



# Redistricting Commission City of San José MINUTES

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6:00 PM

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Present: Chair- Teresa Alvarado; Members- Jonathan Bruns, Enedina Cardenas, Daisy Castro, Andrew Ditlevsen, B J Fadem, Freddie W. Sidbury Jr., Kaitlyn Tran, Lenka Wright

Absent: Sylvia Alvarez, Ramon Martinez

Staff: Megan Roche, Legislative Secretary; Toni J. Taber, City Clerk; Mark Vanni, Senior Deputy City Attorney

## **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Days**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

## **II. Public Record- None**

## **III. Consent Calendar**

### **a) Approve Redistricting Commission Minutes.**

Public Comment: Blair Beekman thanked Commissioners for holding the meeting and noted the Brown Act's positive potential during the redistricting process.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Fadem and seconded by Commissioner Bruns, the Commission moved to adopt the Redistricting Commission minutes from February 22, 2021. (9-0-2; Absent: Alvarez, Martinez)

## **IV. Reports & Information**

## **V. Public Hearing- None**

## **VI. Old Business- None**

## **VII. New Business**

### **a) Voting Procedures and Rosenberg's Rules of Order Training.**

This item was taken out of order, after item VIIb. The City Clerk provided a training on Rosenberg's Rules of Order and voting procedures. The Commission decided that each Commissioner will limit their speech to three minutes during discussion, with the

understanding that the time limit may be extended in the case of completing a thought. The City Clerk reviewed Resolution No. 79867 to highlight the specific rules which govern the Redistricting Commission.

Public Comment- Blair Beekman emphasized the importance of building strong redistricting practices now in order to prepare ourselves for potential states of emergency in the future.

**b) Overview of Redistricting Processes.**

This item was taken out of order, before item VIIa. Jonathan Mehta Stein, the Executive Director of California Common Cause, presented on redistricting processes and the duties of the Redistricting Commission. He covered both why redistricting is important to local communities and how to create a transparent and inclusive redistricting process.

Public Comment- None

**VIII. Public Comment**

1. Blair Beekman called attention to the country's "Military-Industrial Technology Complex" and identified democratic practices as the key to building a peaceful, sustainable, and equitable future.

**IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

**a) Discussion and Possible Action on Scheduling.**

The Commission agreed to schedule regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

**X. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
Megan Roche(megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov) (5/3/2021)

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Chair, Redistricting Commission