



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 30, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET CONDUCTED VIA GO TO WEBINAR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 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: Nicole Grisanti, Administrator's Office Supervisor, Marguerite Mary Leoni, Special Counsel, David Lazarus, Special Counsel, Michelle Sosa-Acosta, Deputy City Attorney.

Public Present: None.

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 revised minutes of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting of May 26, 2021. Hon. Khan requested a minor spelling error be corrected. There were no objections to the change. There were no other changes to the minutes.

NOTICES

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Report on City Council Action to Initiate Litigation to Reform the November 1, 2021 Charter Redistricting Deadline.

The Santa Barbara City Council unanimously directed the initiation of litigation as recommended by the Independent Redistricting Commission on May 26, 2021.

Special Counsel has been in contact with the plaintiffs' attorneys in *Banales* regarding changes to the settlement agreement and stipulated judgment. Plaintiffs' attorneys are supportive of modifying the settlement agreement.

2. Discussion of Future Agendas.

The IRC expressed interest in a special meeting to discuss the pleadings for Special Counsel's alternative writ. The special meeting's schedule is to be determined, but the special meeting will take place before July 28.

The IRC adjusted the agendas for upcoming meetings as follows:

July 28, 2021: The IRC directed that staff prepare our "Civic Engagement Plan" (moniker approved) 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. Special Counsel will provide a litigation update.

August 25, 2021: The IRC will consider and approve the Civic Engagement Plan. Special Counsel will provide a Census data update.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:25 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