

**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021
6:00 PM**

Commission Members:

DISTRICT 1 – TERRY NICOL
DISTRICT 2 – JESSE SUSSELL
DISTRICT 3 – LISA M. TRAN
DISTRICT 4 – CURTIS W. HANSON
AT-LARGE – DELORES COOPER
AT-LARGE – CARLY MICHELE ALEJOS
AT-LARGE – SHERRY SMITH

DISTRICT 5 – WINSTON RHODES
DISTRICT 6 – ELISABETH WATSON
DISTRICT 7 – RANA CHO
DISTRICT 8 – ANDREW FOX
AT-LARGE – LUPE GALLEGOS-DIAZ
AT-LARGE – RONALD K. CHOY

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 6:04 p.m.

Present: Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol, Rhodes, Smith, Tran, Watson

Absent: Cho, Hanson, Sussell

Commissioner Sussell present Sussell at 6:07 p.m.

Commissioner Cho present Cho at 7:09 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 0 speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - December 1, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Gallegos-Diaz) to approve the minutes of 12/1/2021.

Vote: Ayes – Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol, Rhodes, Smith, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – Alejos; Absent – Cho, Hanson, Sussell.

Commission Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up.

2. Presentation on Redistricting Criteria in City and State Law

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Presentation made by Deputy City Attorney on the federal, state, and local redistricting criteria. Discussion held by Commission.

3. Map Review and Development Process

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion of revisions to the map development process. No changes made by the Commission.

Commission Action Items

4. Review and Modifications to Map Matrix

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held by Commission. M/S/C (Rhodes/Cooper) to approve the map matrix from the Map & COI Subcommittee with amendments as follows: reorder the columns by the state priority of criteria; and note a cross-reference to any COI forms that are specifically related to the public map.

Vote: Ayes – Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol, Rhodes, Smith, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Hanson.

5. Discussion and Definition of Themes Identified in Public Maps

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion of map themes with the following themes mentioned: UC population/second student district, neighborhoods, city services, transit access, and requests for small changes by those happy with current districts.

Subcommittee Reports

Subcommittees may provide verbal reports on their activities and discuss topics under their purview with the full commission. To take action on a subcommittee item, the topic must be agendized on the commission's Action Calendar.

6. Appointment of Final Report Drafting Subcommittee

7. Changes to Map and COI Subcommittee Membership

Action: M/S/C (Smith/Fox) to approve the subcommittee appointments as follows:

- Map & COI – Tran, Rhodes, Sussell, Choy, Alejos
- Report Drafting – Watson, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol, Cho, Choy, Smith
- Outreach – Fox, Hanson, Gallegos-Diaz, Smith

Vote: Ayes – Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol, Rhodes, Smith, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Hanson.

8. Report from Map and COI Committee

- Report provided under Item 4

9. Report from Outreach Committee

- No report on recent activity. Will advise on outreach efforts for 2022.

Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- Discussion of items to be added to the next scheduled meeting calendar
 - Items from Map Development Process Memo
 - Memo on Outreach and Map Availability for Public
- Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 1 speaker.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Rhodes/Nicol) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Alejos, Cho, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Gallegos-Diaz, Nicol, Rhodes, Smith, Sussell, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Hanson.

Adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting held on December 15, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

Communications submitted to the Independent Redistricting Commission are on file in the City Clerk Department at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA and are available upon request by contacting the City Clerk Department at (510) 981-6908 or redistricting@cityofberkeley.info or may be viewed through [Records Online](#).

Item #4: Review and Modifications to Map Matrix

29. Commissioner Ronald Choy (3)

Community of Interest Form Submissions

30. Vincent Casalaina

31. Greysonne Coomes

UC Student Population

32. Janis Ching

Supplemental Communications

Item #3: Map Review and Development Process

33. Commissioner Ronald Choy

34. Smallsreed

35. Anonymous

36. Hartsough

37. Chalom

38. Bretherick