

**MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – 12TH FLOOR
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 4:09 p.m. 48 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 5:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Quiroz called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal – present
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow – present
(M) Frederick Kosmo – present
(M) Theresa Quiroz – present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez –present
(M) David Potter – present
(M) Arthur Nishioka – 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 two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to 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: Andy Berg, Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council, thanked the Commission for their time. He suggested that the next go around there be an increase in the number of Commissioners and have a rule that there has to be at least one Commissioner from each district.

Comment 2: Jim Varnadore of City Heights thanked the commission for sticking it out.

Comment 3: John Pilch thanked his neighbors, speakers, Ms. Spivak, Ms. Wong and congratulated the Commission on a job well done.

Comment 4: Joe LaCava thanked the Commission, the audio/visual team, and the citizens.

Comment 5: Michael Sprague stated that there has to be a capacity to reach people that do not have email.

Comment 6: Emily Serafy Cox stated that she gave birth to her daughter at the beginning of the Commission meetings and now she is almost a year old. Emily also thanked everyone that was involved with the Community In Unity Coalition.

Comment 7: Dr. Allen Chan gave the Commission a grade of A-, and thanked the Commission for their thankless service.

Comment 8: Brian Pollard stated how grateful he was for the opportunity to voice his opinions, and thanked the Commission for their good work.

Comment 9: Barrett Tetlow noted that he had made copies of the final map and asked the Commission if they could sign it after the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1 – DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN

Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak thanked the Commission for their diligence, conscientiousness, patience and hard work. She discussed the procedures for adopting the Final Plan and stated that the Final Plan is legally defensible. She noted the map has a deviation of 4.59%.

Mr. Levitt of NDC gave a brief overview of the changes made to the map.

Commissioner Nishioka asked for more clarification on the border for USD on the Esri site.

Mr. Levitt indicated that the map shows as the Final Plan on the Esri site and explained how the blocks were split.

Commissioner Nishioka asked if Mr. Levitt could explain the Census Data and “DOJ” (Department of Justice) on the Esri site.

Mr. Levitt gave a detailed explanation on how the Census data is accounted.

Comment 1: Andy Berg stated that he turned in almost 5,700 signatures and it was almost like it didn't happen. Mr. Berg pointed out that there were more individual speakers from Rancho Penasquitos than Scripps Ranch and that there were less than 10 speakers from Rancho Penasquitos that said they have plenty in common with Mira Mesa.

Comment 2: Philip Liburd thanked the Commission for their service, openness and deliberate approach to the process.

Comment 3: Darshana Patel, a resident of Park Village, stated that the record was clear that the API demographic population was a significant factor in splitting up Rancho Penasquitos and 1,600 signatures were disregarded as testimony to keep Rancho Penasquitos whole in District 5.

Comment 4: Jim Varnadore commented on the final plan map and stated that the boundaries are not correct for City Heights, Chollas Creek is not a boundary line. He also asked the Commission to put the Ridgeview neighborhood back into District 9.

Comment 5: Joe LaCava, asked the Commission to speak with one voice as they vote on the final map.

Comment 6: Eva Vargas, a resident of Shelltown, read a statement in regards to Shelltown. She urged the Commission to reunite Southcrest and Shelltown with District 9.

Comment 7: Michael Sprague commented on planning groups and neighborhoods. He stated that City Heights is not a community plan, it's a community group and that the Latino community of District 3 have been disenfranchised.

Comment 8: Jay Wilson, representing the Del Cerro Action Council and the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, thanked the Commission for their service.

Comment 9: Deven Patel, a representative of APAC, thanked the Commission for their hard work and read a statement from Mitz Lee.

Comment 10: Dr. Allen Chan, read a press release dated August 25, 2011 entitled, "Asian Civic Group Applaud Historic Step Taken by San Diego Redistricting Commission."

Comment 11: Marichu Magaña, a 35 year resident of Mira Mesa, thanked Dr. Allen Chan, and Mitz Lee for advocating for an Asian influence district. She asked the Commission to take a look at the map again and not split Rancho Penasquitos.

Comment 12: Lee Rittiner, stated that he created a website on Facebook, "SD Redistricting 2011", to produce a referendum. Mr. Rittiner commented on the Final Plan map and how the SDSU area is split into 3 districts.

Comment 13: Remigia Bermudez thanked the Commission and read a list of individuals who requested that Shelltown be put into District 9.

Comment 14: Buu-Van Rashih, a 35 year resident in San Diego, spoke regarding keeping the Final Map and thanked the Commission for keeping the Asian community together.

Commissioner Quiroz discussed the wording in the Filing Statement regarding District 7 and District 3. She thanked the public for participating in the process, also Mr. Johnson & Mr. Levitt, Humanability, City TV, Joseph Walker, Ms. Spivak, and Ms. Wong.

Motion by Commissioner Quiroz: To approve adoption of the Final Redistricting Plan and the Final Filing Statement with changes so made. Seconded by Commissioner Potter.

Commissioner Kosmo thanked everybody in the Community and stated he enjoyed the experience, especially the public outreach. He stated that he will support the Final map and thanked all the Commissioners and staff.

Commissioner Marquez thanked all the participants who voiced their opinions. He stated that he will support the map because it just makes sense.

Commissioner Morrow read a personal statement regarding the final map and will support it.

Commissioner Nishioka thanked the Commissioners.

Chair Dalal stated that she will always respect each and every person that has made an impact on the Commission for their professionalism, dedication, passion and enthusiasm. She thanked the staff members that are behind the scenes, such as Purchasing, Media, Technical Support, and also Janet Comer and Julie Corrales.

Motion to approve adoption of the Final Redistricting Plan and the Final Filing Statement with changes so made passed unanimously 7-0.

STAFF REPORT:

Ms. Wong thanked all those that helped the Commission, including a list of City departments and staff, to do their work and reported that this year's Commission will be coming in under budget by approximately \$90,000.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Janet Comer, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission