

ITEM 1, Redistricting Commission Agenda of February 3, 2011

Article V, Section 6 Proposed Revision of Bylaws

Commissioners shall be mindful that the City Charter requires that they have “a demonstrated capacity to serve with impartiality in a non-partisan role.” Commissioners should avoid any action or communication that could be interpreted to compromise their ability to serve in that regard.

In addition, the Commission is committed to transparency, fairness and openness with the public. Thus, to the extent possible, Commissioners should attempt to avoid communications regarding Redistricting Commission business outside of public meetings.

Commissioners shall not, however, communicate outside of a public meeting with the Mayor or any member of the San Diego City Council, or their representatives, regarding redistricting matters. If the Mayor or any member of the City Council, or their representatives, wish to present testimony or public comment, such testimony or public comment shall only be accepted if it is presented orally at a public meeting or presented in writing and disclosed to the public either before or during a public meeting.

Commissioners shall publicly disclose all substantive communications they have regarding redistricting with any member of the public, or organizations or interest groups, regarding redistricting outside of public meetings. This provision is not intended to prohibit the discussion of procedural information, such as discussion of the time, place and list of items on the agendas of upcoming meetings.

Communications include all oral, written and electronic communications. Copies of all written and electronic materials received by a Commissioner regarding redistricting matters shall be forwarded to the Chief of Staff for distribution to all Commissioners and the public.

The Commission shall keep a log of all substantive communications between Commissioners and the public, organizations and interest groups that occur outside public meetings. The log will include the name of the person or organization, date of contact, and general description of the communication. The log will be published on the Redistricting Commission website and regularly updated.