

MINUTES COMMUNITY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**September 9, 2021
6:35 P.M.**

**City of Watsonville
Teleconference/Remote**

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1 ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS:

Members Cabadas, Dodge Sr., Hernandez, Rodríguez, Salcido, and Sigismondi were present. Member Rivera was absent.

Staff members present were City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Special Counsel Willis, and Demographer Wagaman.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

1) Nomination of Chair

City Clerk Vázquez Flores asked for a nomination for Chair.

2) MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Salcido, and carried by the vote to nominate Member Dodge Sr. as Chair.

AYES: MEMBERS: Cabadas, Dodge Sr., Hernandez, Rodríguez, Salcido, and Sigismondi

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Rivera

3) Nomination of Vice-Chair

4) MOTION: It was moved by Chair Dodge Sr. and seconded by Member Hernandez to nominate Member Hernandez as Vice-chair.

Member Cabadas nominated Member Rodríguez for Vice-Chair; Member Rodríguez declined.

The motion by Chair Dodge Sr. nominating Member Hernandez carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Cabadas, Hernández, Rodríguez, Salcido, and Sigismondi, Dodge Sr

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Rivera

3. REPORTS TO COMMUNITY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – No Action Required

3.a. Brown Act Presentation & Procedural Requirements by Special Counsel Willis

1) Oral Report

Special Counsel Willis gave report regarding the Brown Act and FAIR MAPS Act requirements. He also covered social media requirements.

2) Committee Clarifying & Technical Questions

Vice-chair Hernandez asked if members could visit other governmental agencies' websites and ask questions and share posts. Special Counsel Willis explained that was fine, but a problem would arise if other Committee Members started asking questions or sharing the post.

Member Salcido asked if she shared a post from the City and another Member shared or liked her post would that be a violation. Special Counsel Willis said that Members could post but not like or share each other's posts.

Member Cabadas asked about when the agenda needed to be posted if the Notification needed to be done five days in advance of the meeting. Special Counsel Willis said that the public hearing notice was required to be published five days in advance; however the FAIR Maps Act was not clear as to the content of the agenda; therefore the 72-hour Brown Act Law would apply.

City Clerk Vázquez Flores added that the City Clerk's Office would be publishing the agenda the Thursday before the meeting, which would be well in advance of the meeting.

Member Cabadas asked if having a chat feature in the virtual call would be a violation of the Brown Act. Special Counsel Willis explained that as long as the chat feature was only available for the public and not the Committee Member then it would not be a violation of the Brown Act.

Chair Dodge Sr. asked when the FAIR Maps Act was adopted. Special Counsel Willis and Demographer answered that it was adopted in 2019 and amended in 2020 and gave background history of the Act.

Vice-chair Hernandez said that other social media such as emails, messenger, etc. would also apply to the Brown Act. Special Counsel Willis reiterated that all social media was included.

3) Public Input

Steve Trujillo asked if as a Cabrillo Community College Board Trustee he complement Felipe Hernandez post, since both them are trustees would there be violation. Special Counsel Willis said that if Mr. Trujillo was complementing Mr. Hernandez as it related to the business of the Committee it would not be a violation.

3.b. Redistricting Background and Process Presentation by Michael Wagaman

1) Oral Report by Michael Wagaman

2) Committee Clarifying & Technical Questions

Mr. Wagaman in response to Member Salcido's questions, explained the population shifts and how they are determined by the American Community Survey (ACS). He also explained how the incarcerated population is redistributed to their place of residence.

Mr. Wagaman, answering Member Cabadas' questions, said that the Community of Interest Form was already available for the public to use and the tools to draw the maps would be available after October 17.

City Clerk Vázquez Flores added that the printed forms would be in her office and at both Watsonville Public libraries.

Answering Member Salcido's and Cabadas' questions, City Clerk Vázquez Flores said that all the materials would be translated into Spanish and that there would be an interpreter at every Committee meeting. She said that the law required the City provide translation into another language if requested.

Mr. Wagaman answering Chair Dodge's question, that all community of interest submittals would be presented to the Committee for consideration.

Mr. Wagaman and Special Counsel Willis answered Chair Dodge's question regarding incumbency.

Chair Dodge gave a brief historical background of the lawsuit to have the City conduct its elections by district to answer Member Salcido's question.

3) Public Input

Eli asked that materials be provided in Mixteco.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.a. Public Input to Gather Testimony About Communities of Interest

1) Oral Report by Mr. Willis and Mr. Wagaman

Special Counsel Willis explained that at that time, the public had the opportunity to give any comments.

2) Committee Clarifying & Technical Questions

None.

3) Public Hearing

Karina Moreno asked if the maps would be weighed differently depending on the format.

Mr. Wagaman said that it did not matter what format the submissions were done, every single one would be presented to the Committee in the same format.

City Clerk Vázquez Flores said that there would be computers in the two libraries and in her office that the public could use to draw the maps.

4) Appropriate Motion(s) None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Daniel Dodge Sr., Chair

ATTEST:

Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk