



# Redistricting Commission City of San José MINUTES

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6:00 PM

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Present: Sylvia Alvarez, Jonathan Bruns (6:30 p.m.), Enedina Cardenas, Daisy Castro, B J Fadem, Ramon Martinez, Freddie W. Sidbury Jr., Lenka Wright

Absent: Chair- Teresa Alvarado; Members- Andrew Ditlevsen

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Castro and seconded by Commissioner Alvarez, the Commission moved to accept the Orders of the Day. (7-0-3; Absent: Alvarado, Bruns, Ditlevsen)

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

## **III. Consent Calendar**

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

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Alvarez and seconded by Commissioner Fadem, the Commission moved to adopt the Redistricting Commission minutes from May 20, 2021. (7-0-3; Absent: Alvarado, Bruns, Ditlevsen)

## **IV. Reports & Information- None**

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

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

## **VII. New Business**

### **a) Presentation on Redistricting Law and Redistricting Criteria.**

Connie Malloy of Redistricting Partners introduced Professor Angelo Ancheta, who provided a presentation on Redistricting Law and Redistricting Criteria. Commissioners asked

questions and discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Paul Soto spoke of how his family suffered under the policies of redlining and cited the speech given by Martin Luther King Jr. titled “Two Americas.” Blair Beekman wished the Commission good luck in its efforts to make multilanguage translation accessible and also brought to the Commission’s attention the possibility of a future natural disasters.

**b) Communities of Interest.**

The City Clerk, Toni Taber, discussed a plan for communities of interest public hearings and outreach in the coming months. Ms. Taber identified updates to the Redistricting Commission’s webpage within the City of San José’s main website, highlighted where the Community of Interest Survey Forms may be located, and also noted the resignation of Kaitlyn Tran, commissioner from District 4. Ms. Taber received feedback and answered questions from the commissioners. Nick Kuwada, Policy Director for Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), invited the Commission to attend and participate in SVCN’s three-workshop series on how to engage with communities of interest on June 30, July 7, and July 14, 2021.

Public Comment: Paul Soto appreciated the opportunity to participate in Mr. Kuwada’s three-workshop series and called on the Commission to rectify the crimes against humanity and generational consequences that have undeservedly been endured by his community in San José. Blair Beekman emphasized the importance of inviting public participation into the subcommittee process in order to work towards an accountable and sustainable relationship between the community and government.

**VIII. Public Comment/Open Forum**

1. Paul Soto cited the book *Aztlán* by Luis Valdez and Stan Steiner which describes the dignity of the farm worker who will fight when insulted.
2. Blair Beekman highlighted the importance of fostering sustainability and peace through open public policy ideas.

**IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next Redistricting Commission meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021.

**X. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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