



**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Commission Members:**

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# AGENDA

## Roll Call

## Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

## Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

### 1. Minutes - November 3, 2021

## Commission Action Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up.*

2. **Review of Community of Interest Form Submissions**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
3. **Review of Map Submissions**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
4. **Establishing a Regular Meeting Schedule for January, February, and March 2022**  
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## Subcommittee Reports

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5. **Verbal Report from Map and Community of Interest Review Subcommittee**
6. **Verbal Report from Community Outreach Subcommittee**

## Information Reports

## Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- Discussion of items to be added to the next scheduled meeting calendar
- Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar

## Adjournment

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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**Bias in Favor of Cal Students**

1. Clifford Fred

**Item #2: Review of Community of Interest Form Submissions**

2. Barbara Ann Yoder



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## MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson

**Absent:** Smith

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters** – 0 speakers

### Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

**1. Minutes - October 20, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Rhodes/Fox) to approve the minutes of 10/20/21.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Cho, Choy, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – Cooper, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol; Absent – Smith.

### Commission Action Items

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**2. Review of Community of Interest Form Submissions**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: M/S/C (Watson/Cooper) to adjust the "COI Identified" column to be "COI Summary," to modify the "Mappable" column to have "Yes/No/Other Concerns Identified" heading, to change the column "Should it have a boundary change" to two columns – "Boundary Change Requested" and "Boundary Change Recommended," and to provide the general direction that the subcommittee will fill out the matrix based on the forms received and submit the matrix to the full commission for discussion and modifications.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith.

**3. Review of Map Submissions**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 1 speaker. The commission discussed the potential process for map review and factors such as the volume of maps and available data. Also requested additional map layers including the Berkeley Unified School District school zones.

## Commission Action Items

4. **Appointment of At-Large Alternate Commissioner**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** M/S/C (Fox/Rhodes) to appoint Flynn Louis Walsh as the fifth at-large alternate commissioner.  
**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith.

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5. **Verbal Report from Map and Community of Interest Review Subcommittee**
  - Update covered by Items 2 and 3 above.
6. **Verbal Report from Community Outreach Subcommittee**
  - Staff to conduct final reminder push through available channels for end of map submission period.

## Information Reports

### Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- **Discussion of items to be added to the next scheduled meeting calendar**
  - Items 2 and 3 held over to next agenda
  - 2022 Meeting schedule item including information on in-person meetings
- **Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar**
  - None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Nicol/Rhodes) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Hanson, Nicol, Rhodes, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith.

Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on November 3, 2021.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk


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### **Item #2: Review of Community of Interest Form Submissions**

1. Betty Kano





No Material  
Available for  
this Item

There is no material for this item.

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<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/redistricting>





City Clerk Department

November 17, 2021

To: Independent Redistricting Commission  
From: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary  
Subject: Review of Public Redistricting Map Submissions

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The period for public submission of redistricting maps ends Monday, November 15, 2021. As of November 10, fifteen maps have been submitted for the Commission's consideration.

Staff is converting hand-drawn submissions into electronic formats in order to provide accurate population and demographic data. As the Commission and the Map & COI Subcommittee further discuss and refine the review process, staff will be available to support the commission in the deliberations. The appropriate level of pre-analysis from staff can be discussed with the Commission. Depending on the number of maps received, electronic maps for all plans may be available by the December 1 meeting.

The review of public maps must include analysis of the criteria in the City Charter, provided as Attachment 1. The plans from the public provide valuable input to the Commission in the form of common themes and specific interests expressed, but they are not required to be the template from which the Commission determines the final boundaries. The ultimate discretion on final boundaries lies with the Commission.

The discussion of public maps and COI forms will continue through the end of 2021 and possibly into January of 2022. The Commission will then transition into the map drafting phase and adoption of a final map in March 2022. All maps will be available online through the City's redistricting web page at [cityofberkeley.info/redistricting](http://cityofberkeley.info/redistricting).

Attachments:

1. City Charter Section 9.5(f) - Criteria for redistricting.

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(1) The Commission shall adjust the boundaries of City Council districts in a manner that complies with the Constitution and statutes of the United States and the State of California, in order that the eight City Council districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be according to the most recent decennial federal census, except where deviation is required to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

(2) In establishing and modifying district boundaries, the Independent Redistricting Commission shall take into consideration topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory of the districts, as well as existing communities of interest as defined below, and shall utilize easily understood district boundaries such as major traffic arteries and geographic boundaries to the extent they are consistent with communities of interest. The geographic integrity of a neighborhood or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating State or Federal law or the requirements of this Section. For purposes of this subsection "communities of interest" shall mean the following: A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Such shared interests include but are not limited to those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process, as well as neighborhoods, students, organized student housing, shared age, and racial demographics. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(3) Districts shall not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.

(4) The Independent Redistricting Commission may consider existing district boundaries as a basis for developing new district boundaries. Should the Commission deviate substantially in its redistricting plan from the previous district boundaries in order to reflect population growth, protect communities of interest or better comply with the redistricting criteria in the Charter, it shall issue a report explaining its reasons for doing so.

(5) The Independent Redistricting Commission shall not consider the residence of sitting Councilmembers.

(6) If the Independent Redistricting Commission adopts a redistricting plan that removes the residence of a sitting Councilmember from their then-current district, that Councilmember shall continue to serve on the City Council until the expiration of their term.



City Clerk Department

November 17, 2021

To: Independent Redistricting Commission  
 From: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary  
 Subject: 2022 Meeting Schedule

### Regular Meetings

In 2021, the Independent Redistricting Commission's regular meetings were held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Staff recommends varying the meeting schedule in 2022 by holding regular meetings on different days of the week to reach the broadest audience possible. The Commission may also consider varying the meeting start times.

Below is a proposed regular meeting schedule for January through March 2022. In preparing this schedule, staff avoided significant cultural events, major religious holidays, City holidays, and City Council meetings. The Commission can schedule as many special meetings as are necessary.

Meeting Date	Day of the Week	Type of Meeting	Start Time
<b>January 10</b>	Monday	Regular	6:00 pm
<b>January 27</b>	Thursday	Regular	6:00 pm
<b>February 17</b>	Thursday	Regular	6:00 pm
<b>February 28</b>	Monday	Regular	6:00 pm
<b>March 14</b>	Monday	Regular	6:00 pm
<b>March 30</b>	Wednesday	Regular	6:00 pm

### Public Hearings

Two public hearings must also be scheduled to receive community input on draft redistricting maps. Staff recommends the public hearing dates be scheduled at a later date once the volume of public maps and planned review time is considered. Although public hearings are not required to be held on weekends, the Commission may wish to schedule at least one Saturday hearing to accommodate people who are unable to attend weekday meetings.

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### In Person Meetings

Currently, the City of Berkeley is operating under newly adopted Brown Act rules that allow for the continued use of virtual meetings if there is a declared emergency at the state level and the local jurisdiction makes certain findings about the need to hold meetings virtually for health and safety reasons. It is unknown how long the state emergency will be in effect. Once the emergency declaration is lifted, the Commission will transition to in-person meetings.

On December 7, 2021, the City Council will hold an in-person meeting at the BUSD Boardroom. This meeting is intended to test the ability of the Council to hold a “hybrid” meeting (both in-person and virtual attendees) in anticipation of the return to in-person meetings in 2022. The BUSD Boardroom is the only location that can accommodate a hybrid meeting set up at this time. The Boardroom is not a suitable location for IRC meetings due to the limitation of nine seats on the dais and the significant rental fees.

If conditions allow, the Commission may begin meeting in-person in 2022. Some of the potential public meeting locations may include South Berkeley Senior Center, North Berkeley Senior Center, and Longfellow Middle School. A suitable location on the UC Berkeley campus may also be an option for a special meeting. Potential meeting locations must be large enough for a dais for the 13-members of the commission and also a sizable public audience. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and begin preparations for a return to in-person meetings in the first quarter of 2022.