



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 30, 2021**  
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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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 5:04 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners excused: None

Alternate Commissioners present: Bharat Singh,

Alternate Commissioners excused: Daniel Chesmore

City staff present: Corey Alvin, Felicia Verdin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

**2. Open Forum**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Desmond Jeffries  
Roger Davies  
Mary  
Ralph Kanz  
Leo Kurtysh  
Esther Goolsby  
Marie Lanigan  
Jose  
Joelle Crepsac  
Lisa Ray  
Iris Merriouns

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**3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners**

Commissioner Gee sent an email to the council district representatives and the school district describing the selection of two maps (F3 and K3), Ms. Gee also contacted 250 organizations and provided them with same information and requested they express support for one map or the other.

Chair Gangas reported that she shared the maps and the meeting invitation with the Resilient Fruitvale Collective who in turn reached out to other organizations in East Oakland.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Iris Merriouns  
Mary  
Roger Davies  
Lisa Ray  
Arlinda Befort  
Doug Blackshear  
Jane

**4. Outreach Efforts Updates**

Charisma Acey of Eastside Arts Alliance provided outreach highlights to the Commission since the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. These highlights included recognizing the need to switch the outreach strategy to create opportunities to engage the public with more in-person events. Twenty-five events were planned, including sixteen in-person events and nine virtual focusing on the importance for redistricting every 10 years and why redistricting is aligned with the release of the census data.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Roger Davies  
Desmond Jeffries  
Jane  
Joelle Crepsac  
Doug Blackshear  
Jose  
Mary  
Ralph Kanz  
Leo Kurtysh  
Bobbie Lopez  
Ms. Joaniinha

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Liz Zuk  
D6 Resident  
Melody Davis  
James Chiong  
Mary Forte  
Sheryl Forte  
Otto  
Oscar Yassin  
Iris Merriouns

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

No comment was taken on this item

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Goode to approve the meeting minutes for the December 1, 2022 and December 6, 2022. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco),

A motion was made by Chair Gangas and seconded by Commissioner Shah to extend the meeting until 11pm. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco),

**6. Public Testimony Regarding Map F3 and Map K3**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Otto  
Rachel Beck  
Bobbie Lopez  
Allan Brill  
Arlinda Befort  
Lisa  
James Chiong  
Jeff Lawrence  
KC Ramsey  
Hugh Morrison  
Kumar  
Desmond Jeffries  
Kate  
Cheryl Walton  
Ernesto Arevallo  
Mary  
Liz Zuk

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Harlo  
Darlene Flynn  
Steven Lavoie  
Margie Lewis  
David Peters  
Joelle Crepsac  
Leo Kurtysh  
Jose  
Jay B  
Greg Hodge  
Roger Davies  
Tom Baker  
Mary Forte  
Ms. Joaniinha  
Reissa Jaffe  
Arianna Cassanva  
Rich Hanson  
Lisa Ray  
Hannah Wolf  
Evelynn Torres  
Elizabeth Stage  
Andrea Jones  
Rose10  
Kedar Korde  
Karly Ordaz  
Merika Reagan  
Ester Goolsby  
Karen Katz  
Carla  
Peter Seidl  
DGrigssMurphu  
Iris Merriouns  
Oscar Yassin

No action was taken on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to extend the meeting until midnight. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and 1 abstention (McKnight)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Shah to adopt Draft Map F3 as the final redistricting plan. The motion failed with 6 ayes

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(Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Marshall, Shah, Stevens) and 6 noes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Goode, Hamidi, Miller, Velasco) (McKnight was absent for this vote).

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Velasco to adopt Draft Map K3 as the final redistricting plan. The motion failed with 6 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Goode, Hamidi, Miller, Velasco), 6 noes (Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Marshall, Stevens, Shah).

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to extend the meeting to 12:30am. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and 1 abstention (McKnight)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Shah to continue Item no. 7 to the next scheduled Redistricting Commission meeting. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30am