



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
(Special Meeting)**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 (second meeting)**  
5:15 PM  
Via Teleconference

Redistricting Commissioners: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

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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 meeting minutes (attached) from the following meetings:

- January 5, 2022 (corrected)
- April 28, 2022

**5. Discussion to Fill Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner Vacancies**

The Charter requires the Commission to be made up of 13 Commissioners and two Alternate Commissioners. Since the adoption of Plan (F5), there is one Commissioner vacancy and two Alternate Commissioner vacancies. The Commission may fill the Commissioner vacancy or either Alternate Commissioner vacancy. The Commissioners will discuss the candidacy of Theresa Nelson and Ron Solomon to fill the current Commission vacancies and may choose to take action to fill these vacancies. Candidate applications were previously shared with the Commissioners.

**6. Commission Outreach Discussion and Debriefing**

Commission discussion and debriefing with outreach consultant Eastside Arts Alliance.

- [Eastside Arts Alliance Outreach Report](#)

**7. Commission Equity Discussion and Debriefing**

Commission discussion and debriefing with City staff Darlene Flynn, Director of Race and Equity.

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**8. Commission Vote on Final Draft of Charter Report**

The Commission will potentially discuss the process of creating the Commission's Charter Report and vote to adopt the final draft Charter Report made available on the City's website or a subsequent version based on comments received during discussion of this item.

- [Commission Charter Report – Final Draft](#)

**9. Adjournment**

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

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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 5:05 pm.

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

Commissioners excused: Amber Blackwell and Co-Vice Chair Tejal Shah

Alternate Commissioners present: Daniel Chesmore

Alternate Commissioners excused: Bharat Singh

City staff present: Corey Alvin, Felicia Verdin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

**2. Open Forum**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

James Vann  
Liz Zuk  
David Peters  
Andreas Jimenez  
Helen Duffy  
Emily Wheeler  
Liz Ortega  
James Chiong  
Ralph Kanz  
Greg Hodge  
Bobby Lopez  
Josh Frank  
Matt Davies

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Paulina Gonzalas  
Leo Kurtysh  
Alchemy Griffin  
Alina Wong  
Jose  
Matt Hummel  
Ernesto  
Carla  
Jennie Gerrard  
Mary  
Nick Piltch  
Mary Vail  
Tom Baker  
Assata Olugbata  
Elizabeth Stage  
MV Watson  
Iris Merrouns  
Stephanie

A motion was made by Chair Gangas seconded by Gloria Crowell to move agenda Item No. 7 ahead of Item No. 6. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Stevens, Velasco, Miller and Gangas).

**3. Chair and Co-Vice Chair Rotation Announcement**

A motion was made by Shirley Gee and seconded by Gloria Crowell to retain the Chair and Co-Vice Chairs for the current quarter. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Stevens, Velasco)

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Ms. Hutton  
Liz Zuk  
Collette Hena  
Reisa Jaffe  
Jose  
Allan Brill

The motion above made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Crowell was re-voted on after public comment. The motion yielded the same voting result.

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**4. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners**

Alternate Commissioner Chesmore (Entered the meeting during Agenda Item #2) spoke with a mayoral candidate and expressed support for her candidacy.

Commissioner Achtenburg disclosed he was contacted by Keith Brown President of the Oakland Education Association and the Alameda Labor Council about different map options and was also contacted by Bobbie Lopez representing San Francisco Latino Democratic Club in the East Bay, Ruben Hernandez representing Young Democrats of the East Bay, Carla Guerra representing the Unity Council for a Resilient Fruitvale, Karely Ordaz representing the Unity Council for a Resilient Fruitvale and Philippe Cuevas representing the SCIU in Oakland. Commissioner Achtenburg reported that he listened to their thoughts and opinions regarding different map options.

Commissioner Goode disclosed she was contacted by email by Liz Ortega representing the Alameda Labor Council, Bobbie Lopez representing the California Local Democratic Party, and Liz Zuk representing Oakland Rising and that she spoke with all of them regarding the night's agenda and the draft maps.

Commissioner Stevens added that probably all the Commissioners probably received an email from the Oakland Unity Council.

Chair Gangas disclosed that she was contacted by the Liz Ortega and Bobbie Lopez representing Alameda Labor Council and that she was also contacted by the Resilient Fruitvale Collective and Oakland Rising.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Howard Egerman  
Oscar Yassin  
Matt Davies  
Iris Merriouns  
Roger Davies

**5. Resolution to Continue Teleconferencing Meetings**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Ms. Hutton  
Joelle Crepsac  
Jose

A motion was made by Commissioner Achtenberg to approve the resolution as it appears in the agenda packet and seconded by Commissioner McKnight. The motion passed with

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12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Stevens, Velasco, Miller and Gangas)

**6. Public Testimony Regarding Final Maps Draft F3 and K3**

Commissioner Stevens temporarily exited the meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Goode and seconded by Commissioner Achtenberg to extend the meeting until 12 midnight. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Velasco).

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasco and seconded by Commissioner Miller to engage in live mapping drawing for 30 minutes each for Draft Maps F3 and K3. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Velasco).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Iris Merriouns  
Roger Davies  
Allan Brill  
Mary Forte  
Kate  
Andreas Jimenez  
Harlo  
James Chiong  
Kavya Reddy  
Denise Wong  
Carolyn  
Chair of Eastmont EPCE  
Leo Kurtysh  
Nicholas Gott  
Lisa Ray  
Collette Hanna  
Mary  
Cheryl Fabio  
Kumar  
Annie  
MV Watson  
Jane Sanchez  
Sharon Rose  
Desmond Jeffries



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Oscar Yassan  
Austin Tam  
Elihu Harris  
Darrin Ranahan  
Jose  
District 6 Resident  
Karen Katz  
B Boyer  
Liz Zuk  
Darlene Flynn  
Margorie Haskell  
Assata Olugbata  
Joelle Crepsac  
David Dologite  
Bobbie Lopez  
Chu Chu Chavis  
Ernesto Aervalo  
Tom Baker  
David Peters  
Doug Blackshear  
Reissa Jaffe  
Matt Hummel  
Ariana Casonova  
Nina Singh  
Michele Lanes  
Otto  
Victoria Fig  
Ester Goolsby  
Allie Whitehurst  
Gwen Knighton  
Brittini Chiquata  
Karley Ordaz  
Victoria Fig  
Paulina Gonzalez  
Peter Seidl

Commissioner Stevens re-entered the meeting.

A motion was made Commissioner McKnight and seconded Commissioner Crowell to move forward with Draft Map F3 while maximizing CVAP data for protected groups and thereby rejecting Draft Map K3. The motion passed with seven ayes (Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Marshall, McKnight, Stevens,) five noes (Achtenberg, Goode, Hamidi, Miller and Velosco).

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**7. Consultant Budget Update**

Staff provided an oral update on the current status of additional funds available for further mapping and consultation by Redistricting Partners and reported that there is \$38,526.00 total remaining in the Redistricting Commission.

Commissioners Blackwell and McKnight exited the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Stevens to extend the meeting to 12:15 am. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Stevens, Velasco).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Iris Merriouns  
Mrs. Tolbert  
Roger Davies  
Kate  
Joelle Crepsac  
Oscar Yassin

**Continued Outreach Effort**

Charisma Acey of Eastside Arts Alliance provided a budget update and expressed that continuing with virtual engagement is recommended including continuing outreach to community groups and media with email blasts and utilizing other existing outreach tools.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens and seconded by Commissioner Hamidi to extend the meeting by five minutes. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Stevens, Velasco).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Kate  
Assata Olugbata  
Allie Whitehurst  
Joelle Crepsac

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30am.



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**Thursday at 5pm, April 28, 2022**  
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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 5:14 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Stephanie Goode, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners absent: Amber Blackwell, Paul Marshall

Alternate Commissioners present: None

Alternate Commissioners excused: None

City staff present: Corey Alvin, Felicia Verdin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

**2. Open Forum**

No public comments were received on this item:

**3. Resolution to Continue Teleconferencing Meetings**

No public comments were received on this item:

A motion by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Stevens to re-adopt resolution No. 22-005 to continue teleconferencing Redistricting Commission meetings. The motion passed with ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Stevens, Miller, Shah, Velasco)

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:34 pm.



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

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 5:36 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners absent: Amber Blackwell, Paul Marshall

Alternate Commissioners present: None

Alternate Commissioners excused: None

City staff present: Corey Alvin, Felicia Verdin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

**2. Open Forum**

No Public Comment was received on this item.

**3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners**

No Public Comment was received on this item.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

No Public Comment was received on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Achtenberg to approve the meeting minutes for the Commission meetings of Dec 30, 2021, Jan 19, 2022, Jan 26, 2022, Feb 8, 2022, and March 9, 2022, excluding the meeting minutes for January 5, 2021, to allow for a correction identified by Commissioner Achtenberg. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Miller, Shah, Singh, Steven, Velasco).

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**5. Discussion of to fill Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner Vacancies**

Staff Council Mitesh Bhakta explained Charter requirements for filling commissioner vacancies and that commissioners are required to discuss filling Commissioner vacancies. Commission secretary identified two of the eligible candidates who expressed interest in serving on the Commission and the potential need to fill the vacancies to cover any future vacancies that were expected to occur.

Commissioner Gangas left the meeting at approximately 5:40 pm

No public comment was received on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Achtenberg and seconded by Commissioner Goode to make available eligible candidate information for Commission review and to agenize discussion of that review for the next commission meeting. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Miller, Shah, Singh, Steven, Velasco)

**6. Staff Update on Remaining Consultant Budget**

Staff provided budget information and identified all remaining funds formally allocated to consultants Redistricting Partners and Eastside Arts Alliance

The Commission inquired if available funds could be made available to retain Eastside Arts Alliance to write the Commission's Charter Report. Staff Council responded that the original contract would contain a scope of work that may or may not include the writing of a charter report and that a new RFP process would need to be initiated if the Eastside Arts Alliance's original scope did not include charter report writing.

Commissioner Singh left the meeting at approximately 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Goode requested that Dr, Acey be present at the next meeting as part of the reviewing of the report completed by Eastside Arts Alliance.

No Public Comment was received on this item.

Commissioner Goode left the meeting at 6:40 pm, the Commission lost quorum at 6:40 pm.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 pm.