



Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar)
 Tuesday, September 14, 2021 | 5:30 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
 Mitz Lee
 Justine Nielsen
 Thomas Hebrank

City Staff Present

Lora Fleming, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff

Commissioner Roll Call

- Redistricting Commission Chair Hebrank called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and the roll was called to confirm Commission member attendance.
 - **Present:** Val Hoy, Fred Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Thomas Hebrank;
 - **Not Present:** Monica Hernandez

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- 25 public comments were submitted prior to the meeting and were posted on the website and distributed to the Commissioners.
- Two speakers spoke during Non-Agenda Public Comment:

Name:	Organization:	District or Community	Non Agenda or Agenda Item	Comments Summary:
Richard Diaz	Oak Park Community Council	D4	Non-Agenda	Has Commission already held meetings for D8 and D9, and are they recorded?
Frances Prichett		Normal Heights	Non-Agenda	Began to speak about Normal Heights. Was redirected to speak during Item 3.

Item 1 - Brief Overview of the Redistricting Process

- Commissioner MacPhail presented an overview of the redistricting process including an explanation of why the boundary lines are redrawn every 10 years, the Commission’s responsibilities and parameters, the current timeline, community mapping resources, how residents can get involved, and ways to stay connected to the Commission.

Item 2- Review Rules of the Meeting:

- Chief of Staff Lora Fleming provided a presentation on some basic rules and helpful suggestions for members of the public to follow when providing public testimony. This included limiting comments to 2 minutes, directions for when the speaker is called on, instructions for calling in, and a reminder that commissioners and city staff will not be responding to questions pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- Two speakers spoke during public comment:

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Steve Lamprides			Item 2	Hard to follow the names of the commissioners. Prefer the last names of the commissioners.
Richard Diaz	Oak Park Community Council		Item 2	Requested clarification that redistricting is being done based on census tract residential counts not commercial business strips.

Item 3- Public Comment:

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David Moty		D9	Item 3	Presentation-had ceded time. Focus on commercial districts. Aging infrastructure but historic neighborhoods. Keep the demarcation line with Mission Valley. Producing a map to keep D8, 4 and 9 within deviations. Their map puts Southcrest in D8, Mountain View in D4, Redwood Village, Rolando Park in D9, takes University Heights and Normal Heights out of D3 to D9, and added Fairmount Park into D3. Believes their map follows the guidelines and rules the Commission has to follow.
Paul Krueger		D9	Item 3	Supports D9 proposal above. A resident of D9 and says surrounding communities like Normal Heights are a tight knit community.

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Andrea Hetheru		D8	Item 3	Valencia Park resident. Community of interest is Black San Diegans pre immigration act of 1965. Need to have a focus in a district. New map - College Grove, Redwood Village, Imperial, shopping centers. Ridgeview, Chollas Creek, Mount Hope, Lincoln Park, others - a map will be submitted soon.
Jan Hawkins		D1	Item 3	45 year resident of D1. Lives in UC. Involved with UCSD and other organizations. Community links bounded by I-805, Hwy 52, Pacific Ocean. Keep N and S UC together.
Brian Pollard		D8	Item 3	Forming a coalition with D9, D8 and D4. Developing scenarios and will use the mapping software.
Richard Diaz	Oak Park Community Council	D8	Item 3	Agreed with Ms. Hetheru's ideas. Keep D8 pretty much as is - don't cut off South Bay.
Ariane Jansma		D1	Item 3	D1 - lives in S UC, off Governor Dr. Keep UC in D1. Collaboration between UCSD, biotech, and residential communities. Community was made for UCSD.
Bob Jaynes		D9	Item 3	College area resident. Keep area cohesive - Adams, El Cajon, University Avenue. Share southern part of current D9 with D8, D4
Danna Givot		D9	Item 3	Supports Mid City Mesa map, using major roads as a focus (Adams, El Cajon, University). Little in common with southern parts of current D9.
Laila Aziz		D4	Item 3	D4 resident. Working with demographers. Concerned about some of D9 proposal - cutting off Mt Hope area, for example. Move D9 to north and west. Some parts of D9 would be better in D4, which have cultural ties.
Lisa Sinclair		D4	Item 3	Talmadge/Kensington resident. Supports Mid-City Mesa map.
Newell Booth		D9	Item 3	El Cerrito resident. South of El Cajon Blvd. Has been divided by EC Blvd - planning communities, police services. Wants community reunited. Mid City Mesa map did that. Similar story with Rolando Park. Sometimes major streets are not always good dividers.
John Stump		D4	Item 3	Shares concerns of D4, D9 speakers. Mid City Mesa map could dilute Hispanic power in D4, D8. D4 expand into Crawford HS area, which he believes is mainly African American.
Geoff Hueter		D4	Item 3	In favor of Mid City Mesa map. Thinks the orientation of communities of 8 is more horizontal than vertical, with focus along major E-W streets. Current N-S City Council districts in the area are not cohesive. Could transform the road corridors if in one district.

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Ellen Nash		D4	Item 3	Lifetime resident of SE San Diego, Jamacha. Black American Political Assoc. of SD. Concerned how to grow D4 and maintain representation, and maintain cultural focus - would like Ridgeview, Mt Hope, Chollas Creek (currently D9).
Darin Noyes		D4	Item 3	Resident of District 4. Goal to increase population, maintain representation Ridge View, Chollas Creek, El Cerrito.
Francine Maxwell		D9	Item 3	SE SD resident. Encanto. Wants to make sure the district is diverse, and keep Mt Hope.
Frances Prichett		D4	Item 3	30 year resident of Normal Heights. Supports Mid City Mesa map. District should be based on E-W corridors - shared interests and problems.
Elida Chavez		D4	Item 3	40 year resident of Oak Park in D4. Ties with D8, D4 and D9. Similar concerns among these districts. El Cerrito, Mt Hope as part of D4. Hopes the final map does not break up communities.
Laura Ribo		D9	Item 3	El Cerrito - does not want the neighborhood in D4. Chair of El Cerrito Community Council, which straddles El Cajon Blvd. Population of Crawford HS is no longer largely Black, nor is El Cerrito. Prefers D9 and Mid City Mesa map.
Cathy		D4	Item 3	Resident of D4. Hopes that commission considers that some of the residents of D4 are not qualified voters. They're counted in Census, but aren't voters. (People in care facilities).

Item 4- Adjournment

- Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. until the next special district meeting scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on September 23, 2021.