

MINUTES COMMUNITY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**October 14, 2021
6:37 P.M.**

**Starlight Elementary School
225 Hammer Drive
& Zoom**

1. ROLL CALL:

Chair Dodge, Vice-chair Hernandez (arrived at 6:49 p.m.), and Members Cabadas, Salcido, and Rivera were present. Members Rodríguez and Sigismondi were absent.

Staff members present were City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Special Counsel Willis, Executive Assistant Pacheco, and Interpreter Landaverry.

2. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2.a ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Trujillo said he was one of the original signatories to support district elections. He also spoke about the one-person one-vote rule.

2.b ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (None)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT (None)

3.a MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

MOTION: It was moved by Member Rivera, seconded by Member Salcido, and carried by the following vote to approve Item 3.a:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Cabadas, Rivera, Salcido, Dodge
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Hernandez, Rodriguez, Sigismondi

3.b COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

MOTION: It was moved by Member Rivera, seconded by Member Cabadas, and carried by the following vote to approve Item 3.b:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Cabadas, Rivera, Salcido, Dodge
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Hernandez, Rodriguez, Sigismondi

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (None)

5. REPORTS TO COMMUNITY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE -No Action Required

5.a UPDATED CENSUS DATA & TOOLS

1) Oral Report by Special Counsel Willis and Assistant City Clerk Ortiz

Special Counsel Willis updated the Committee on the new census data, which included the incarcerated population.

Assistant City Clerk Ortiz showed the Committee the City's Redistricting webpage and explained how to use the map drawing tools.

2) Committee Members Questions

Member Salcido asked if the map with the slices could include the current district boundaries.

Member Hernandez asked if the maps could include arterial streets and voting precincts.

3) Public Input

Rebecca J. García asked if the difference of 1,000 in population from 2011 would affect the redistricting boundaries.

Special Counsel Willis said that differences in population figures depended on who was counting, but the most accurate number was from the census data, and those were the numbers that would be used for the redistricting.

City Clerk Vázquez Flores further explained that the City receives population information every year from the California Department of Finance. The City updates their Website every year; however, the official data is the one from the Census Bureau.

Lowell Hurst stated there was not a loss in population because the number of vehicles in Watsonville had increased dramatically.

Steve Trujillo said he agreed with Mr. Hurst in that there was a big increase in population and there was a census undercount.

Special Counsel Willis said that the city of Los Angeles was exploring using the 10% deviation as a tool to add population to those areas where they believed to be undercounted.

In response Member Rivera's question, Mr. Willis explained what deviation meant to the public.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.a SUMMARY OF REDISTRICTING CRITERIA TO GUIDE PUBLIC INPUT

1) Oral Report by Special Counsel Willis

Special Counsel Willis gave a brief update of the redistricting criteria and the schedule.

2) Committee Members Questions (None)

3) Public Hearing

Chair Dodge opened the Public Hearing.

Steve Trujillo said that District 7 should remain the same because it was a community of interest. City Clerk Vázquez Flores told Mr. Trujillo to submit his forms to the City Clerk's Office.

Hearing no one else, Chair Dodge closed the public hearing.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Daniel Dodge Sr., Chair

ATTEST:

Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk