

MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 4:04 p.m. 120 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 5:54 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow
(M) Frederick Kosmo
(M) Arthur Nishioka
(M) David Potter
(M) Theresa Quiroz

ROLL CALL:

Chair Anisha Dalal called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal - present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez - present
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow - present
(M) Frederick Kosmo - present
(M) Arthur Nishioka - present
(M) David Potter - present
(M) Theresa Quiroz - present

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Midori Wong, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff, before the item is called. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

Comment 1 – Chris Cate, on behalf of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA), gave a brief overview of the SDCTA and stated that their board established principles for redistricting. They hired Paul Mitchell to develop a map that would reflect those principles.

Comment 2 – Paul Mitchell, Principal Officer of Redistricting Partners, a firm from Sacramento, gave an extensive slide presentation on the SDCTA proposal for the redistricting plan.

Comment 3 – Barrett Tetlow, representing the San Diego County Republican Party, provided copies to the Commission of his presentation given on May 11th.

Comment 4 – Michael McSweeney, a resident of the Navajo Community, gave a statement that the Commission has Partisan members and employees. He also showed pictures of Vice Chair Carlos Marquez and Chief of Staff Midori Wong.

Comment 5 – Tony Krvaric, Chairman of the San Diego County Republican Party, stated that he hired a private investigator to find out the true residency of Carlos Marquez and asked that he resign.

Comment 6 – Don Bauza, a resident of La Mesa, expressed his concerns and doubts about the Redistricting Commission, in particular Commissioner Theresa Quirioz and Vice Chair Carlos Marquez.

Comment 7 – Brian Pollard, a resident of District 4, spoke about the map that have been developed for District 4 and stated that they support the Community in Unity map.

Comment 8 – Estela De Los Rios, on behalf of the Latino Redistricting Committee, stated that the Latino Redistricting Committee supports the Community in Unity map.

Comment 9 – Tres Watson, a resident of District 3, commented that he thought the Republican Party was attacking and spying on Vice Chair Carlos Marquez.

Comment 10 – Ken Seaton-Msemaji spoke about how the Republican Party is trying to discredit the Commission.

Comment 11 – Nico D’Amico-Barbeur, a resident of La Jolla, spoke to Vice Chair Marquez’s residency and expressed his opinion on the actions of the Republican Party.

Comment 12 – Cameron Stewart spoke about Vice Chair Marquez’s residency and expressed his opinion on the actions of the Republican Party.

Comment 13 – Larry Baza expressed his opinion on the actions of the Republican Party and their attacks on the Redistricting Commission.

Comment 14 – Rex Fender expressed his opinion on the proposed District 3 and the attacks on the Redistricting Commission.

Comment 15 – Matt Riordan expressed his opinion on the residency of Vice Chair Marquez and the Redistricting Commission.

Comment 16 – Veronica McCune, asked the Commission to give consideration to move District 6 into Districts 3, & 4 and push District 2 back in order to make up the 9th District.

Comment 17 – Michelle Deutsch, a resident of Ocean Beach, spoke about the LGBT Community and that they need representation.

Comment 18 – Alfonso Padilla, expressed his opinion against what he saw as attacks by the Republican Party on Vice Chair Marquez.

Comment 19 – Jonathan Rogers, expressed his opinion against what he saw attacks by the Republican Party on Vice Chair Marquez.

Comment 20 – Raul Sandoval, expressed his opinion on what he saw as attacks by the Republican Party on Vice Chair Marquez.

Comment 21 – Graham Forbes, a resident of Pacific Beach, asked that the Commission stay focused on what matters, drawing political boundaries, to ensure equal representation.

Comment 22 – Elizabeth Maldonado, a resident of City Heights, spoke about the Latino Community having representation on the Commission.

Comment 23 – Enrique Morones, a resident of Golden Hill, spoke about ethics in politics.

Comment 24 – Wayne Lucero, representing the Latino Redistricting Committee, voiced her support for the Community in Unity map, and how disappointing the attacks are on Vice Chair Marquez.

Comment 25 – Sandra Diaz, part of the Latino Redistricting Committee, spoke about the open process of the Redistricting Commission.

Comment 26 – Steve Quinn, a resident of La Jolla, expressed his opinion about the integrity of the Commission and the stories in the media. Mr. Quinn also asked that the panel resign and resubmit their applications.

Comment 27 – Kimberly Giordano, a resident of Allied Gardens, expressed her concerns about what she saw as attacks by the Republican Party on Vice Chair Marquez and the Commission.

Comment 28 - Kathleen Henbest, a resident of North County, voiced her opinion about the tactics by the Republican Party to smear the Commission.

Comment 29 – Steve Rivera, resident of Golden Hill, voiced his opinion about what he saw as Republican Party attacks on the Commission.

Comment 30 – Jamie Pullman, a resident of District 3, voiced her opinions on the tactics by the Republicans and also her support to the LGBT Community.

Comment 31 – Dennis McNancey, a downtown resident, stated that the Commission is performing in a non-partisan manner and spoke against the tactics of the Republican Party.

Comment 32 – David Jaime, expressed disapproval of Republican tactics and questions surrounding Vice Chair Marquez’s residency.

Comment 33 – Albert Velasquez, a resident of District 8, voiced his opinion on the political process and asked that the Commission continue to reach out to the community.

Comment 34 – Robert Close, voiced his support for Vice Chair Marquez and his residency.

Comment 35 – Evan McLaughlin, with the San Diego Labor Council, spoke about the maps presented to the Commission and listed several corporations characterized as funding sources and supporters of SDCTA.

Comment 36 – Mitz Lee, on behalf of APAC, spoke about the Commission meetings and APAC’s opinion on the redistricting process. She indicated that APAC cannot support the Community in Unity map.

Comment 37 – Valerie Sanfilippo expressed her opinion on what she saw as attacks by the Republican Party.

Chair Dalal referred the issue of Vice Chair Marquez’s residency to the City Attorney’s office for investigation.

COMMISSION COMMENT:

Vice Chair Marquez thanked all who came out to support him and stated that the matter will be resolved.

Chair Dalal gave a brief summary of the pre-map public hearings and thanked everyone who participated in those hearings.

CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT:

None.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM - 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Potter: To approve the Minutes for May 5, 2011. Second by Commissioner Quiroz. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Nishioka is not present.

ITEM – 2: MAPPING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Potter gave a brief report on the mapping software and the Request for Proposals (RFP) to be released.

Motion by Commissioner Potter: To authorize the Chief of Staff to work with Purchasing Department to execute a Purchase Order with Esri for the value of \$49,085. Second by Commissioner Kosmo. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Nishioka is not present.

ITEM – 3: GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING TRANSLATION SERVICES

Ms. Wong provided a report on translation services at the pre-map public hearings and requests given by the public for translation services. Approximately 11 to 12 headsets out of 40 available were used at each of the two hearings where simultaneous interpretation was provided. The interpretation service firm also has advised that given the format and length of public hearings, consecutive interpretation is not a sufficient means of providing the service.

Materials were provided in additional languages at four of the public hearings. In order to provide direct and culturally appropriate service, Ms. Wong indicated that she is working with the Bayside Community Center to speak at additional meetings and workshops for communities with limited English proficiency. She also reported that the IT Web Team is rolling out a Google Translate button citywide across all web pages, and until this button goes live, you can achieve the same functionality by going to translate.google.com, and entering the Commission web address to have the page translated into one of about 57 languages.

The Commission referred the item to the Outreach Subcommittee to develop a recommendation for interpretation services for post-map hearings in response to requests from the public.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM – 4: BRIEFING ON 2000 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MAPPING PROCEEDINGS

Ms. Wong referred the Commissioners to the information in the agenda packet showing the description of the 2000 calendar and meeting schedule. She also asked the Commission for direction in scheduling the rest of the Commission and post-map meetings.

Direction was given by the Commission on the scheduling of meetings as well as time and locations.

STAFF REPORTS

ITEM - 5: MIDORI WONG, CHIEF OF STAFF

Ms. Wong indicated that she and the City Attorney had put together a map submittal form so that all maps presented to the Commission can be posted on the website.

Ms. Wong also informed the Commissioners that correspondence binders are being prepared for each of the Commissioners and will be available next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Janet Comer, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission