



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET
CONDUCTED VIA GO TO WEBINAR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:12 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Nicole Grisanti, Administrator's Office Supervisor, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, Marguerite Mary Leoni, Special Counsel, Michelle Sosa-Acosta, Deputy City Attorney, Marck Aguilar, Business Liaison / Project Planner.

Public Present: Hon. Frank Ochoa (Ret.) and Dr. Lanny Ebenstein for the District Elections Committee

All present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Changes to the Agenda

B. Public Comment. Any member of the public may address the Commission for up to two minutes on any subject within its jurisdiction that is not scheduled on this agenda for a public discussion.

C. Approval of the minutes of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting of April 28, 2021.

NOTICES

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Extension of November 1, 2021 Redistricting Deadline

Recommendation:

That the Commission: Recommend that the City Council Authorize and Direct the City Attorney's Office to file a Petition for Writ of Mandate to extend the November 1, 2021 Redistricting Deadline to a date seven months from receipt of the official redistricting database from the State of California, or by April 17, 2022, whichever is later.

The IRC unanimously approved staff's recommendation by acclamation, with a substantial addition offered as an amendment by Commissioner Khan and seconded by Commissioner White.

Judge Ochoa and Dr. Ebenstein supported the recommendation, as amended.

Commissioner Khan's amendment added a direction that the City Attorney also pursue amendments of the *Banales* settlement agreement(s) and stipulated judgment, in addition to reformation of the Carter Section 1301 November 1 deadline.

2. Discussion of Future Agendas

The IRC set the following meeting dates: June 30, July 28, and August 25, 2021.

June 30, 2021: The IRC directed a brief meeting in order for the City Attorney to report on Council's action on the IRC recommendation, as well as progress on the Petition for Writ of Mandate.

July 28, 2021: The IRC directed that staff prepare our “Civic Engagement Plan” (moniker TBD) for their review and approval on August 25th. The July 28th meeting will be a “working session” at which staff presents its detailed outline of the civic engagement plan for IRC and public feedback.

August 25, 2021: The IRC will consider and approve the Civic Engagement Plan.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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 June 30, 2021.

SANTA BARBARA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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