



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

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 1, 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

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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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission will vote to approve the meeting minutes for the following meeting:

- [November 10, 2021](#)
- [November 15, 2021](#)

5. Outreach Efforts Updates

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

6. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Commissioners will provide updates and progress working on the following Ad Hoc Committees: Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, Community Outreach, Communications, Community-Based Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Government Meetings/Townhalls. By majority vote, the Commission may delegate work or assignments to the Ad Hoc Committees; the Commission may also vote to amend and/or approve draft documents, scopes of work or other items included for consideration.

7. Hills-only District Discussion

Commissioners will discuss and take possible action on considering a hills-only district in the final draft district map proposals that will be eligible for adoption.

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8. 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 A](#) - minimal changes to the existing district boundaries using traditional criteria.
 - [Draft Map B](#) – minimal changes to the existing district boundaries using traditional criteria and factoring communities of interest testimony received by the Commission at time of production.
 - [Draft Map C](#) – using traditional criteria but not beginning with the existing district boundaries as the starting basis.
 - [Draft Map D](#) – using traditional criteria but not beginning with the existing district boundaries as the starting basis. Draft map also factors communities of interest testimony received by the Commission at time of production.
 - [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.)

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- [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 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](#)

9. Adjournment

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

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Meeting Minutes

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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.

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1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 5:06 pm.

Commissioners present: Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco (arrived at 5:29 pm).

Commissioners excused: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell

Alternate Commissioners present: Daniel Chesmore, Bharat Singh.

City staff present: Richard J. Luna, Corey Alvin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Mike Zelinski

Mary Vail

Dana Mims

To Niya M. Scott-Smith

3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners

There were no disclosures made by Commissioners.

There were no public comments on this item.

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4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the draft meeting minutes. A motion was made by Stephanie Goode, seconded by Gloria Crowell, to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 27, 2021. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens), one not present (Velasco) and two excused (Achtenberg, Blackwell).

There were no public comments on this item.

5. Resolution to Continue Teleconference Meetings

The Commission reviewed the proposed resolution. A motion was made by Shirley Gee, seconded by Gloria Crowell, to adopt the proposed resolution. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens), one not present (Velasco) and two excused (Achtenberg, Blackwell).

The adopted resolution is included as *Exhibit A*.

There were not public comments on this item.

6. Outreach Efforts Updates

Elena Serrano and Charisma Acey provided outreach updates to the Commission, including organizations that were contacted, previous and upcoming in-person events where the public can learn about redistricting. Commissioners discussed various outreach strategies.

Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners spoke about the redistricting process while citing other examples from California jurisdictions. Commissioners discussed the impacts of redistricting.

Alternate Commissioner Daniel Chesmore exited the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Mike Zelinski
Liz Suk
To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Iris Merriouns
Stan Weisner
Joan Inha

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7. Baseline Criteria

Commissioner Stephanie Goode, on behalf of the Communications Ad Hoc Committee, presented a report on establishing baseline criteria for each draft district map proposal that is produced. Commissioners discussed the proposal, the need to expand definitions on certain criteria, and if the criteria could be mapped.

City staff stated any decisions could be made at the meeting on November 15, 2021, as the item was also noticed for that meeting.

Chair Lilibeth Gangas was excused from the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Brooke Levin
Brittany Rae Buckmire
Mary Forte
Paulina Gonzalez
Nelson T

No action was taken on this item.

8. Public Testimony Regarding Redistricting & Draft Map Discussion

City staff member Richard J. Luna stated that due to the delay in receiving draft district maps E, F, G and H, that staff recommended no action be taken on the new draft maps to allow ample time for the Commissioners and public to review the proposals.

Sophia Garcia of Redistricting Partners presented an overview of the draft maps and answered questions from the Commissioners.

The following public speakers provided public testimony:

Jananai Ramachandran
Otto
Stuart Flashman
To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Brooke Levin
Nathan Moon

Written comments were submitted by the following individuals or groups:

Hannah Wolf
Mary Sullivan
Ezra Kong

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Aileen Frankel
Kathleen Hirooka
Gary Sirbu
North Hills Community Association
Craig Downing
Helen Smiler
Doug Berman
Tom Cuff
Mike Bradley
Mary Vail
Patrick Zak
Martin Thomas
Elizabeth Byrne
Karen Ivy
Richard Cowan
Janice Yager
Carol Bieri
Christine Acker
Carolyn Mahoney
Myrna Walton
Lara Coffin
Tim Little
Richard Hawkins
Jody London
Christian Peeples
Janice Hearn
Stephanie Bianco
Thomas Bacon
Sandra Davidson
Christian Peeples
Marilyn Citron
Karen Brown
Hilary Fox
Thomas McGuire
Diana Sonne
Jean Follette
Emily Hou
Ann Postag

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Ina Meyrowtiz
Maryly Snow
Stella Ma
Sally Park Rubin
Margaret Garms
Giovanni Hernandez, Jessica Ramos, Roxana Perez Lima, Yarency Lizbeth Avelar, and
Losaline Kakala Moa
Sally Park Rubin
Nelson Tam
Ronald Wacker
Brooke Levin
Brigitte Nicoletti

Following testimony, Commissioners stated discussion on the draft maps should hold until the next meeting on November 15, 2021.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Exhibit A

Adopted Resolution



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 21-004



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 10th DAY OF November, 2021.



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1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 5:05 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight (arrived at 5:09 pm), Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners excused: Gloria Crowell.

Alternate Commissioners present: Daniel Chesmore, Bharat Singh.

City staff present: Richard J. Luna, Corey Alvin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Susan Shawl
Liz Suk

3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners

Commissioner Shirley Gee stated she sent the new draft district map proposals via email to the City Council Members, School Board Directors and various organizations.

There were no public comments on this item.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the draft meeting minutes. A motion was made by Shirley Gee, seconded by Amber Blackwell, to approve the minutes for the meeting of November

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1, 2021. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one excused (Crowell).

There were no public comments on this item.

No action was taken on the draft meeting minutes for October 27, 2021, as those minutes were approved at the meeting on November 10, 2021.

5. Resolution to Continue Teleconference Meetings

This item was not discussed, as the resolution was previously adopted at the meeting on November 10, 2021.

There were not public comments on this item.

6. Outreach Efforts Updates

Charisma Acey and Elena Serrano provided outreach updates to the Commission, including organizations that were contacted, previous and upcoming in-person events where the public can learn about redistricting. Commissioners discussed various outreach strategies.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Karely Ordaz
Sue Feinstein
Liz Suk
Susan Shawl
Joan Iinha
To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Tracy W
Victor Flores
Doug Blacksher
Steven Koerner
Dana Mims

7. Baseline Criteria

Commissioner Stephanie Goode recommended tabling the item but asked the Commissioners to consider other data sources in their decision-making process. Commissioner Masoud Hamidi recommended some publicly available online data

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sources. Commissioners also requested that the next agenda include an update from the Ad Hoc Committees.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Oscar Yassin
Liz Suk
Karely Ordaz
To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Stanley

No action was taken on this item.

8. Public Testimony Regarding Redistricting & Draft Map Discussion

Commissioners took public testimony prior to discussing the draft district map proposals.

The following public speakers provided public testimony:

Liz Suk
Elijah Chhum
Sakim Huitt
Tiffany Chu
Jazlynn S
Matthew Wong
Dong Suh
Barilio Mendoza Juachon
Rhummanee Hong
Karely Ordaz
Sophal Yin
Dana Mims
Otto
Oscar Yassin
To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Tracy W
Joelle Crepsac
Joan Iinha
Doug Blacksher

Written comments were submitted by the following individuals or groups:

To Niya M. Scott-Smith
Tayo Lanlehin
Elaine Ginnold
EC Brandon

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F. Matt Hummel
Tayo Lanlehin
Mary Vail
Mailisha Chesney, Kate Chaitin, Lisa Zemelman, Abe Ruelas, and Margurite Fuller
Tracy Wilson
Theresa Nelson
Jasper Wilson
Merideth Marschak
Alice Wilson
Miya Saika Chen
Stuart Flashman
Jonathan Gabel
B.Y. Kwong
To Niya M. Scott-Smith

Following testimony, Commissioners discussed and asked questions about the draft district map proposals, about when the publicly submitted maps can be considered and discussed, and if outreach efforts could be organized by district. Commissioners then discussed what happens when a current elected official no longer resides in the district they represent when the new map is issued.

A motion was made by Benjie Achtenberg, seconded by Tejal Shah, to direct the City Attorney to provide a legal analysis on what happens if the Commission re-draws the district boundaries and a City Council Member or School Board Director no longer resides in their district, what happens if the new map has more than one elected official in a new district, and what happens if a current district is left with no representative. Friendly amendments made by Lilibeth Gangas were accepted for the analysis to include scenarios for both the City Council and School Board and to answer what happens immediately in those scenarios and if the elected official can complete their term.

Deputy City Attorney Mitesh Bhakta and Chis Chaffee of Redistricting Partners provided responses to the questions, stating the incumbent completes the term for which they were elected to serve and that the new district map would not remove someone from office if they reside in a new district. After discussion, Commissioner Benjie Achtenberg withdrew his motion.

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Commissioners then returned to discussion on the draft district maps, including stating preferences for which maps should be prioritized, no longer considered, and that more time is needed to decide which maps should be prioritized or eliminated.

A motion was made by Benjie Achtenberg, seconded by Stephanie Goode, to extend the meeting until 9:00 pm. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one excused (Crowell).

Commissioner Benjie Achtenberg requested the Commission hold a discussion on including a hills-only district in the final map options.

Alternate Commissioner Bharat Singh exited the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Commissioners discussed the need to include economic hubs in the draft district map proposals. Chair Lilibeth Gangas announced Commissioner Paul Marshall and Alternate Commissioner Daniel Chesmore were tasked to work on mapping economic hubs.

Commissioners then discussed the publicly submitted maps. Commissioner Stephanie Goode recommended reviewing map #73408. Commissioner Tracy Richmond McKnight stated the Commission received written comments recommending Commissioners consider several publicly submitted maps.

A motion was made by Tracy Richmond McKnight, seconded by Mary Velasco, to consider publicly submitted maps #72058, #74523, #73408, and #76738. However, after discussion, Commissioner McKnight withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Amber Blackwell exited the meeting at 8:49 pm.

A second motion was made by Diana Miller, seconded by Tracy Richmond McKnight, to extend the meeting until 10:00 pm. The motion passed with nine ayes (Achtenberg, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco), one no (Gee), one abstention (Marshall), one absent (Blackwell) and one excused (Crowell).

A third motion was made by Diana Miller, seconded by Tracy Richmond McKnight, to create two new maps – Draft Map I and Draft Map J – that uses Draft Map E as a baseline, keeps the Black Cultural Zone intact, unifies Dimond, Laurel, Allendale, and Bartlett into one district which could be either a hills district or flats district. The motion

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Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Monday, November 15, 2021
Via Teleconference

passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one absent (Blackwell) and one excused (Crowell).

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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