He agreed that services should be spread out throughout the city and the impact on the surrounding community should be considered.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A319-347.)

Speaker 3: Bob Sinclair

Mr. Sinclair expressed his approval of the decision to make Imperial Avenue the dividing line. He stated that having most of downtown in one district is good.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A350-365.)

Speaker 4: Lorretta Smith

Ms. Smith remarked that she disliked the intrusion.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A369.)

Speaker 5: Mary Kelley

Ms. Kelley stated that the saturation of homeless facilities in this area is de-stabilizing. She stated that this area should stay in District 8.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A370-381.)

Speaker 6: Connie Romero

Ms. Romero stated that the under-represented and low income are vulnerable and believes this area would be better served in District 8. She expressed her concern with the number of homeless facilities in her community.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A420-458.)

Speaker 7: Vivian Toscano

Ms. Toscano stated that she believes that the residents of Logan Heights will have more of a voice if this area is left in District 8.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A480-505.)

Speaker 8: Rosario Ulloa:

Ms. Ulloa stated that she would like the Commission to keep the map as it because the community needs to keep their voice. Ms. Ulloa requested that Chairman Pesqueira refrain from voting on this matter because of his position on the Board of St. Vincent DePaul, which would be a conflict of interest.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A350-365.)

Speaker 9: Connie Zuniga

Ms. Zuniga stated that it is imperative that we have input in what is transpiring in the community and therefore, it is in the best interest of the community that St. Vincent DePaul remain in District 8.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A528-558.)

Speaker 10: Robert Leaf

Mr. Leaf expressed his support for keeping this area in District 8. He stated that concentrating homeless facilities in one place is wrong.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A559-B023.)

Speaker 11: Gail Milliken

Ms. Milliken stated that she was a resident of St. Vincent De Paul Center and the center has helped her and she is glad the services were there.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B024-050.)

Speaker 12: Edward Ceshur:

Mr. Ceshur stated that we need to elect in proportion to the way people vote. People should be allowed to vote for whomever they want to.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B051-072.)

Speaker 13: Paul Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan read a statement by Council Member Wear reflecting his opposition regarding the moving of East Mission Bay to District 6 and his opposition to moving East Village to District 8.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B075-123 .)

Father Joe Carroll asked that the residents of St. Vincent De Paul allow him to speak for them to address the redistricting issue.

Speaker 14: Link Ward, Chairman of the Board of St. Vincent DePaul

Mr. Ward stated that the residents of St. Vincent DePaul want to be in District 2. The natural barriers is a logical spot to separate; and because of numbers, the people belong in District 2. Mr. Ward stated that the Board has voted to take referendum action if this area is not put in District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B196-268.)

Speaker 15: Father Joe Carroll

Father Carroll thanked the Commission and stated that the Commission had done well with redistricting and all of a sudden East Village was moved to District 8. He expressed his concern that it would be difficult to work with District 8 and his organization would be better served by District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B322-500.)

Commissioner Magana requested to change her vote on the final map from an abstention to nay.
(B522)

Deputy City Attorney Foster advised that this action requires the unanimous consent of the rest of the Commissioners. She stated that it would not affect the outcome.

MOTION BY MAGANA TO ALLOW HER TO CHANGE HER VOTE ON THE FINAL MAP.
Second by ODell. Vote: Unanimous.

Deputy City Attorney Foster advised regarding the Chair's conflict of interest. Ms Foster stated that because Mr. Pesqueira's position on the Board of St. Vincent De Paul is not a paid position there is no conflict of interest.

Ms. Foster further commented that the other Commissioners have involvements in one way or another and the only conflicts of interest are paid positions or positions on a for-profit board.
(B510)

ITEM 6. Plan Boundary Between District 2 and District 8

Commissioners may take action relating to discussion on information Item 5. Possible action to reconsider the location of the boundary between Council District 2 and Council District 8.

Chairman Pesqueira stated that he became aware of a situation that might lead to the filing of a referendum and therefore chose to list this item on the agenda for consideration and discussion to avoid this situation if possible.

Ms. Heshimu stated that because of the Chair's concern, staff made the decision to place this item on the agenda as an action item. This would protect the time line by allowing the Commission to take some action if they so desired.

The Commissioners expressed their concerns regarding the ability of anyone to threaten a referendum process to pressure the Commission to change the Final Map.

MOTION BY CAMARILLO TO REOPEN THE DISCUSSION ON THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DISTRICT 8 AND DISTRICT 2. Second by Chairman Pesqueira. Vote: Unanimous.

The Commission took a break at 6:00 p.m. and resumed at 6:16 p.m. with all members present. (C345)

The Commission discussed whether the line between District 2 and 8 should be moved. The map and the affected census blocks were viewed and staff provided the data.

MOTION BY CAMARILLO TO MOVE THE CENSUS BLOCKS IN EAST VILLAGE THAT INCLUDE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER FROM DISTRICT 8 INTO DISTRICT 2. Second by Johnson. Vote: Yeas-ODell, Magana, Johnson, Camarillo, Pesqueira; Nay-Ulloa, Saito. (Tape D020)

MOTION BY CAMARILLO TO ADOPT THE FINAL MAP, GET IT PUBLISHED, AND INCORPORATE THE COMPROMISED VOTE TAKEN EARLIER. Second by Saito. Vote: Yeas-Ulloa, Saito, Johnson, Camarillo, Pesqueira; Nays-ODell, Magana. (D400)

The map will be printed and staff will make their best effort to submit it to the City Clerk tomorrow to start the referendum period; The paperwork will be filed with the Clerk as soon as possible.

The Commission discussed meeting dates and it was agreed that Friday, September 14, 2001 would be the next meeting date.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B515-D520.)

ITEM 7 Recommendation to Increase the Number of City Council Districts

Not taken.

ITEM 8 Evaluating the 2001 Redistricting Process

Not taken.

ITEM 9 Review Draft Post-Adoption Work Program and Time Line

Not taken.

ITEM 10 The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Pesqueira.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape D522).

Ralph Pesqueira, Chairman
2000 Redistricting Commission

Esther Ramos
Legislative Recorder