



Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar)
Tuesday, September 28, 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
Monica Hernandez
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:** Val Hoy (joined the meeting prior to Non-Agenda Public Comment), Fred Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - **Not Present:**

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- 52 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:

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John Stump			Non Agenda	Wants Commission to consider 5 principles. Suggests randomly assigning the Council districts, increasing the number of Council districts, not drawing any boundaries until the reallocation of incarcerated persons has been completed. Look at the actual attendance of schools when trying to examine communities of interest.
Laila Aziz				Redirected to Item 3.
Elida Chavez				Redirected to Item 3.
Reed Vickerman				Redirected to 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.
- One speaker spoke during public comment:

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Nam Nguyen			Item 1	Questions regarding coloring and numbering in District tool. Are the colors presented in the order of the Council districts?

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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Reed Vickerman	Interim Director, Children's Museum	D3	Item 3	Keep downtown in one district if at all possible. Issues in common.
Howard Wayne	Interim Chair LV Planning Group		Item 3	Linda Vista Community Planning Group to request to put LV in a single Council District and to be joined with all of Clairemont.
Luis Montero	SD LGBT Community Center	D3	Item 3	Speaking on behalf of LGBT community of interest. Also supports community partners who will be presenting work. LGBT COI boundaries: I8, I5, 94 and 805, Adams, Downtown, not Golden Hill. Promotes voter registration, and engage with 30,000 voters. Over 25% of LGBT voters lives within the area that they are advocating for. Don't divide this LGBT COI area - keep in one district.

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Kathryn Burton		D1	Item 3	Had time ceded by Jeff Heden, Larry Davidson and Claudia Baronowski. Torrey Hills resident, D1. TH Planning Board member, worked on redistricting in 2011. Keep in D1. Keep together and should not be subject to population adjustments. Don't split planning areas. Defined by canyons and natural features.
Alexi Glines		D4	Item 3	Emerald Hills resident. Supports "Unity Map" for D4, D8, D3, D9 which empowers black and latinx communities. D4 should start s of Home Avenue. Mt Hope in D4, Golden Hill in D8. Normal Hts in D9. MV in D3. Shelltown, Southcrest D9.
Marc Johnson		D3	Item 3	VP Univ Heights Comm Assoc. Provided map. In D3, split between two CPAs. Keep in D3 with Hillcrest, NP, NH, Talmadge.
Brian Pollard		D4	Item 3	Had time ceded by Alyce Pipkin Allen. Resident of Valencia Park. Supports Unity Map and wants Ridge View to join D4 and keep D8, D9, D4, and D3 how they are with minor adjustments to population and land.
Alex Gutierrez	Director of City Center Business Distict	D3	Item 3	Request that downtown to stay in one district. Currently in D3. Communities within D3 share common problems of homelessness and public health.
Lisa Ross		D1	Item 3	Habitat areas should be connected by wildlife corridors - don't cut up. Groups in D1 kept these intact. Tradition of conservation and managed growth.
Mike			Item 3	Some have referenced the Unity Map - can he switch his position so that it can be presented - and cede his time.
Stacey Uy		D3	Item 3	Lives in D3. Member of Asian Solidarity Collective. Supports Unity Map.
Steve Lamprides		D4	Item 3	Lives in Webster community. Supports Unity Map because it best supports empowering black and Latinx communities. Also has a spatial element.
Joyce Summer		D3	Item 3	Lives on Cortez Hill. Represents Cortez Hill on the Downtown SD Partnership Board of Directors. Keep Little Italy and Downtown together as the Commission did in 2011. Lost 3 blocks to D8.
John Stump		D3	Item 3	Use watersheds idea to redraw districts. If D3 needs to lose population, look north of El Cajon, east of 805.
Maya Grace Misra			Item 3	With Asian Solidarity Collective. Supports Unity Map. Empowers Black and Latinx communities. Add Mission Valley to D3. Put Normal Heights into D9, maximize voting power of Hispanic community.
Alex Sachs		D3	Item 3	North Park resident, involved in SD community, former Chair of Uptown Planners, SD Dems for Equality. Wants to preserve a district with a strong LGBT community. Is interested in hearing more about the Unity Map. We need to gain population in all but D3 - perhaps some of Normal Heights can be in D9. Connections with D9, D3.
Eryn Wilson and Dr. DJ Kuttin Kandi			Item 3	Joint presentation. Had ceded time from Laila Aziz, Kristina Mananquil, and Mike McDonald. Presented D3, D8 and D9 map with less than 3% deviation. "Unity Map" screenshots saved as a record of their presentation.

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Kate Callen		D3	Item 3	D3 has grown in population significantly. A mix of older neighborhoods and downtown, incongruous. Add MV, take away downtown?
Aidan Lin	Associate Vice President of Local Affairs, Associated Students of UCSD	D6	Item 3	Speaking as a young, Asian American student leader. D3 has had many prominent LGBT politicians who have risen up from this district. Need stronger student and AAPI empowerment by removing UCSD from D1 to D6.
Sparky Mitra		D6	Item 3	AAPI student at UCSD. Wants D6 to be an empowerment district as D3 has been for LGBT community. Supports removing UCSD from D1 to D6.
Alexandra Fung		D6	Item 3	AAPI student at UCSD. Wants D6 to be an empowerment district as D3 has been for LGBT community. Supports removing UCSD from D1 to D6.
Leana Cortez		D6	Item 3	AAPI student at UCSD. Wants D6 to be an empowerment district as D3 has been for LGBT community. Supports removing UCSD from D1 to D6.
Mae Case		D4	Item 3	D4 resident. Member of Asian Solidarity Collective who supports Unity map. Also supports returning Ridgeview Webster to D4.
Andrea Hetheru		D4	Item 3	D4 resident. Supports Unity Map. VRA of 1965 should be above issues of communities of interest as others have described in comments.
Jean-Huy		D9	Item 3	President of Big Boat, a community group supporting the Vietnamese community. Don't move Little Saigon out of D9, stay with City Heights. Supports Unity Map.
Czeska		D3	Item 3	Asian Solidarity Collective. Supports Unity Map. Put MV to D3.
Nam Nguyen		D3	Item 3	D3, North Park resident. Unity Map is a reasonable solution. Mission Valley will continue to grow and will eventually have more in common with Little Italy and Hillcrest, won't be aligned with Serra Mesa, Allied Gardens. Supports Unity Map.
Julie Corrales	Environmental Health Coalition	D8	Item 3	Policy Advocate for the Environmental Health Coalition. D8 resident. Supports Unity Map because it allows the community to confront the issues they see within the districts.
Pebblz Luv		D4	Item 3	AAPI Asian Solidarity Collective. Supports Unity Map. D4 resident. Wants Ridge View and Mount Hope Community Garden to be in D4.
Christine Lopez	Think Dignity		Item 3	Supports Unity map for Districts 3, 4, 8 and 9. Golden Hill should be in D8. Normal Heights should be in D9.
Caroline McKeown		D3	Item 3	20 year Normal Heights resident. Keep Normal Heights together as one community - don't split at Adams Avenue as shown on Unity Map. Keep us all in one district - D9 or D3.
Deborah Knight		D1	Item 3	23 year University City resident. Friends of Rose Canyon. Supports D1 United. Keep UC Planning Group together, north and south of Rose Canyon.
Kristin Harms		D3	Item 3	Shared a map of University Heights. Keep UH all in D3. They're in two CPGs. Planning is fragmented.

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Rebecca Rybczyk		D3	Item 3	Downtown SD Partnership. Keep downtown in one Council District.
Adam Deutsch		D3	Item 3	Echoes Caroline McKeown's comments re Normal Heights. Keep as one district in one Council District - D3 or D9. Disagrees with Unity Map split of North Heights.
Elida Chavez		D4	Item 3	Resident of Oak Park, D4. Supports Unity Map.
Gustav Swanson		D9	Item 3	Has Unity Map concerns. Residents from Shelltown and Southcrest wanted to stay in D8, and Mt Hope and Mtn View looks split. Other meetings had D4 residents wanting to be part of D9. The Unity Map needs to be reviewed.
Ernie Bonn		D3	Item 3	University Heights resident. No connection with Mission Valley, as Unity Map suggests. Disagrees with Unity Map.

Item 4- Adjournment

- Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. until the next special meeting scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on October 5, 2021.