



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Summary of Proceedings Initial Five Commissioners of the 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Date: **Wednesday, November 18, 2020**
Time: **2:30 PM – 4:30 PM**
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

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BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

1. Commission Convened

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Katz, McClintock, Bradley, Gray, Morris

2. Public Comment

The Public Comment period is reserved for comments on items not on the Agenda and for matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. The Commission may adopt reasonable regulations, including time limits, on public comments. The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the public comment section, except to decide whether to place a matter on the agenda of a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS REGARDING HISTORY OF DEMOGRAPHER AND SUGGESTED SELECTION BY USING THE RFP PROCESS FOR DEMOGRAPHER AS WELL AS LEGAL COUNSEL.

LAWANDA LYONS PRUITT, PRESIDENT NAACP, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS THAT THE COMMISSION IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP OF THE COMMUNITY, DOES NOT ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATION OF NON-REPRESENTED GROUPS, AND LACKS DIVERSITY.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

TOMMY VO COMMENT SUBMITTED REGARDING THE NEED FOR COMMISSION DIVERSITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND AN OPEN PROCESS FOR DEMOGRAPHER SELECTION.

ARUSHI LAKHAN-PAL COMMENT SUBMITTED REGARDING SELECTING COMMISSION APPLICANTS TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY'S UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATION.

ALYSSA JAIN COMMENT SUBMITTED REGARDING SELECTING COMMISSION APPLICANTS TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY'S UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATION.

LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT, PRESIDENT, SANTA MARIA-LOMPOC NAACP, COMMENTS SUBMITTED FROM NAACP CONCERNED ABOUT SELECTION OF COMMISSION NOT BEING REFLECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY.

3. Commissioner disclosure of ex parte communications pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h).

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY REPORTED COMMUNICATIONS WITH MR. JOHNSON REGARDING THE CENSUS.

4. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2020.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

5. Discussion of Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Ordinance ([Code Sec. 2-10.9A](#)) including the commission's scope of authority.

HEARD OVERVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL THAT THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE BROAD LATITUDE IN SELECTION OF THE REMAINING SIX COMMISSIONERS. LEGAL COUNSEL DEFINED CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CLARIFIED THAT THE COMMISSION CANNOT TAKE ACTIONS SUGGESTED AT THE LAST MEETING, HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REQUEST A REPORT FROM THE REGISTRAR, CANNOT EXPAND THE CANDIDATE POOL BEYOND THE SELECTED POOL, AND CANNOT REOPEN THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS.

6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action about the process for selecting the final six commissioners including a scoring rubric and qualities the initial five commissioners are seeking in the final six commissioners.

SELECTION PROCESS RECOMMENDATIONS:

NARROW POOL TO 18 PREFERRED CANDIDATES, THEN REDUCE TO 9-12 FINALISTS BY A (3/5) MAJORITY VOTE, AND THE FINAL 6 COMMISSIONERS SELECTED BY A (4/5) MAJORITY VOTE.

ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FOR FINALISTS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER: GOOD DOCUMENT – CONCERNED 3 MINUTES IS NOT ENOUGH TIME IF COMMENTING ON SEVERAL CANDIDATES IN A SLATE. INQUIRED IF SLATES COULD BE MADE PUBLIC 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING. COMMISSIONER BRADLEY AGREED THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

SUPPORTED EXPANDING 3 MINUTE COMMENT LIMIT AND PUBLICIZING SLATES 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING.

SUGGESTIONS:

- COMMISSIONER SLATES OF 18 CANDIDATES DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
- AGENDA AND SLATES POSTED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
- EACH PROPOSED SLATE SHOULD BE 6 CANDIDATES, ONE FROM EACH DISTRICT AND ONE AT LARGE.
- NDC TO INFORM PUBLIC TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES (INDICATE QUESTIONS ARE FOR ALL CANDIDATES, FINAL QUESTIONS WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE COMMISSION AND ALL FINAL QUESTIONS WON'T BE ASKED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS)
- PUBLIC QUESTIONS DUE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
- COMMISSION REVIEW AND DECISION OF PUBLIC QUESTION SUBMISSIONS AND SELECTION OF THE 9 – 12 FINALISTS AT DEC 2 MEETING USING STANDARD LIST OF GENERIC QUESTIONS
- HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS, INTERVIEW 9 – 12 FINALISTS DECEMBER 8 AND 9 AND SELECT THE 6 REMAINING COMMISSIONERS
- RANK BY 3 GROUPS OF 6 (RANKED A, B & C) TO REACH THE GOAL

COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTED SELECTION PROCESS AND GOAL THAT ALL COMMUNITIES BE REPRESENTED. COMMISSIONERS NOTED THAT A MAJORITY OF

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIVERSITY MORE THAN ABOUT PARTY.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY WILL WORK WITH MR. JOHNSON AND MR. CHURCHWELL TO DEFINE AMENDMENTS.

MOTION TO ADOPT SELECTION PROCESS WITH NOTED AMENDMENTS

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

7. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the County's Census "Complete Count" efforts and possible undercount of the County's student population.

MR. JOHNSON TO SCHEDULE UCSB ACTIVE COUNT COMMITTEE TO PRESENT INFORMATION AT A COMMISSION MEETING IN JANUARY 2021.

CONSENSUS TO HEAR ITEM 9 OUT OF ORDER

9. Briefing on the County's process for selecting the demographer and legal counsel.

NANCY ANDERSON, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE DEMOGRAPHER AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT THE DEMOGRAPHER.

GAIL TETON-LANDIS HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT THE DEMOGRAPHER AND SUGGESTS USING THE RFP PROCESS. THANKED THE COMMISSION FOR WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

DELAY ACTION UNTIL JANUARY AFTER THE FULL COMMISSION IS SEATED.

MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT THE CENSUS BUREAU IS SCHEDULED TO RELEASE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA IN FEBRUARY, AND THE TOTAL POPULATION COUNT DATA IN APRIL.

MOTION TO DELAY ACTION UNTIL THE FULL COMMISSION IS SEATED

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

8. Briefing on the FPPC Statement of Economic Interests – [Form 700](#) commissioner filing obligations pursuant to Government Code Section 87300 et seq.

NANCY ANDERSON, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA WILL EMAIL PDF FILLABLE FORM TO COMMISSIONERS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN TO HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR FPPC FILING. A HARD COPY OF THE FORM 700 AND INSTRUCTIONS IS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS MAKING “BEST EFFORT” TO MEET DEADLINES DESPITE THEIR UNIQUE SITUATION THAT PREVENTS THEIR USE OF THE COUNTY’S STANDARD FORM 700 SYSTEM.

10. Discussion of meeting dates and future agenda items for selection of the final six commissioners and other matters as may be appropriate.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 2, AT 3:30 PM

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF INITIAL RECOMMENDED PREFERRED CANDIDATES AND CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

DISCUSS EXPANDING 3 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME FOR INTERVIEWS AND NUMBER OF CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS PER DAY (8 AND 4 TO ALLOW DELIBERATION TIME?)

NDC TO SCHEDULE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AFTER DECEMBER 2 MEETING

UCSB ACTIVE COUNT COMMITTEE TO PRESENT INFORMATION (JANUARY 2021)

COMMISSIONER GRAY REQUESTED REVIEW OF UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- FORM 700 DUE TO MS. ANDERSON ASAP
- COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT SLATES TO MR. JOHNSON AND MRS. TILTON BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
- COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 2
- CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS DECEMBER 8 AND 9

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 3:30 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Minutes of November 12, 2020

Item 05 SBCIRC Ordinance, Code Sec. 2-10.9A

Item 06 Draft Scoring Rubric for Commission Applicants

Item 06 NDC Expanded Countywide and Commission Pool Demographics

Item 08 FPPC Statement of Economic Interests Form 700