



Independent Redistricting Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3/31/2022
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Chair Arellano called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Arellano, Bahles, Erhart, Gilmer, Hill, Saad, Wolter

Absent: Kissel, Marquardt

Staff: City Clerk Judi A. Herren, Administrative Assistant Sarah Sandoval, Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Consent Calendar

D1. Accept the Independent Redistricting Commission minutes for March 24, 2022 (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Bahles/ Saad), to accept the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting minutes for March 24, 2022, passed unanimously.

E. Public Hearing – 5:40 p.m.

E1. Fifth public hearing to receive public input regarding draft maps of the City's proposed voting (Staff Report #22-012-IRC)

Written public comment received for item E1. (Attachment).

Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano introduced the item.

GEOinovo Demographer Alex Sainz spoke on the last set of draft maps received via Districtr.

Chair Arellano opened the public hearing.

Chair Arellano closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gilmer/ Hill), to remove maps 1-117.1 and 1-120.1 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Hill/ Wolter), to remove map 1-120 from further consideration and to advance map 1-120.2 for further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Erhart/ Hill), to remove maps 1-127 and 1-128 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gilmer/ Bahles), to remove map 1-130 from further consideration, passed 6-1 (Saad dissenting).

ACTION: Motion and second (Gilmer/ Erhart), to remove maps 1-132 and 1-134 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Bahles/ Gilmer), to advance map 1-131 for further consideration, passed unanimously.

The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) took a recess at 7:04 p.m.

The IRC reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

ACTION: Motion and second (Wolter/ Bahles), to remove map 1-124 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Erhart/ Saad), to advance map 1-115 for further consideration, passed 6-1 (Gilmer dissenting).

The Commission provided direction to GEOinovo to generate variations of map 1-131 based on Commission discussion.

Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano provided clarification regarding next steps for map selection and adoption.

Chair Arellano reopened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

- Lynne Bramlett spoke in support of continued and increased public engagement ahead of final map selection.

Chair Arellano closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

F. Reports and Announcements

F1. Commissioner reports

None.

G. Adjournment

Chair Arellano adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

Herren, Judi A

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Attachments: Clarification of RCSD land in D2 and Condos and VA as part of D1.pdf

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Hello Chair Arellano, Vice Chair Gilmer, Commissioners, and Staff,

Thank-you for the opportunity to share my comments on the maps being presented tonight.

My comments are based on balancing the population in the current districts. Unless residents throughout the city and each district have publicly voiced dissatisfaction with the current districts, then to substantially change district boundaries for the sole purpose of 0 population balance, may not be in the best interest of the city.

I reviewed [AB 849](#) which states:

SEC. 15.

Section 21601 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21601.

(a) Following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, the council shall, by ordinance or resolution, adopt boundaries for any or all of the council districts of the city so that the **council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.**

The current districts have shared boundaries with the length of major roads (where geographically possible); neighborhoods are intact, and a 2 district shared portion of the main downtown business district.

Districts on one side of major roads:

101 Freeway - D1 & D2
 Willow Road - D1, D2 & D3
 El Camino Real - D2 & D3
 Santa Cruz Avenue - D4 & D5

Attached are maps of the Ravenswood City School District property in now **D2**. With the exception of one side of the block on East O'Keefe and LifeMoves/Haven Family House, the residential areas in **D2** are all part of the Menlo Park City School District.

I hope this information is helpful as you move forward with your deliberations and final decisions tonight.

Thank-you again,
Pam D Jones, resident D1

Forgetting history is the path to re-writing history.

*The impossible dissipates when **I** becomes **WE**.*

PamElla

Ravenswood City School District

Upper left is Flood School Site,
Flood Park & LifeMoves/Haven
Family House

Lower left is Willow School occupied
by several private schools & a charter
school; there are 2 separate schools



The red portion to the left of Willow Rd is VA housing; The red portion near the clover leaf are town homes.

