



Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar)
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present

Fred Kosmo
Roy MacPhail
Kenneth Malbrough
Alan Nevin
Mitz Lee
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 5:30 p.m. and the roll was called to confirm Commission member attendance.
 - **Present:** Fred Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Thomas Hebrank;
 - **Not Present:** Val Hoy, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez

Non-Agenda Public Comment

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

Name:	Organization:	District or Community:	Non-Agenda or Agenda Item Public Comment	Comments Summary:
John Stump			Non-Agenda Public Comment	Supports the suggestion from a prior meeting that data concerning the API community be gathered. Also, data concerning all racial communities of interest be gathered as well.
Gustav Swanson			Non-Agenda Public Comment	Pointed out inaccurate statement from last week. In order for a student to switch public school districts, they must be released by the first school and accepted by the school district from which they wish to enroll.
Ruth DeSantis	University City Community Foundation		Non-Agenda Public Comment	Supports District 1 United.
Louis Rodolico			Non-Agenda Public Comment	Conservancy groups want to re-wild areas in the city, but we must first rehumanize conservancy groups and take conservancy profit out of harming us and the environment.

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.

Item 3- Public Comment:

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Marcella Bothwell	Pacific Beach Town Council		Agenda Item 2 3	The coastal area is more diverse than it's generally portrayed. San Diego's economy is based on tourism, and what affects the beach, affects the entire city. A single coastal district would not allow representation for all of the different concerns in the coastal community.
Denise Friedman			Agenda Item 2 3	District 2 has been significantly impacted by scooters and short term vacation rentals. One coastal Council district would not be able to address the diverse issues in the community.
Brian Curry	Pacific Beach Town Council		Agenda Item 2 3	District 2 has the highest density of short term vacation rentals. The City recently passed an ordinance that would return many of these vacation rentals to local residents. There is or will be a population increase in Pacific Beach. Keep the current District 2 boundaries.
Kathie Jolley	Pacific Beach Town Council		Agenda Item 2 3	Concerned about the future of the community. Lumping the coastal area into one district would be a disservice to the entire community. Special interests could be involved if there was only one councilmember for the entire coastal community.
Karl Rand	Pacific Beach Planning Group, Pacific Beach Town Council		Agenda Item 2 3	There are a collection of separate coastal communities. There are currently 2 Council districts that represent the coastal communities. Please maintain those 2 coastal districts.

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Matthew Gardner	Mission Beach Town Council		Agenda Item 2 3	If District 2 does need to grow, perhaps consider housing prices as a community of interest metric. Mission Beach is a rather small community who has worked well with others.
Janie Emerson	La Jolla Shores Association		Agenda Item 1 3	Part of District 1 United to support how District 1 was drawn 10 years ago.
Lisa Ross			Agenda Item 3	Member of District 1 United. Our protected habitat areas should be considered a community of interest. These natural areas benefit recreational users and have been sheperded by the District 1 community members.
Peter Krysl			Agenda Item 1 3	UCSD and University City form a community of interest. They must be in the district of a single councilmember. Same for University City and La Jolla.
John Stump			Agenda Item 3	Had sent in written comments about District 2. Agrees that there should be at least 2 coastal districts. Supports District 2 in its current form. To make up for the small amount of variance it could come from the natural features of the San Diego outfall district.
Martha Bock			Agenda Item 3	Lives in a condo in Clairemont. Supports uniting Clairemont within 1 Council district along with University City south, Linda Vista and Serra Mesa. These communities have similar concerns.
Gil Cabrera			Agenda Item 3	Supports one Council district that includes all of the coastal communities. These communities share similar concerns and values.
Daniel Arovas			Agenda Item 1 3	Supports District 1 United. It's a highly coherent core and are linked by common interests.
Sherri Lightner			Agenda Item 1 3	Supports District 1 United to retain the current district boundaries. The district meets 5 of the 6 criteria with the exception of the population ⁴ deviation.

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Nicholas Haskell			Agenda Item 3	Please put Clairemont in one Council district.
Mandy Havlick			Agenda Item 2 3	District 1 and 2 should not be combined into one Council district.
Andy Wiese			Agenda Item 1 3	Supports District 1 United. There is a shared community of interest from the perspective of city and regional planning. Keep District 1 together.
Ken O'Kuma			Agenda Item 2 3	Supports making the community boundary at the I-5 freeway which would put all of Clairemont into one district.
Shane			Agenda Item 2 3	Clairemont has suffered being divided into 2 districts with neither district giving Clairemont their attention on issues. Clairemont should be united into one district.
Lil Nover	Sorrento Valley Town Council		Agenda Item 6 3	Sorrento Valley should be unified into one district.
Charley Herzfeld			Agenda Item 1 3	Supports keeping University City, UCSD, and La Jolla together in District 1 as they all have worked together for decades and the community is so intergrated with each other.
Diane Kane			Agenda Item 1 3	Supports goals of District 1 United as it currently is planned. Also supports the comments of District 2 attendees who think there should be 2 coastal districts. Wants all of La Jolla in one district.
Jeff Heden	Carmel Valley Community Planning Board		Agenda Item 1 3	Fully supports District 1 United because of how closley linked all the communities in the district are and have been working together for years.
Howard Wayne			Agenda Item 3	Supports unifying Linda Vista into one district, and the same for Clairemont. Both communities have common interests so it would make sense to combine these two communities.

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Cathy Kenton			Agenda Item 2 3	Supports keeping 2 coastal districts because their issues are unique from one another. Supports considering Old Town and Mission Hills becoming a part of District 2.
Melanie			Agenda Item 2 3	Supports uniting Clairemont into 1 district because the issues of the coastal cities do not reflect their way of life and are not being given the attention they need to build up an aging city infrastructure.
Will Schussel			Agenda Item 2 3	Mission Beach has turned into a business center community because of all the short term vacation rentals. Would like to be with other communities that can benefit Mission Beach.
Claudia Baranowski			Agenda Item 1 3	Supports the position of District 1 United to keep its current boundaries.
Deborah Knight	Friends of Rose Canyon		Agenda Item 3	Urging the Commission to keep the University community planning group together because the problems they face are unique to other areas and districts.
Louis Rodolico			Agenda Item 3	Resides in south University City. There's already a division between south and north University City. Having 2 City Councilmembers would help to address the infrastructure needs of University City.
Stephanie			Agenda Item 2 3	Supports unifying Clairemont into one district as they face similar issues and could have more attention brought to these issues if they were all in one district.
Sarah			Agenda Item 2 3	Supports uniting Clairemont with Linda Vista and University City and separate them from Point Loma and Pacific Beach.
Deborah Watkins			Agenda Item 2 3	Supports keeping two coastal districts and letting Clairemont leave to make its own district and add Mission Hills and Old Town to make up lost population. ⁶

Item 4- Adjournment

- Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. until the next special district meeting scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on September 8, 2021.