

MINUTES

FOR THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2001  
4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
202 C STREET, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

**ITEM-1: CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Pesqueira called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ITEM-2: ROLL CALL**

Operations Director Staajabu Heshimu called the roll:

- (C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present
- (M) Mateo R. Camarillo-not present
- (M) Charles W. Johnson-present
- (M) Marichu G. Magaña-present
- (M) Shirley ODell-present
- (M) Juan Antonio Ulloa-present

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION

(Tape location A007-016.)

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present
- (M) Mateo R. Camarillo-present
- (M) Charles W. Johnson-present
- (M) Marichu G. Magaña-present
- (M) Shirley ODell-present

(M) Juan Antonio Ulloa-present

ALSO PRESENT:

Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster  
Staajabu Heshimu, Operations Director  
Joey Perry, Senior Planner

**ITEM-3: NON-AGENDA 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 the Commission's Operations Director prior to 4:00 p.m. 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.

SPEAKER 1: John Mallo, Sr.

Mr Mallo stated that he is representing the interests of the Mira Mesa Senior Center and Board of Governors and is in favor of the preliminary map as originally proposed because they want to be represented by Council Member Maienschein.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A048-072.)

SPEAKER 2: Sherry Lightner

Ms. Lightner stated that she is representing the La Jolla Town Council and is opposed to the current proposal to split La Jolla. With this plan La Jolla will not be in one district. She stated that the message by citizens of La Jolla has not been heard.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A076-104.)

SPEAKER 3: Arianna Wall

Ms. Wall stated that she is a resident of Pacific Beach and she believes two Council Members representing Pacific Beach will give better representation.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A124-130.)

SPEAKER 4: Lorrain Troop

Ms. Troop stated that she wants Pacific Beach to be one community.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A132-160.)

Speaker 5: Sam Parisa:

Mr. Parisa stated that he is a member of the Mission Bay Park Committee and that Mission Bay Park is not a local park but is a tourist and recreation area and is responsible to the community, City, County, and State and should be the concern of every Council District. He stated that it should be represented by only one Council District.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A163-190.)

SPEAKER 6: Eleanor Mang

Ms. Mang stated that she is very proud of the citizens of San Diego because she realized how much people care about San Diego. She agreed that San Diego needs ten council districts and she is in favor of moving the Bay to Council District 6.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A195-225.)

SPEAKER 7: Byron Wear

Mr. Wear expressed his opposition to placing East Mission Bay in Council District 6.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A232-339.)

SPEAKER 8: Joe Manino

Mr. Manino believes that Sea World should be left in Council District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A365-381.)

SPEAKER 9: Michael Sprague

Mr. Sprague expressed his concerns and recommendations to improve the next Redistricting Commission process.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A421-469.)

SPEAKER 10: Jim Lewan

Mr. Lewan, a resident of De Anza Cove, expressed his support for having East Mission Bay in Council District 6.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A470-504.)

SPEAKER 11: Thomas Martin

Mr. Martin stated that he is a Clairmont resident and agrees with preliminary revised map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A572-611.)

Speaker 12: Al Strohle

Mr. Strohle expressed his support for dividing Mission Bay in to two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A613-660.)

SPEAKER 13: Mindy Pellissier

Ms. Pellissier disagreed with dividing Mission Bay Park in two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B038-056.)

SPEAKER 14: Mary Milton

Ms. Milton voiced her opposition to splitting Mission Bay in two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B057-078.)

SPEAKER 15: Amy Faucett

Ms. Faucett, from Council Member Madaffer's office, expressed her support for the preliminary map in relation to District 7.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B079-094.)

SPEAKER 16: Don Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt stated that La Jolla's boundary should be maintained in District 1. He expressed his opposition to splitting La Jolla at Bird Rock.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B095-119.)

SPEAKER 17: Dave Potter

Mr. Potter, Chairman of Clairmont Mesa Planning Committee, stated that Mission Bay impacts all of the surrounding communities. He supports the division of Mission Bay into two Council Districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B142-166.)

SPEAKER 18: Clive Richards

Mr. Richards stated that at first he supported the idea of moving East Mission Bay to District 6, but he now agrees with the result but disagrees with the reasons for the result.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B168-198.)

SPEAKER 19: Shelley Miller

Ms. Miller expressed her support for keeping Mission Bay all in one district.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B203-222.)

SPEAKER 20: Peter Bryan

Mr. Bryan expressed his opposition to removing the southern portion of East Village from District 2 and also the splitting of Mission Bay. Mr. Bryan read a letter from Helen Duffy opposing the split of Mission Bay Park.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B234-264.)

SPEAKER 21: Luke Sponslor

Mr. Sponslor stated that he is opposed to splitting Mission Bay.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B281-289.)

SPEAKER 22: Curt Lutz

Mr. Lutz expressed his opposition to splitting Mission Bay.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B290-306.)

SPEAKER 23: Rich Grosch

Mr. Grosch asked the Commission to keep Mission Bay in District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B308-336.)

SPEAKER 24: Chuck Bahde

Mr. Bahde thanked the Commission for putting Barrio Logan south of Imperial Avenue back into District 8. He supported keeping Mission Bay in District 2; however, he stated that the Commission's arguments do have some validity. Mr. Bahde stated that Park West should be returned to District 3 and the medical complex should be in District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B338-375.)

SPEAKER 25: David Osborne

Mr. Osborne expressed his opposition to splitting Mission Bay.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B383-401.)

SPEAKER 26: Nicole Lippert

Ms. Lippert stated that it is a great idea to have Mission Bay in two council districts because it would mean more money and more ideas for Mission Bay.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B406-416.)

SPEAKER 27: Donna Frye

Ms. Frye expressed her support for the decision to split Mission Bay into two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B418-458.)

SPEAKER 28: Chris Gallup

Mr. Gallup stated that the youth fields in MBP should be left in District 2 and he expressed his opposition to splitting Mission Bay in two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B463-491.)

SPEAKER 29: Greg Lutz

Mr. Lutz expressed his opposition to splitting Mission Bay because the ballfields are the only recreation facility for the youth in that area.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B537-646.)

SPEAKER 30: Pam Heinz

Ms. Heinz stated that she supports the Preliminary Plan in relation to Mira Mesa.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C067-072.)

SPEAKER 31: Diane McCormik

Ms. McCormik expressed her support of the Preliminary Plan in relation to Mira Mesa and Penasquitos.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C076-089.)

SPEAKER 32: Jeanette Waltz

Ms. Waltz stated that she supports the Preliminary Plan in relation to Mira Mesa and Penasquitos.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C090-142.)

SPEAKER 33: Paul McNeil

Mr. McNeil stated that he is a property owner in Ocean Beach and is opposed to dividing Mission Bay.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C154-182.)

SPEAKER 34: Bernie Sosna (Another speaker spoke in his place. Mr. Sosna had to leave.)

The Pacific Beach Tennis Club is very interested in maintaining Mission Bay Park within the Pacific Beach Community Plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C183-190.)

SPEAKER 35: Mike Meyer

Mr. Meyer expressed his support for splitting Mission Bay into two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C192-204.)

SPEAKER 36: Billy Paul

Mr. Paul expressed his support for splitting Mission Bay into two districts.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C205-236.)

SPEAKER 37: Andrew Shogren

Mr. Shogren stated that the Commission has provided a process of inclusion. He expressed that the evolution map looked forward to growth; however, the map that will be presented to the City Council is a map drawn to keep politicians happy.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C274-304.)

**COMMENTS BY THE COMMISSIONERS**

Comment by Commissioner Magana:

Ms. Magana congratulated Mr. Shogren and the API group for attending the meeting and presenting their concerns and ideas. Ms. Magana stated that it was one of the most difficult decisions she has had to make and that ten years for the purposes of redistricting is too long.

Comment by Ms. Heshimu:

Ms Heshimu stated that the Commission received over 800 letters and faxes from the API Community.

Comment by Commissioner Ulloa:

Mr. Ulloa stated that his final analysis was that there was not a significant difference between 29% and 34% API to justify the changes they wanted to be made and that was why he supported the Preliminary Map as opposed to the Evolution Map. Mr. Ulloa recommended that the City Council should consider having 10 council districts for better representation.

Comment by Commissioner Johnson:

Mr. Johnson congratulated the API Community and stated that he hoped that the API Community continues to work in their communities.

Comment by Commissioner Camarillo:

Mr. Camarillo stated that the API made an impact and a moral case for inclusion and encouraged the API Community to continue their work.

Comment by Commissioner ODell:

Ms. ODell urged the API Community to stay involved and voice their concerns and needs.

Comment by Commissioner Saito:

Mr. Saito stated that efforts of the Commission to unite the API Community was limited

by the constraints of the process. The API case was made and understood by the Commission.

Comment by Chairman Pesqueira:

Chairman Pesqueira thanked everyone for their participation.

Comment by Ms. Heshimu:

Ms. Heshimu stated that the Commission has heard 400 speakers and over 20 hours of testimony and that does not include today.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location C304-526.)

A break was taken from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Pesqueira reconvened the meeting with all Commissioners present.

**ITEM 4. DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Commission members will continue the map development process with staff assisting using the Maptitude Redistricting software. Maptitude will also be used to analyze the effects of the proposed boundary changes on protected groups and communities of interest. Commissioners may also present alternate maps and receive presentations from City staff or other individuals from whom they have asked to hear. Possible action relating to Final Redistricting Plan adoption.

Ms. Heshimu stated that the Commission is prepared to verify each change on the map and look over the area of Bird Rock.

Mr. Pesqueira stated that tonight the Preliminary Redistricting Plan Revised will be reviewed and the changes will be discussed and Ms. Foster will advise on what is necessary to vote on a final map.

Staff presented two hand-outs for discussion "Redistricting Plan as of 8/13/01 Changes from Existing Council Districts," Items 1-11 and "Issues Identified for Clarification as of 8/17/01," Items A-K. The Commission discussed these items.

MOTION BY ULLOA TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY PLAN REVISED MAP AS A FINAL MAP. Second by Camarillo. Vote: Yeas-Ulloa, Saito, Johnson, Camarillo; Nays-Odell, Magana, Pesqueira. The motion failed due to the lack of five votes.

Ms. Magana, Ms. ODell, and Mr. Pesqueira expressed their opposition to splitting Mission Bay into two Districts and therefore voted against the motion to adopt the map as a final map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location D001-G600.)

**ITEM 5 ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Pesqueira announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

MOTION BY ULLOA TO ADJOURN AND HAVE ANOTHER MEETING IN ORDER TO AGREE ON A MAP AND TO RECEIVE MORE TESTIMONY. Second by Johnson. Vote: Unanimous by Common Consent.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location H001-H125.)

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Ralph Pesqueira, Chairman  
2000 Redistricting Commission

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Esther Ramos  
Legislative Recorder