



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

Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, January 26, 2023 (first
meeting) 5:30 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.

Commission website: www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting

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3. Resolution to Continue Teleconferencing 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)

- **Resolution (Attached)**

4. Adjournment

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OAKLAND REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 23-001



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of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded, See 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 Omicron 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 _____, 2022.



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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:

- December 13, 2022

5. Commission Vote on Final Draft of Charter Report

The Commission will potentially 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](#)

6. 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.

7. Adjournment

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

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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, Gloria Crowell, Masoud Hamidi, Lilibeth Gangas, Stephanie Goode, Paul Marshall, Diana Miller, Bharat Singh, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners absent: Tejal Shah

Alternate Commissioners present: None

Alternate Commissioners excused: Tejal Shah

City staff present: Corey Alvin

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 Stevens and seconded by Commissioner Achtenberg to re-adopt resolution No. 22-005 to continue teleconferencing Redistricting Commission meetings. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Singh, Stevens, 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 5:15 pm.

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

Commissioners absent: None

Alternate Commissioners present: None

Alternate Commissioners excused: Tejal Shah

City staff present: Corey Alvin

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 Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the meeting minutes for the Commission meetings January 5, 2022 and April 28, 2022. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Singh, Stevens, Velasco).

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hamidi and seconded by Commissioner Velasco to move item No. 5 to just before the meeting adjournment. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Singh, Stevens, Velasco)

5. Commission Outreach Discussion and Debriefing

Eastside Arts Alliance representative Charisma Acey reported on the highlights and focus of their outreach. Ms. Acey described the tools used to engage traditionally hard to reach communities including in-person and virtual events with the intent of spreading information that described the purpose and importance of redistricting along with providing some historical context of past redistricting efforts.

Ms. Acey also described Eastside Arts Alliance’s efforts to document and interpret public feedback, highlighting common themes that were used to provide recommendations for the current and future redistricting commissions.

The following persons spoke on this item:
Assata Olugbala

6. Commission Equity Discussion and Debriefing

City staff Darlene Flynn, Director of Race and Equity reported on her assessment of the equity discussion presented in the draft commission Charter Report. Ms. Flynn suggested that the report utilize the equity analysis already provided in past meetings and to weave the analysis into the draft report by providing links to specific analysis provided by her department.

The following persons spoke on this item:
Assata Olugbala

7. Commission Vote on Final Draft of Charter Report

The Commission provided further recommendations for additional information including an equity analysis that utilizes the City’s Department of Race and Equity as a resource.

Commissioners also identified the need for City staff to assist in providing linkages to referenced documents and to organize the website so that referenced documents and other information is easily accessible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goode and seconded by Commissioner Miller to submit individual comments and have the current writing team include to the current draft, and make comments available on the website and to all the Commissioners, so they

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are reviewed and agendaized for the next Commission meeting. The motion passed with 11 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Singh, Stevens, Velasco)

8. Discussion of to fill Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner Vacancies

Commissioner Velasco exited the meeting at 7:36 pm.

The Commissioners confirmed their availability for the next 6 weeks and voted to continue this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens and seconded by Commissioner Goode to continue item no 8 to a future meeting. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Singh, Stevens)

The following persons spoke on this item:
L. Zemelman

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 pm.