



Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar)
Thursday, October 21, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

This meeting aired live on the City's Zoom Webinar platform.

Commissioners Present

Val Hoy
Fred Kosmo
Roy MacPhail
Kenneth Malbrough
Alan Nevin
Justine Nielsen
Monica Hernandez
Thomas Hebrank
Kristen Roberts

City Staff Present

Jennifer Berry, Deputy City Attorney
Kathy Steinman, Deputy City Attorney
Lora Fleming, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff

Commissioner Roll Call

- Redistricting Commission Chair Hebrank called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the roll was called to confirm Commission member attendance.
 - **Present:** Val Hoy, Fred Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank, Kristen Roberts;
 - **Not Present:** None.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Approximately 215 written comments were submitted prior to the meeting and were posted on the website and distributed to the Commissioners.
- Eight speakers provided public comment during Non-Agenda Public Comment:

Name:	Organization:	District/ Community:	Non Agenda/ Agenda items:	Comment Summary:
Dinesh Martien			1 Non Agenda	University City resident, wants to keep south and north UC together with UCSD. Currently updating the community plan which would be a challenge if they were split between 2 Council districts. Supports District 1 United Alternative Plan.
Kathryn Burton			1 Non Agenda	Belives the maps from HaystaqDNA are flawed and they did not follow the Commission instructions. All public testimony regarding communities of interests were ignored and just followed the numbers. Maps should match up with the input.
Sherri Lightner	District 1 United		1 Non Agenda	Believes that District 1 is being disenfranchised by Haystaq's maps which retain as little as 44% of there current district. Comments from District 1 United are being ignored. Requests new maps to be made.
Andy Wiese	District 1 United		1	Resident of University City. Believes the D1 United Alternative Plan is the best alternative with it meeting all requirements set by the Commission and keeps most community groups in tact.
Micheal Dwyer				Sent a request for clarification regarding HaystaqDNA report 1. Wants to know which map is under consideration.
Cindy Moore				Part of the Birdland neighborhood was incorrectly put into Mission Valley. Wants updated maps to reflect the correct neighborhoods and communities.
Helen Boyden			1	Resident of UC and La Jolla. All Haystaq proposed maps break up UC Planning Group and none of them restore Bird Rock.
Deborah Knight			1	Resident of University City. Does not want to break up UC and separate the community groups. Years of planning and work would be thrown out as they have no connections with D6. Please consider District 1 United Alternative Map.

Item 1- Chair's Report

- No comments.

Item 2- Commissioner Comment

- Commissioner Kosmo welcomed Commissioner Kristen Roberts to the Redistricting Commission.
- Commissioner Roberts thanked Commissioner Kosmo and assured the Commission and members of the public that she has reviewed everything and is taking this job very seriously.
- Commissioner MacPhail seconded Commissioner Kosmo's sentiments.

Item 3- Chief of Staff Comment

- In-person meetings: Last week, Ms. Fleming received an email from the City Council Legislative Director who reported that there are no plans for the Council to return to Council Chambers at this time, and they continue to monitor the hospitalization and transmission rates due to the Delta variant of Covid 19.
- Public Comment/Questions: The Commission has received a great deal of public comment submissions on the website and on Districtr. A common question that she receives relates to the timeline and what will take place during meeting dates that are several weeks out. On the website, there is a calendar tab that provides the dates of each meeting and a brief description of what will take place on that date. There is also a document titled, "October to December Timeline" posted under the Resources tab which is also a helpful tool.
- Meetings with other Redistricting Commission staff members: Ms. Fleming continues to meet with the other Redistricting Commission chief of staffs and executive directors of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Escondido, Chula Vista and the County of San Diego. Last month, they discussed the full release of the census data, and will meet again next week.

Item 4- City Attorney's Office Comment

- Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Berry announced that she has accepted a position as the Deputy Director for Elections and Research Services in the City Clerk's Office.

Item 5- Approve Record of Action for September 16, 2021 Meeting

- **ACTION:** Vice Chair Malbrough made a motion to approve the Record of Action for September 16, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner MacPhail and approved 9-0 by the Commission members by a roll call vote.
 - **Yea:** Val Hoy, Fred Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank, Kristen Roberts;
 - **Nay:** (None);
 - **Recused:** (None);
 - **Not Present:** (None).

Item 6- Approve Record of Action for the Special District Meetings of September 14, September 23, September 28, October 5, and October 12, 2021

- **ACTION:** Commissioner Hoy made a motion to approve the Records of Action of September 14, September 23, September 28, October 5, and October 12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nevin and approved 9-0 by the Commission members by a roll call vote.
 - **Yea:** Val Hoy, Fred Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank and Kristen Roberts;
 - **Nay:** (None);
 - **Recused:** (None);
 - **Not Present:** (None).

Item 7- Discuss Assembly Bill 361 and Approve Extending Virtual Commission Meetings for 30 Days

ACTION: Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to adopt the findings that the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of commissioners to meet safely in person and to continue meeting via teleconference pursuant to AB 361 based on the data and information presented which includes data from the County of San Diego regarding transmission rates, hospitalizations, and that many of the zones in the region are either areas of substantial or high transmission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Malbrough and approved 8-0 by the Commission members by a roll call vote.

- **Yea:** Val Hoy, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank and Kristen Roberts;
- **Nay:** (None);
- **Recused:** (None);
- **Not Present:** Fred Kosmo.

Item 8- Approve Legal Counsel Subcommittee's Recommendation of Richards, Watson & Gershon for Outside Legal Counsel Services

ACTION: Commissioner Hoy made a motion to approve the contract with Richards, Watson & Gershon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nielsen and approved 8-0 by the Commission members by a roll call vote.

- **Yea:** Val Hoy, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank and Kristen Roberts;
- **Nay:** (None);
- **Recused:** (None);
- **Not Present:** Fred Kosmo.

Item 9- Adjournment

- Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m. until the next regularly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021. The next special district meeting is on Thursday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m.