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Minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission Special Meeting-Public Hearing May 18, 2011

The 2011 Redistricting Advisory Commission of the City of San José convened in Public Hearing session on May 18, 2011 in the Almaden Community Center at 6:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners De La Rosa, Cobb, Williams, Schoennauer, Flaughner, Shelton, Schumb, De Rollo, and Fadness
Absent: Commissioners Mace and Chirco

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Upon motion by Commissioner Fadness, second by Commissioner Schoennauer and carried unanimously, the Orders of the Day were approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Schumb reported that more correspondence has been received from the Dry Creek Community stating that they want to remain in that area.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Members of the Public are invited to offer their comments, suggestion, and proposals regarding the Redistricting process. Speakers representing an organized group may be given up to five (5) minutes for their presentation and comments; individuals may be given up to two (2) minutes. Time allotments per speaker are at the discretion of the Chair. Commissioners may ask clarifying questions of any presenter. In addition to oral comments, interested parties are invited to provide written comments prior to, at or following the meeting. All written comments will be distributed to the Commission and posted on the Commission's website. Written comments may be emailed to the Commission at: 2011redistricting@sanjoseca.gov or mailed to the City Clerk at the address shown above.

a. Introductory Comments and Process Overview – Chair

As directed by the Commission, it will review and discuss potential population transfer areas using a process flow model: Council Districts 7-8-2-10; Council Districts 3-4-5-8; Council Districts 1-6-9.

b. Staff Report – information regarding alternative population transfer areas or plans requested by members of the Commission.

c. Commission questions and discussion of potential population transfer areas or plans:
Process flows Council Districts 7-8-2-10; Council Districts 3-4-5-8; Council Districts 1-6-9

d. Questions and Comments from the Public

e. Commission Discussion

f. Commission direction to staff

Chair De La Rosa provided a brief overview of the role of the Commission and the timeframe in which they have to complete their work.

Senior Planner Michael Bills gave a brief overview for those attending the Redistricting meeting for the first time and explained Plan A map. He briefly explained the 10% deviation requirement and talked about the proposed transfer areas and those that have been removed.

Public Comment

Peter Soulé resident of District 9 urged the Commission to focus on fairness and keep continuity and transparency and that all the districts must share the burden.

Randi Kinman urged the Commission that they not break up census tracks.

Richard Calfee a Willow Glen resident spoke in favor of keeping Willow Glen together and not divided.

Alan Hall a Willow Glen resident expressed concern about the 10% variation. He advised the Commission to balance out the districts as much as possible.

Fred Walters a Willow Glen resident expressed his concern that redistricting will break up communities.

Jack Davis spoke in favor of a fair balance within the districts so that future candidates have a better chance.

Fred Vela resident of District 10 spoke about why he chose to live in his district.

Steve Levin thanked the Commission for their work and asked Michel Bills a few questions related to his presentation.

Michael Giluso a Willow Glen resident urged the Commission to take action tonight even if there was a Commissioner absent.

Peter Shepard a Willow Glen resident said Willow Glen is definitely a community.

James Whiteside spoke against the transfer that would suggest he would go into District 9, he suggested to take it from the Rubino Circle.

Nithin Matthew a downtown resident spoke against combining District 2 and 10.

The Commission continued their discussion regarding the memo from the City Attorney and Planning pertaining to the Rubino Circle Census Block. City Clerk Dennis Hawkins read a letter from Vice Chair Chirco into the record in her absence. Her letter stated her preference of 6-9b and 6-9e as transfer areas. The Commission commented on the letter.

Motion: Commissioner Fadness moved to accept Vice Chair Chirco's recommendation in her letter to accept 6-9b and 6-9e as transfer areas. Commissioner Cobb seconded the motion.

Commission discussion ensued.

Public Comment continued with Beth Fontana who spoke against splitting the neighborhood which would be affected by transfer area 6-9e.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion failed. (0-9) (Absent: Chirco, Mace)

Motion: Commissioner Schoennauer moved to create 6-9db as a transfer area and asked staff to return with an estimate of population for this area and the rational for this area housing unit and census data of people for household for this type. Commissioner Fadness seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried (6-3) (Absent: Chirco, Mace)

The Commission continued their discussion about transfer areas between 10-2.

Motion: Commissioner Shelton moved to eliminate transfer area 8-5a. Commissioner De Rollo seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried (8-1) (Noes: Schumb; Absent: Mace and Chirco)

Motion: Commissioner Flaughner moved to eliminate transfer area 5-4b. Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried (9-0) (Absent: Mace and Chirco)

Motion: Commissioner Schumb moved to eliminate transfer area 9a, 6-9aa, 6-9c. Commissioner De Rollo seconded the motion.

Action: Motion Carried. (9-0) (Absent: Mace and Chirco)

Motion: Commissioner De Rollo moved to eliminate transfer area 9-6a and 9-6b. Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried. (8-0-1) (Abstained: Schumb; Absent: Mace and Chirco)

6. COMMISSIONER WORKPLAN UPDATE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



RICHARD DE LA ROSA, CHAIR
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

ATTEST:
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DENNIS D. HAWKINS, CMC, CITY CLERK



Nora Pimentel, CMC, Sr. Deputy City Clerk