



Minutes
Redistricting Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Member ABONG called the Redistricting Advisory Committee to order at 6:01 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Clerk's Note: When the Chair and Vice Chair are both absent, the next person to run the meeting is chosen alphabetically. Committee ABONG was the Acting Chair for this meeting.

Present: 6 - Member Hubert Walsh, Member Jennifer Jones, Member Lisa Sykes, Member Janet Kasper, Member Ronnie DeAnda, and Member Sabrina Abong

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Cindy Morse, and Chairperson Ryan Heller

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clerk's Office received an email from Jennifer SARALEGUI regarding the Redistricting process.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. SUBJECT: Redistricting Advisory Committee Minutes of August 12, 2021

REPORT IN BRIEF

Redistricting Advisory Committee Minutes from the meeting of August 12, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Redistricting Advisory Committee - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Redistricting Advisory Committee minutes of August 12, 2021.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Walsh, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, and Member Abong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: The Committee took a break at 6:05 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.

Clerk's Note: The Committee reconvened the meeting at 6:15 PM for the Public Hearing Item.

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

Committee Member ABONG opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM.

Hannah NIANE, Merced - asked how the City will help those who may not understand or have access to a computer to participate in the redistricting process.

Nicola ADAMS, Merced - asked about the dates for the Redistricting Workshops.

Committee Member ABONG closed the Public Hearing at 6:41PM.

Committee Members, Mr. TILTON, and City Manager Stephanie DIETZ discussed the existing city limit map, County islands, influence of school districts, workshop dates, demographic summary of current district makeup, variance number determined, mapping tools, and languages

available.

Clerk's Note: This item was an information-only item.

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 ABONG discussed the Mercado.

Committee Member JONES discussed the redistricting outreach she has done.

Committee Member WALSH discussed the questions he received from members of the public and shared those questions at the meeting.

Committee Member KASPER discussed the redistricting outreach she has done.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

A motion was made by Member Sykes, seconded by Member Kasper, to adjourn the Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Walsh, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, and Member Abong

No: 0

Absent: 0