



CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes Redistricting Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair HELLER called the Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Member Hubert Walsh, Vice Chair Cindy Morse, Member Jennifer Jones, Member Lisa Sykes, Member Janet Kasper, Member Ronnie DeAnda, Chairperson Ryan Heller, Member Sabrina Abong, and Anthony Aldana

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clerk's Office received an email from Mayte AGUILAR CRUZ regarding communities of interest testimonies from various community members.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Redistricting Advisory Committee Minutes of September 15, 2021

REPORT IN BRIEF

Redistricting Advisory Committee Minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Redistricting Advisory Committee - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Redistricting Advisory Committee minutes of September 15, 2021.

A motion was made by Member DeAnda, seconded by Member Walsh, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: The Committee took a break at 6:06 PM to wait for the 6:15PM Public Hearing.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing (to be Heard at 6:15PM) to Receive a Report from Staff on the Redistricting Process and Permissible Criteria to be Considered to Redraw the Council District Map, to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries

REPORT IN BRIEF

Public Hearing to inform the Redistricting Advisory Committee and the public on the redistricting process and allow community input regarding the redrawing of the Council District Map.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive public input on the redrawing of election district boundaries.

National Demographics Corporation Consultant Jeff TILTON gave a slide show presentation on the Redistricting Process.

Committee Members and Mr. TILTON discussed the deviation percentage, the Census block, and finding the variant per district.

Chair HELLER opened the Public Hearing at 6:37PM.

Diana ODOM GUNN, Merced - spoke on the communities of interest regarding the Downtown area.

Shane SMITH, Merced - spoke on communities of interest in various Districts.

Clint MOORE, Merced - spoke on the communities of interest regarding the Downtown area.

Antoine HUBBARD SR., Merced - spoke on the communities of interest regarding South Merced.

Mary CAMPER, Merced - spoke on using Bear Creek as a boundary and keeping downtown together.

Liz, Merced - asked about including UC Merced as part of the Redistricting process.

City Manager Stephanie DIETZ explained that UC Merced is currently part of the County and wont be part of the Redistricting process.

Chair HELLER closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 PM.

Clerk's Note: This item was for information only, no formal vote was taken.

G. BUSINESS

G.1.

SUBJECT: Committee Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Committee and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

Committee Member WALSH spoke on his attendance of the League of Women voters meeting where they discussed redistricting. He also asked about allowing the public to gain access to the electronic maps.

Committee Member JONES spoke on the outreach she did regarding Redistricting.

Chair HELLER and City Manager Stephanie DIETZ briefly discussed resource allocation.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

A motion was made by Member Abong, seconded by Aldana, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0