

# INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
6:00 PM

## Commission Members:

DISTRICT 1 – TERRY NICOL  
DISTRICT 2 – JESSE SUSSELL  
DISTRICT 3 – LISA M. TRAN  
DISTRICT 4 – CURTIS W. HANSON  
AT-LARGE – DELORES COOPER  
AT-LARGE – CARLY MICHELE ALEJOS  
AT-LARGE – SHERRY SMITH

DISTRICT 5 – WINSTON RHODES  
DISTRICT 6 – ELISABETH WATSON  
DISTRICT 7 – RANA CHO  
DISTRICT 8 – ANDREW FOX  
AT-LARGE – LUPE GALLEGOS-DIAZ  
AT-LARGE – RONALD K. CHOY

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**Roll Call:** 6:03 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Alejos

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters** – 1 speaker

## **Minutes for Approval**

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

### **1. Minutes - November 17, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Rhodes/Hanson) to approve the minutes of 11/17/2021.

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

## **Commission Action Items**

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

### **2. Appointment of At-Large Alternate Commissioner**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. M/S/C (Hanson/Cho) to select Matthew R. Lewis as the first choice for 5<sup>th</sup> At-Large Alternate and authorize appointment of Frances Dede Dewey as 5<sup>th</sup> At-Large Alternate if Matthew R. Lewis declines the appointment.

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

### **3. Review of Community of Interest (COI) Form Submissions**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

**Recommendation:** Review the information provided by the Map and Community of Interest Review Subcommittee and determine if there are changes needed to the COI classification and analysis.

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. The Commission discussed the classification of the form on the matrix, made adjustments to #10 and #25 to designate them as mappable, and discussed the use and impact of COI forms on the overall process.

#### 4. **Review of Map Submissions**

**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**

**Recommendation:** Review the proposed map review and development process, make any needed changes, and take action to adopt.

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. The Commission discussed the proposed map development process and calendar, adjusted the process to move up the 1/27 items to 1/10, to request in-person meetings, and to schedule the additional map review meeting for after the February 28 meeting.

**Action:** M/S/C (Nicol/Rhodes) to appoint Commissioners Nicol and Sussell to the Mao and COI Review Subcommittee.

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

### **Subcommittee Reports**

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

- Completed under Item 2 and Item 3

### **Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar**

- **Discussion of items to be added to the next scheduled meeting calendar**
  - Revised Map Development Process
  - December 15 items from proposed process
  - Changes to COI & Map Subcommittee
  - Physical Maps for the Public
- **Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar**
  - None

### **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Nicol/Gallegos-Diaz) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on December 1, 2021.

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Mark Numainville  
City Clerk

## **Communications**

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### **Item #4: Review of Community of Interest Form Submissions**

23. Josh Buswell-Charkow

### **Opinions on redistricting**

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## **Supplemental Communications**

### **Item #3: Review of Community of Interest (COI) Form Submissions**

25. Lynn Zamorra, Willard Neighborhood Association

### **Item #4: Review of Map Submissions**

26. Commissioner Ronald Choy

## **General Comments**

### **Neighborhoods**

27. Carla Woodworth

28. Andrew Johnson, Bateman Neighborhood Association