



## **2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

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### **CITY REDISTRICTING HEARINGS DRAW MORE THAN 850 PARTICIPANTS** *Initial Pre-Map Phase Completed; More Public Hearings to Come*

San Diego CA – May 12, 2011 – With 110 people in attendance, the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission held its ninth “pre-map” public hearing at the La Jolla Woman’s Club last night. The Commission has heard from more than 850 residents and stakeholders during its first phase of public hearings, which was spread throughout the City, from Otay Mesa to Sorrento Valley.

“The Redistricting Commission is very pleased with how much public participation we had during this first phase of hearings,” stated Chairwoman Anisha Dalal. “It is fantastic to see so many San Diegans passionate about their communities, and the Commissioners appreciate residents taking time to attend hearings both to learn about this once-in-a-decade process and to share important information that will play a crucial part in preparing new Council District boundaries.” Public comments, Dalal explained, provide information about individual communities that is a critical component of the redistricting process.

“Not only are community members taking the time to attend lengthy meetings, they are also taking time to study the Census data and create draft maps that reflect their ideas on where boundaries might best be drawn,” continued Dalal. “The amount of input received has been exciting and educational for the Commissioners and others.”

Videos of hearings and transcripts of public comments are available online at [www.sandiego.gov/redistricting](http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting), and information in other formats can be coordinated by calling the Commission staff at 619-533-3060.

The 2010 Redistricting Commission will create nine City Council districts as nearly equal in population as practicable -- about 144,624 people per City Council District, according to the

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2010 U.S. Census. In addition to using Census data, the Commission is seeking public testimony from San Diego residents to help define their communities and their relation to those around them.

San Diego's City Charter requires only seven public hearings; so far the Commission's provided 11 introductory and pre-map hearings, and held 12 regular public meetings at San Diego's City Hall.

As its next step, the Commission will prepare a draft map of new City Council boundaries, incorporating the new ninth district approved by voters in 2010. After filing this preliminary redistricting plan, the Commission will hold another round of "post-map" hearings, likely to be held in July. The final plan is expected to be adopted in August.

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