



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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 6, 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

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, 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, Felicia Verdin, Corey Alvin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Alex M,
Gail Wallace
Karly Ordaz
Valerie
Jose Resulio
Penny Righthand
Liz Zuk

3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners

Commissioner Mary Velasco reported that she spoke to Council Member Lauren Taylor who mentioned that he supports the Oakland Coliseum to remain in District 6.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

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Oscar

4. Outreach Efforts Updates

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. Oakland Rising presented census data including overlays of voting response rates, poverty rates, housing cost burden rates, foreign born concentrations, limited English proficiency rates, Prop 15 voter rates, voter precinct data. Chair Gangas requested that outreach consultant present a strategy plan to analyze level of outreach in narrowing down maps proposals.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Jose Resulio
Tom Baker
Oscar Yassin
Andrea Jones
Iris Merriouns

5. Review of Maps Submitted by the Public

Commissioner Stephanie Goode introduced five publicly submitted draft maps that she and Commissioner Masoud Hamidi chose for Commission discussion.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Tom Baker
Reisa Jaffe
Jose Resulio
Oscar Yassin
Ralph Kanz
Kate Steel
Nick Piltch
Z Breaux

6. Public Testimony Regarding Redistricting & Draft Map Discussion

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Leeann Alameda
Oscar Yassin

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Nock Pilch
Valerie
Jose Resulio
Tom Baker
Reisa Jaffe
Elizabeth
Marjory Haskell
Carolyn

Motion to extend meeting to 9 pm was made by Commissioner Benji Achtenberg and seconded by Jan Stevens. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one abstention (Blackwell).

Staff provided a chart to help the Commissioners prioritize remaining maps Draft Map E, Draft Map F, Draft Map G, Draft Map H, Draft I, Draft Map J and Draft Map K. The Commissioners provided reasons for their top three choices. Maps F, I and K were prioritized, although Staff Council recommended that no action be taken to eliminate any of the remaining maps due to a potential Brown Act violation concern of information received by the Commission during a presentation by Oakland Rising. Council was concerned the depth of the presentation was not agendized.

Commissioner Shirley Gee suggested that the Commissioners use only Draft Map F as base map since it seemed to be the map that more closely reflected boundaries expressed by other Commissioners and the public.

Written testimony was submitted by the individuals or groups:

Michael Loeb, Mary Vail, Marcia Tanner, Mary Ellen Navas, Brooke Levin, Anna Audrey, Council of Elders, Ezra Kong, Jasmine Hoo, Andrew Norton, Leeann Alameda, Juan Ibarra, Ellen Konnert, Tom Konnert, Christine Rails, Bob Bonnert, Betholynn Otte, Jeff Jackson, Kate Steel, Bruce Boyer, Beth Elliot, Lisa Ray, Kay Skonieczny, FM Austin, and Penny Righthand,

Other Commissioners including Stephanie Goode, Commissioner Tracy Richmond McKnight and Chair Lilibeth Gangas that more Commissioner review of the remaining maps was necessary and was too soon to choose one map to be prioritized. Chair Gangas requested that the Commissioners do further “homework” in preparation to choose one or two maps at their next meeting scheduled for December 8th.

Chris Chaffee of Redistricting Partners provided a demonstration of live map drawing and the approximate time it takes for each change. Chair Lilibeth Gangas requested that the Commission further study the maps before the next Commission meeting on December 8th so further prioritization can occur during that meeting.

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7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.