



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING JULY 21, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET CONDUCTED VIA GO TO WEBINAR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:41 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference and all members of the Independent Redistricting Commission are participating electronically from various locations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Hon. Melinda A. Johnson (Ret.), Hon. Abraham Khan (Ret.), Hon. Elizabeth Allen White (Ret.).

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Rachel Becerra, Administrative Assistant; Sara Iza, Senior Planner; Marguerite Mary Leoni, Special Counsel; David Lazarus, Special Counsel; Ariel Calonne, City Attorney; Michelle Sosa-Acosta, Deputy City Attorney.

Public Present: None.

All present.

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Introduction of City staff assisting with the redistricting process.

City staff members Rachel Becerra and Sara Iza introduced themselves and their role in the redistricting process.

The City said it would provide a draft civic engagement plan for the IRC's review at the upcoming July 28 meeting.

2. Discussion of Special Counsel's alternative writ.

Special Counsel briefly described the proposed draft of the writ of mandate. Special Counsel described how time is of the essence and that an alternative write by ex parte would be best to ensure judicial efficiency. Honorable White requested that Special Counsel include a succinct timeline within the memorandum of points and authorities to support the requested deadline extension. Special Counsel agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Independent Redistricting Commission of the City of Santa Barbara on July 28, 2021.

SANTA BARBARA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

HON. MELINDA A. JOHNSON, (RET.) CHAIR