



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
(REGULAR MEETING)**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

5:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Redistricting Commissioners: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Daniel Chesmore (Alternate), Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh (Alternate) Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commission website: [www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting](http://www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting)

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- Comment in advance. To send your comment directly to the Redistricting Commission and staff BEFORE the meeting starts, please send your comment, along with your full name and agenda item number you are commenting on, to Corey Alvin at [calvin@oaklandca.gov](mailto:calvin@oaklandca.gov). Please

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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

**2. Open Forum**

Speakers will be called on by the facilitator as speakers “raise their hand” through video conference or by telephone. All speakers will be allotted a maximum of two minutes to address the Commission, unless amended by the Chair.

**3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners**

Pursuant to Rule 13 of the Redistricting Commission’s Rules of Procedures, Commissioners shall verbally report any contacts with the purpose of influencing the decision-making authority of the Commission. Contacts shall include, but is not limited to, verbal or written communications from a City Council Member, School Board Member, locally elected official, public entity, partisan lobbyist, or individual speaking on behalf of the aforementioned offices or entities.

**4. Resolution to Continue Teleconference Meetings**

The Commission will consider re-adoption of a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings of the Oakland Redistricting Commission and its committees would present imminent risks to attendees’ health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by California Assembly Bill No. AB-361 (September 16, 2021).

- Proposed Resolution

**5. Outreach Efforts Updates**

The Commissioners will provide oral updates on outreach efforts including feedback received at previously held redistricting workshops.

**6. Review of Maps Submitted by the Public**

The Commission will review maps submitted by the public to evaluate the characteristics and traits of each map that may not have been previously considered by the Commission. Maps submitted by the public are located on the following website: <https://districtr.org/event/Oakland>. The Commission specifically requested to review the following five maps:

- <https://districtr.org/edit/63136?event=oakland>
- <https://districtr.org/edit/69351?event=oakland>

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- <https://districtr.org/edit/76738?event=oakland>
- <https://districtr.org/edit/88585?event=oakland>
- <https://districtr.org/edit/87838?event=oakland>

**7. Public Testimony Regarding Redistricting & Draft Map Discussion**

The Commission will receive public testimony regarding proposed draft maps. Each member of the public will be given 2 minutes to speak regarding any proposed map. After all public comments have been received, the Commission may discuss public comments or concerns. The Commission will continue to receive public input after this meeting. The Commission may take action regarding any proposed map including eliminating maps from consideration, review maps proposed prior to this meeting, discuss details of the maps under consideration, may direct or make changes to any map under consideration, and may direct the creation of new maps.

- Draft district map proposals – all maps and PDFs available at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/district-map-proposals>
  - [Draft Map E](#) – this map was requested by the Commission using the following criteria: Do not have a “hills only” district; Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including: Glenview, District 2, Rockridge, West Oakland, Dimond, Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore), Piedmont Pines; Make the density of each district closer to average (closer than allowed deviation), adjusted for economic, racial diversity, includes business districts, environmental areas/parks without diluting the relative voting strength of communities of interest; Keep an influence level of 30%.
  - [Draft Map F](#) – this map was requested by the Commission using the following criteria: Use Draft Map A as a guideline; Do not have a “hills only” district; Make the density of each district closer to average (closer than allowed deviation), adjusted for economic, racial diversity, includes business districts, environmental areas/parks without diluting the relative voting strength of communities of interest; Change the map identification from letters to a letter plus a number format (i.e. A1, B2, C3, etc.)
  - [Draft Map G](#) – this map was requested by the Commission using the following criteria: Use Draft Map B as a guideline; Make the density of each district closer to average (closer than allowed deviation), adjusted for economic, racial diversity, includes business districts, environmental areas/parks without diluting the relative voting strength of communities of interest; Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including: Glenview, District 2, Rockridge, West Oakland, Dimond, Lake Merritt (around the Lake

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Merritt shore), Piedmont Pines; Change the map identification from letters to a letter plus a number format (i.e. A1, B2, C3, etc.)

- [Draft Map H](#) – this map was requested by the Commission using the following criteria: Use Draft Map D as a guideline; Make the density of each district closer to average (closer than allowed deviation), adjusted for economic, racial diversity, includes business districts, environmental areas/parks without diluting the relative voting strength of communities of interest; Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including: Glenview, District 2, Rockridge, West Oakland, Dimond, Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore), Piedmont Pines; Change the map identification from letters to a letter plus a number format (i.e. A1, B2, C3, etc.)
- [Draft Map I](#) – this map was requested by the Commission using the following criteria: Use Draft Map E as a guideline; Keep the Black Cultural Zone intact; Unify Dimond, Laurel, Allendale, and Bartlett neighborhoods into one district in a predominantly "hills" district.
- [Draft Map J](#) – this map was requested by the Commission using the following criteria: Use Draft Map E as a guideline; Keep the Black Cultural Zone intact; Unify Dimond, Laurel, Allendale, and Bartlett neighborhoods into one district in a predominantly "flats" district.
- [Draft Map K](#) – this map was produced by the Commission's technical consultants using the following criteria: Use Draft Map H as a guideline; Keep the Black Cultural Zone intact; Unify Dimond, Laurel, Allendale, and Bartlett neighborhoods into one district in a predominantly "flats" district.
- Maps submitted by the public – maps submitted by the public are located on the following website: <https://districtr.org/event/Oakland>.
- [Online Survey Responses](#)

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting will adjourn upon the completion of the Commission's business.

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¿Necesita un intérprete en español, cantonés o mandarín, u otra ayuda para participar? Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a [calvin@oaklandca.gov](mailto:calvin@oaklandca.gov) o llame al (510) 238-6316 o al (510) 238-2007 para TDD/TTY por lo menos cinco días antes de la reunión. Gracias.

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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**OAKLAND REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-005**



**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE OAKLAND REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) AS AMENDED BY CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. AB-361 (SEPTEMBER 16, 2021).**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded, See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf> ; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing difficult, See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. See <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms stay home, See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus, See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others, See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that are not designed to ensure circulation of fresh / outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's public-meeting facilities are not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

**WHEREAS**, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members from different households to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person meetings will bring community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

**WHEREAS**, some attendees would use ride-share services or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2021, Commissioners adopted a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings of the Oakland Redistricting Commission and its committees would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by California Assembly Bill No. AB-361 (September 16, 2021); now therefore be it:



**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland Redistricting Commission finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this Resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Oakland Redistricting Commission renews its determination that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oakland Redistricting Commission firmly believes that the community's health and safety seriously and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oakland Redistricting Commission will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Oakland Redistricting Commission finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever is occurs first.

ADOPTED ON THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.