



# Independent Redistricting Commission

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

**Date:** 4/14/2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Zoom

### Regular Session

#### A. Call To Order

Chair Arellano called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### B. Roll Call

Present: Arellano, Bahles, Erhart, Gilmer, Hill, Kissel, Marquardt, Saad, Wolter (arrived 6:12 p.m.)  
Absent: Kissel  
Staff: City Clerk Judi A. Herren, Administrative Assistant Sarah Sandoval, Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano.

#### C. Public Comment

- Katie Behroozi spoke in support of the redistricting process.

#### D. Consent Calendar

D1. Accept the Independent Redistricting Commission minutes for April 7, 2022 (Attachment)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Hill/ Saad), to accept the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting minutes for April 7, 2022, passed 6-0 (Wolter absent).

#### E. Public Hearing – 6:10 p.m.

E1. Seventh public hearing to receive public input regarding the preliminary redistricting plan, proposed final map and composition of City Council district boundaries; and adopt a resolution approving a final redistricting report with findings and reasons for adoption and a final map (Map 131.1) establishing new City Council district boundaries (Staff Report #22-014-IRC)

Written public comment received on item E1 (Attachment).

Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano introduced the item.

Chair Arellano opened the public hearing.

- Pam Jones spoke in support of the redistricting process.
- Karen Grove spoke in support of Pam Jones engagement and advocacy throughout the redistricting process.

Chair Arellano closed the public hearing.

The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) discussed received written public comment on the proposed final map and received clarification on timeline and deadlines.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Bahles/ Erhart), to adopt a resolution approving a final redistricting report with findings and reasons for adoption and a final map (Map 131.1) establishing new City Council district boundaries, passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** By acclamation, the IRC selected Chair Arellano to present the final redistricting report and map to the City Council at their April 26, 2022 meeting.

## **F. Reports and Announcements**

### **F1. Commissioner reports**

The Commission provided their thoughts to staff on ways that the redistricting process can be improved in the future.

City Clerk Herren clarified that the April 14, 2022 meeting is the final meeting of the IRC and that the IRC shall cease operations and dissolve on the ninety-first day (July 14, 2022) following approval of a final redistricting report and final map.

## **G. Adjournment**

Chair Arellano adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

These minutes will remain draft as April 14, 2022 is the final meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission.

**Herren, Judi A**

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**From:** shanda bahles <commissioner.bahles.mpirc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** Herren, Judi A  
**Subject:** Fwd: District 5 Redistricting

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**From:** **Carrol Cleveland**  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 5:33 PM  
**Subject:** District 5 Redistricting  
**To:** <[commissioner.bahles.MPIRC@gmail.com](mailto:commissioner.bahles.MPIRC@gmail.com)>

I am having a hard time understanding where we stand with the redistricting. I am very happy with the current redistricting. I feel that it honors the desire for Bell Haven to have equal representation and benefits. Is the current redistricting being upheld going forward? If you are not supporting this remaining as it is, would you explain why you do not support it.

Thanks you very much for your time and consideration.

Carrol Cleveland

Menlo Park

## Herren, Judi A

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**From:** Patti Fry on behalf of Patti L Fry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** Herren, Judi A  
**Subject:** Comments for Independent Redistricting Commission meeting

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Dear Commissioners,

I am concerned that it appears my Oakville Terrace neighborhood will be split between 2 proposed districts ((i.e., districts 4 and 5). I hope my reading of the map is incorrect. My family lives on Wallea Drive between Middle and Santa Cruz Avenues. Wallea Drive does not connect to either Middle or Santa Cruz, rather connecting to these streets by means of short stubs of San Mateo Drive. Our Oakville Terrace neighborhood of approximately 100 homes lies along Wallea Drive and San Mateo Drive also connecting the same way to Middle and Santa Cruz. It is a neighborhood. We have block parties annually. Wallea Drive is a designated bike route to the bike bridge.

Unfortunately it appears that the proposed district boundary goes down the center of Wallea Drive, splitting our neighborhood.

It would make more sense for the boundary to be behind the homes that front San Mateo Dr and Hermosa Way, respectively, or that front Windsor and Wallea Drives, leaving our neighborhood intact within one district.

Another option would be to move the boundary of Districts 4 and 5 between Middle and Santa Cruz farther west several blocks and the district boundary between Santa Cruz and Valparaiso farther east several blocks, avoiding the long section of district 4 that extends west along Valparaiso. That would make both districts 4 and 5 more compact. Currently - and as proposed - district 4 stretches all the way from El Camino Real past North Lemon. I believe this was a fluke of history when districts were created to allow the homes of two members then on the city council to be in different districts so they wouldn't have to compete in the following election. That is not a matter for consideration now.

Thank you for your service and for your thoughtful consideration of the issues raised.

Patti Fry

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