



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2022
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
630 GARDEN ST, SANTA BARBARA, CA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Hon. Melinda A. Johnson (Ret.), Hon. Abraham Khan (Ret.), Hon. Elizabeth Allen White (Ret.).

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Brandon Beaudette, Acting Assistant to the City Administrator; Ariel Calonne, City Attorney; Michelle Sosa-Acosta, Deputy City Attorney; Norma Cervantes, Administrative Analyst; Dr. Daniel Phillips, National Demographics Corporation.

All present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Changes to the Agenda

B. Public Comment. Any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within its jurisdiction that is not scheduled on this agenda for a public discussion.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Frank Rodriguez, CAUSE
2. Fred Marsh, Eucalyptus Hill Homeowner's Association
3. Dree Hudson Daugherty
4. Roxanne Clare
5. Lesley Wiscomb
6. Lindsey Baker, League of Women Voters Santa Barbara
7. Loy Beardsmore, Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association
8. Councilmember Kristen Sneddon
9. Councilmember Mike Jordan
10. Sheila Lodge
11. Dr. Lanny Ebenstein, Committee for District Elections

C. Approval of the minutes of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting of February 12, 2022. The Commissioners moved to approve the February 12 minutes.

NOTICES

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Presentation by the City's demographer, National Demographics Corporation ("NDC") on the release of additional draft maps. Commission members will discuss the viability of the draft maps.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke:

1. Loy Beardsmore, Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association
2. Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez
3. Dr. Lanny Ebenstein, Committee for District Elections
4. Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez
5. Councilmember Kristen Sneddon

Chair Johnson requested that NDC create a map that cuts the census blocks along Eucalyptus Hill to keep the neighborhood intact.

2. Discussion of Commissioners' availability for the March 30 public hearing.

The Commissioners agreed they are available on March 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

3. Discussion of Future Agendas.

Chair Johnson recommended the Commission begin considering narrowing the draft maps.

City Attorney Ariel Calonne recommended the IRC direct staff to prepare a matrix of the pros and cons of the proposed draft maps. The Commissioners agreed.

NDC confirmed it would create "E" variation maps of the "R" plans and a recently submitted District Elections Committee plan (the "DEC plan") to address the Eucalyptus Hill issue.

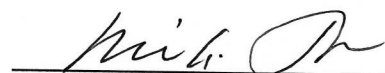
COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Independent Redistricting Commission of the City of Santa Barbara on March 14, 2022.

SANTA BARBARA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION



HON. MELINDA A. JOHNSON, (RET.) CHAIR

Plan	Total Population Deviation	District 1 LCVAP	District 2 LCVAP	Coastal Districts	State Street Districts	High Fire/Foothills Districts	Boundary Issues?	Compactness Issues?	Public Comment Summary
Current	18.5%	49%	45%	Four: All but D3&6	Six: All	One: D4	One: D2/3	Two: D3&6	No comments.
NDC 101RE	6.3%	50%	42%	Five: All but D6	Six: All (D2 barely)	One: D4	One: D2/5	Two: D3&6	This “minimal change” map was supported by commenters because it allowed more districts to include coastal areas, it keeps high fire risk areas together in D4, it does not alter existing neighborhood interests arising since 2015 (which produced an electoral district map that many public commenters have favored). The map was opposed based upon the assertion that it does not fulfill the intent of the <i>Banales</i> judgment.
NDC 102RE	8.1%	51%	40%	Two: D2&5	Four: All but D1&3	One: D4	None	One: D2	The map was opposed based upon the assertion that it does not fulfill the intent of the <i>Banales</i> judgment.
NDC 103RE	8.8%	50%	40%	Two: D2&6	Three: D4,5&6	Two: D4&5	None	One: D6	The map was opposed based upon the assertion that it does not fulfill the intent of the <i>Banales</i> judgment.
NDC 104E	8.2%	51%	45%	Three: D2,4&5	Five: All but D1	One: D4	None	Three: D2,3&6	No comments.
NDC 105AE	8.9%	51%	46%	Three: D2,4&5	Five: All but D1 (D2 barely)	One: D4	One: D3/6	One: D4	These maps were prepared in consultation with the District Elections Committee. They were supported because they achieve an LCVAP plurality in D3. They were opposed because they reduce the number of districts with coastal territory and because they include the area between Canon Perdido and Anapamu, and Milpas and Nopal. It was asserted that this area lacks LCVAP and has high voter turnout so as to compromise the D1 LCVAP impact. Commenters suggested East Beach should remain in D1 because of historic segregation resulting in heavy use by Latino/a residents. Some commenters expressed interest in maps allowing D3 to extend to the coastal areas.
NDC 105BE	9.7%	51%	46%	Three: D2,4&5	Five: All but D1	One: D4	One: D3/6	Two: D2&6	
DEC	9.1%	51%	46%	Three: D2,4&5	Five: All but D1 (D2 barely)	One: D4	Five	One: D4	Proposed by the District Elections Committee. Not yet reviewed.