



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA **2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission**

Date: **Monday, January 11, 2021**
Time: **6:30 PM**
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

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Commission Members: Commissioner Laura “Lollie” Katz, First District
Commissioner Karen Twibell, First District
Commissioner William McClintock, Second District, Interim Vice Chair
Commissioner Megan Turley, Second District
Commissioner Norman “Doug” Bradley, Third District
Commissioner James “Chris” Hudley, Third District
Commissioner Cary Gray, Fourth District
Commissioner Lata Murti, Fourth District
Commissioner Glenn Morris, Fifth District, Interim Chair
Commissioner Jannet Rios, Fifth District
Commissioner Benjamin Olmedo, Member-At-Large

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Public Comment
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3. Commissioner Introductions.
4. Discussion and decision of staff’s recommendation to continue Interim Chair and Vice Chair for this meeting or nomination and selection of Chair and Vice Chair.
5. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 9, and 14, 2020 (vote of the initial five commissioners).
6. Disclosure of ex parte communications.
7. Discussion of Republican Party / Hispanic Chamber letter and possible related actions.
8. The Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code [54950](#) et seq.) training.
9. NDC discussion of possible Google Doc or other ex parte disclosure form.
10. Discussion of future Bylaws action.
11. Discussion of future Conflict of Interest code action.
12. NDC overview on a typical / sample project timeline with suggested frequency of meetings.
13. Discussion and decision regarding an extension of the legal services contract termination date and decision on whether to conduct interviews of RFP respondents.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.
15. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

16. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.

Number of cases: One

RECONVENE THE MEETING IN OPEN SESSION

17. Announcement of any reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

- Item 05 Minutes of December 8, 9, and 14, 2020
- Item 07 Republican Party / Hispanic Chamber letter
- Item 10 Proposed Bylaws
- Item 11 Proposed Conflict of Interest Code
- Item 12 Sample Project Timeline
- Item 13 RFP for Independent Legal Counsel for SBCIRC
- Item 14 Upcoming Agenda Items



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

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BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

1. Commission Convened

Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

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MRS. TILTON ANNOUNCED THE AVAILABILITY OF SPANISH INTERPRETATION, AND READ THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS WILL BEGIN AT 6:20 PM, AND WILL CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT AT THAT TIME, AND ASKED THAT COMMENTS ABOUT SPECIFIC CANDIDATES BE HELD UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEWS TOMORROW EVENING.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, HEARD IN OPPOSITION OF THE RUMORED PETITION TO REINSTATE LUPE ALVAREZ AS A CANDIDATE.

WILLIAM CONLIN, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT MR. ALVAREZ AND OPPOSES THE RUMORED PETITION TO REINSTATE HIS CANDIDACY.

YESENIA BEAS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS. (SOME AUDIO DIFFICULTIES)
JANET BLEVINS, HEARD IN OPPOSITION OF RUMORED PETITION TO REINSTATE
LUPE ALVAREZ AS A CANDIDATE.

JANET BLEVINS, HEARD IN OPPOSITION OF RUMORED PETITION TO REINSTATE
LUPE ALVAREZ AS A CANDIDATE. FEELS 12 SELECTED FINALISTS ARE A STRONG
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP.

PATRICIA SOLARIO, HEARD IN OPPOSITION OF RUMORED PETITION TO REINSTATE
LUPE ALVAREZ AS A CANDIDATE, AND SUPPORTS CANDIDATE JANNET RIOS.

MARC CHYTILO, HEARD REGARDING THE PROCESS AND SELECTION OF THE
REMAINING CANDIDATES.

CONSENSUS TO MOVE ITEM 3 AND 4 TO THE END OF THE AGENDA

5. Commission applicant interviews.

COMMISSIONER GRAY SUGGESTED THAT EACH COMMISSIONER ASK THE
QUESTION NUMBER AS PRINTED IN THE AGENDA, THAT MATCHES THEIR
RESPECTIVE DISTRICT NUMBER.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, AND
STATED THAT CANDIDATES HAVE A 3 MINUTE MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT TO ANSWER
EACH QUESTION.

QUESTION #1 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER KATZ (DISTRICT 1):

- WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION?

QUESTION #2 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK (DISTRICT 2):

- GIVEN THE COMMISSION’S INITIAL FIVE MEMBERS, AND WHAT YOU
KNOW ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUNDS AND SKILL SETS, COULD YOU
HIGHLIGHT ELEMENTS OF YOUR PERSONAL BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE,
SKILLS, AND KNOWLEDGE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY THAT YOU
THINK WILL ADD TO THE OVERALL DIVERSITY OF THE COMMISSION?

QUESTION #3 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRADLEY (DISTRICT 3):

- HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE COMMISSION TO DRAW LINES THAT
PROMOTE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?”

QUESTION #4 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER GRAY (DISTRICT 4):

- COULD YOU DESCRIBE A PROJECT OR OTHER EXPERIENCE IN WHICH YOU HAD TO COLLABORATE WITH A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO REACH A COMMON GOAL? WHEN YOU DISAGREED WITH OTHERS, HOW DID YOU HANDLE THOSE DISAGREEMENTS?

QUESTION #5 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS (DISTRICT 5):

- HOW DO YOU THINK THE COMMISSION SHOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON REDISTRICTING TO HELP ENCOURAGE BROAD PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMISSION’S WORK? WHAT ARE SOME IDEAS YOU HAVE FOR THE COMMISSION TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND METHODS OF PUBLIC OUTREACH TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY?

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT JANNET RIOS.

ITEM 3 AND ITEM 4 WERE HEARD DURING EXTRA TIME BETWEEN CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS.

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

COMMISSIONER GRAY DISCLOSED THAT HE RECEIVED 3 SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FROM JANET BLEVINS, SUBMITTED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

4. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2020.

MOTION TO CORRECT THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR ON THE MINUTES TO READ “APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020,” AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 AS AMENDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT MEGAN TURLEY.

MRS. TILTON ANNOUNCED KAREN TWIBELL HAD AN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN THE FAMILY YESTERDAY. THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED:

- ALLOW MS. TWIBELL TO INTERVIEW ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, AFTER 11AM; OR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, BETWEEN 1 – 3PM.
- DEFER THE DECISION FOR DISTRICT 1 AND POSSIBLY THE AT-LARGE SEAT UNTIL NEXT WEEK, AFTER MS. TWIBELL’S INTERVIEW.
- DEFER THE DECISION FOR ALL DISTRICTS UNTIL NEXT WEEK AFTER THE FINAL

INTERVIEW.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT THE “JUGGLING ACT” AND SUGGESTS WAITING UNTIL ALL CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED.

JANET BLEVINS, HEARD REGARDING COMMENTS ABOUT THE STAYING SAFE DURING THE PANDEMIC.

MR. CHURCHWELL RECOMMENDED DEFERRING THE DISTRICT 1 AND AT-LARGE SEAT SELECTION TO EITHER MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, OR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, AND TO RE-NOTICE THE MEETING.

MOTION TO DELAY DECISION ON ALL DISTRICTS UNTIL NEXT WEEK, AFTER THE FINAL INTERVIEW.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

COMMENTS REGARDING THE SHORT TIME FRAME FOR DELIBERATION AFTER THE FINAL CANDIDATE INTERVIEW NEXT WEEK, BEING MINDFUL THAT IF THE INTERVIEW IS MID-DAY WHEN MOST PEOPLE ARE AT WORK, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MAY BE AFFECTED.

MR. CHURCHWELL SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL TOMORROW, GIVING MRS. TILTON TIME TO COMMUNICATE WITH MS. TWIBELL.

MOTION TO DEFER DECISION UNTIL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:17 PM, AND RECONVENED AT 7:20 PM.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT JENNIFER HARDIN.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:29 PM, AND RECONVENED AT 7:37 PM.

MS TILTON SUMMARIZED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

JENELLE OSBORNE, MAYOR OF LOMPOC, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION.

ELIZABETH SINE, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE LATA MURTI.

ARISTON JULIAN, MAYOR OF GUADALUPE, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE LUPE ALVAREZ.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT JAMES HUDLEY.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:54 PM, AND RECONVENED AT 8 PM.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT BENJAMIN OLMEDO.

MRS. TILTON ANNOUNCED THAT APPLICANT KAREN TWIBELL IS AVAILABLE FOR AN INTERVIEW ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 11:00 AM.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 8:13 PM, AND RECONVENED AT 8:20 PM.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT AMANDA OCHOA.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT DANIEL MONTELLO.

6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the interview process.

MRS. TILTON CONFIRMED APPLICANT KAREN TWIBELL'S INTERVIEW ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 11:00 AM, AND WILL RE-NOTICE THE MEETING.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 11:00 AM, TO INTERVIEW APPLICANT KAREN TWIBELL, AND DELIBERATE AND SELECT THE FINAL 6 COMMISSIONERS.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

COMMISSIONER MORRIS COMMENTED THAT PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER APPLICANT INTERVIEWS ON DECEMBER 9 AND 14.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Minutes of December 2, 2020

Item 05 Listing of Finalists to be Interviewed

Item 05 Input Received Regarding Suggested Questions for Interviews

Item 05 Subcommittee Report on Questions for Interviews



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MS. TILTON AND MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE AVAILABILITY OF SPANISH TRANSLATION DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DERRICK MAXWELL, HEARD REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS WHO ARE FAIR, UNBIASED AND NON-PARTISAN.

ADRIENNE CORYWELL, SANTA MARIA RESIDENT, HEARD REGARDING THE NEED FOR YOUNGER CANDIDATES TO BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION, CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICANT JANNET RIOS, AND SUPPORTS APPLICANT AMANDA OCHOA.

SALVADOR TORRES, WESTMONT COLLEGE STUDENT, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF AMANDA OCHOA, APPOINTING YOUNGER APPLICANTS TO THE COMMISSION, AND CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICANT JANNET RIOS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

KEN HOUGH, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ACTION NETWORK, HEARD REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF AGE, GENDER AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY, AND PEOPLE WHO WORK TOGETHER WELL AS A GROUP.

LARRY BISHOP, BUELTON RESIDENT, COMMENTED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE UNBIASED, REFLECT THE ETHNIC, GENDER AND AGE DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORTS APPLICANT JAMES HUDLEY.

VICTOR HERNANDEZ, SANTA MARIA, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICANT JANNET RIOS, AND SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY.

LAUREN FITZPATRICK, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICANT JANNET RIOS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

SAM COHEN, SANTA YNEZ BAND OF CHUMASH INDIANS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF ETHNIC DIVERSITY, AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT OF APPLICANT BEN OLMEDO.

LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT, NAACP, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT CRITICISM OF CANDIDATE JANNET RIOS, SUPPORTS CANDIDATE CLAUDIA KNUDSON, KEN MASUDA, MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, BENJAMIN OLMEDO, LATA MURTI, AND JANNET RIOS. APPLICANTS SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

KATE ADAMS, ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE PROFESSOR, HEARD REGARDING CRITICISM OF JANNET RIOS, AND COMMENTED ON THE SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS.

LUPE ALVAREZ, HEARD REGARDING THE CITY OF GUADALUPE NOT BEING REPRESENTED, PETITION FROM RESIDENTS SUPPORTING HIS APPLICATION, COMMENTED ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND, ASKED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE AT-LARGE POSITION, AND SUPPORTS APPLICANT JAMES HUDLEY.

NADIA LEE ABUSHHANAB, SANTA BARBARA, HEARD REGARDING DEMOGRAPHIC, AGE, GENDER AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY, SUPPORTS JANNET RIOS, LATA MURTI, JAMES HUDLEY, AND BENJAMIN OLMEDO FOR THE AT-LARGE POSITION, AND COMMENTED ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH SPANISH LANGUAGE RADIO STATIONS.

SAMUEL DUARTE, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

JESUS REMIREZ, GUADALUPE, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS, AND CONCERNS REGARDING MR. ALVAREZ.

EUNICE GONZALEZ, SANTA MARIA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

IAN BAUCKE, SANTA BARBARA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF SELECTING YOUNG CANDIDATES WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND CIVICALLY ENGAGED, AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS SHOULD NOT BE RELEVANT.

MARIA PENA (EXPERIENCED INTERNET DIFFICULTIES – OLDER VERSION OF ZOOM).

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

DAISY BASULTO, WROTE REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

OSCAR VELASCO, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

YESNIA BATES, WROTE IN SUUPORT OF JANNET RIOS, AND SUMMARY OF MS. BATES PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT THE 12/8/2020 MEETING (THERE WERE INTERNET DIFFICULTIES).

LUPE ALVAREZ, TRANSMITTED A RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF GUADALUPE AND PETITION SIGNED BY 620 GUADALUPE RESIDENTS IN SUPPORT OF LUPE ALVAREZ FOR THE COMMISSION.

KENDELL KLINE, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC FOR THE COMMISSION.

SAMUEL DUARTE, WROTE REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

RHETT CARTER, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC FOR THE COMMISSION.

ANDREW CARDENAS, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

CONRAD TORRES, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

ROSIE OJEDO, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

TONYA DIAS, WROTE IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

ITEM 4 HEARD OUT OF ORDER

4. Commission applicant interviews.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

QUESTION #1 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER KATZ (DISTRICT 1):

- WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION?

QUESTION #2 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK (DISTRICT 2):

- GIVEN THE COMMISSION’S INITIAL FIVE MEMBERS, AND WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUNDS AND SKILL SETS, COULD YOU HIGHLIGHT ELEMENTS OF YOUR PERSONAL BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND KNOWLEDGE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY THAT YOU THINK WILL ADD TO THE OVERALL DIVERSITY OF THE COMMISSION?

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- HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE COMMISSION TO DRAW LINES THAT PROMOTE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?”

QUESTION #4 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER GRAY (DISTRICT 4):

- COULD YOU DESCRIBE A PROJECT OR OTHER EXPERIENCE IN WHICH YOU HAD TO COLLABORATE WITH A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO REACH A COMMON GOAL? WHEN YOU DISAGREED WITH OTHERS, HOW DID YOU HANDLE THOSE DISAGREEMENTS?

QUESTION #5 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS (DISTRICT 5):

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THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT KEVIN MASUDA.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT LATA MURTI.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT KEVIN ILAC.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT CLAUDIA KNUDSON.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:47 PM, AND RECONVENED AT 7:55 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER MORRIS EXPLAINED THAT THE TIME ALLOTTED IS 4 MINUTES FOR

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

LEE HELLER, HEARD AND COMMENTED THAT SHE'S IMPRESSED WITH MS. RIOS, MR. ILAC, DR. MURTI, MR. HUDLEY, MR. OLMEDO, MS. TURLEY, HAS CONCERNS ABOUT CRITICISM OF MS. RIOS, MS. HARDIN'S LACK OF PREPARATION, MR. MASUDA'S STRONG OPINIONS ON REDISTRIBUTION, AND MR. MONTELLO AND POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

JEFFREY MONTERO, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

DONNA WILL, SANTA BARBARA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF MEGAN TURLEY, JANNET RIOS, DR. MURTI, MR. HUDLEY, AND MR. OLMEDO FOR THE AT-LARGE POSITION.

SKYLAR PAYAB, UCSB STUDENT, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF A DIVERSE COMMISSION, SUPPORTS JANNET RIOS, LATA MURTI AND JAMES HUDLEY, AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT KEN MASUDA AND MS. KNUDSON.

WILLIAM CONLIN, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DR. MURTI, AND HAS CONCERNS ABOUT MS. HARDIN AND MR. MONTELLO.

HAZEL DAVALOS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS, AND LATA MURTI, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IS REPRESENTED.

LARRY BISHOP, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DR. MURTI, KEVIN ILAC, JAMES HUDLEY, AND BENJAMIN OLMEDO.

PAM GATES, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DR. LATA MURTI.

MARIA PENA (EXPERIENCED INTERNET DIFFICULTIES)

SPENCER BRANDT, ISLA VISTA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS, JAMES HUDLEY, BENJAMIN OLMEDO, DR. LATA MURTI, AND MEGAN TURLEY, AND HAS CONCERNS REGARDING KEN MASUDA.

BEVERLEE JEAN, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF MEGAN TURLEY.

CHRISTIAN ALONSO, HEARD REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF AGE, GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY, HAS CONCERNS ABOUT DANIEL MONTELLO, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ABILITY TO BE OBJECTIVE, AND SUPPORTS JANET RIOS, AND DR. MURTI.

CARLOS LOPEZ, SANTA BARBARA, HEARD REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS, DR. MURTI, MR. HUDLEY, MS. TURLEY,

AND MR. OLMEDO FOR THE AT-LARGE POSITION.

LEILANIE RUBINSTEIN, UCSB STUDENT, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS, JAMES HUDLEY, AND DR. LATA MURTI, AND COMMENTED ABOUT THE HOUSING CRISIS.

GAIL TETON-LANDIS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF MEGAN TURLEY, HAS CONCERNS ABOUT DANIEL MONTELLO, AND HER APPRECIATION OF THE COMMISSION'S FAIRNESS AND WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC.

JONATHAN ABOUD, ISLA VISTA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF LATA MURTI, JAMES HUDLEY, JANNET RIOS, AND MEGAN TURLEY.

BOBBI MCGINNIS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JENNIFER HARDIN, AND KEN MASUDA.

ERIN KRIER, AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR, ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JENNIFER HARDIN.

LAURA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

JANET BLEVINS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DR. LATA MURTI, JANNET RIOS, AND JAMES HUDLEY.

ELISSA PADILLA, UCSB STUDENT, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS, JAMES HUDLEY, AND LATA MURTI, AND COMMENTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY.

WALLY, LOMPOC, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DR. MURTI (AUDIO CUT IN AND OUT).

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the selection of the additional six commissioners.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY ASKED MR. JOHNSON TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE PARAGRAPH REGARDING REQUIRED CONSIDERATIONS.

COMMISSIONER GRAY PRESENTED HIS SPREADSHEET AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW.

COMMISSIONER KATZ ASKED IF HOLDING A CURRENT SCHOOL BOARD SEAT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. COMMISSIONER MORRIS COMMENTED THAT IN THE INTEREST OF BEING CONSISTENT, HE WILL NOT SUPPORT A CANDIDATE WHO IS A

PAST OR CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIAL.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY ENCOURAGED THOSE CANDIDATES NOT SELECTED, TO CONSIDER RUNNING FOR COUNTY OR LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICE.

FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, OVER THE WEEKEND THE COMMISSIONERS WILL REVIEW NOTES FROM THE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED ON DECEMBER 8 AND 9 AND DEFER A FINAL DECISION UNTIL MONDAY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ASKED ABOUT PRE-POPULATED LIST. MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO TABULATE AND EDIT THE SPREADSHEET ON SCREEN AND IN REAL TIME.

MR. CHURCHWELL COMMENTED ABOUT THE BROWN ACT.

MRS. TILTON CLARIFIED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR DISTRICTS 2 – 5, AND NOT DISTRICT 1, OR THE AT-LARGE SEAT UNTIL THE LAST INTERVIEW.

MR. CHURCHWELL REVIEWED THE ORDINANCE AS IT PERTAINS TO THE PRIORITY OR RANKING OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE IN COMMISSIONER SELECTIONS.

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

NO COMMUNICATIONS.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

NONE.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Listing of Finalists to be Interviewed

Item 04 Input Received Regarding Suggested Questions for Interviews

Item 04 Subcommittee Report on Questions for Interviews



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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

Date: **Monday, December 14, 2020**
Time: **11:00 AM – 12:49 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 COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY SENT VIA EMAIL, CAUTIONED AGAINST USING THE GRID PRESENTED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS A FORMULA, AND COMMENTED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC INPUT.

SPENCER BRANDT, HEARD REGARDING POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION, AND USING THE MOST CURRENT CERTIFIED NUMBERS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

NANCY EMERSON, SOLVANG, HEARD REGARDING COMMENTS THAT OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES ARE NOT ON THE LIST, DON'T NEED REPRESENTATION, AND SUPPORTS RACIAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

CONNIE ALEXANDER, SANTA BARBARA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY, AND SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY AND JAMES HUDLEY.

JANET BLEVINS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS AND DR. LATA MURTI.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

BEN OAKLEY, COMMENTED REGARDING ELIMINATION OF BENJAMIN OLMEDO.

BEN OAKLEY, COMMENTED REGARDING ELIMINATION OF BENJAMIN OLMEDO (ATTACHMENT).

LEE HELLER, SHARED INFORMATION REGARDING SELECTING FINAL SIX.

LEE HELLER, SHARED INFORMATION REGARDING SELECTING FINAL SIX (ATTACHMENT).

MICHAEL GARCIA, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

MONIQUE COLINS, COMMENTED REGARDING A PARTISAN POLITICAL OPERATIVE INFLUENCING THE SELECTION PROCESS.

BRENDA CARILLO, COMMENTED REGARDING UCSB BEING OVERREPRESENTED IN THE APPLICANT POOL.

BENJAMIN OLMEDO, CANDIDATE, EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING A BIASED SELECTION PROCESS, AND SUPPORTS JAMES HUDLEY.

KEN MASUDO, CANDIDATE, CLARIFIED HIS COMMENTS ABOUT AGRICULTURE.

KEN MASUDO, CANDIDATE, CLARIFIED HIS COMMENTS ABOUT AGRICULTURE (ATTACHMENT).

LEE HELLER, COMMENTED REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS.

CONRAD TORRES, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

ANTONIO RAMIREZ, CITY OF GUADALUPE MAYOR PRO TEM, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS AND LUPE ALVAREZ.

MIREYA PINA, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

ROSIE OJEDO, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

SAMUEL DUARTE, COMMENTED REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES.

TONYA DIAS, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

YARELI CRUZ-ARREOLA, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

CANDICE JOY CORPUZ, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

RHETT CARTER, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

FRANCESCA CARRILLO-DIAZ, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

ANDREW CARDENAS, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

OSCAR VELASCO, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

KENDELL KLINE, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

YESENIA BEAS, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

DAISY BASULTO, COMMENTED REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES.

LUPE ALVAREZ (1), SUBMITTED GUADALUPE RESOLUTION AND CITIZEN PETITION.

LUPE ALVAREZ (2), SUBMITTED RESOLUTION PAGE 1.

LUPE ALVAREZ (3), SUBMITTED RESOLUTION PAGE 2.

LUPE ALVAREZ (4), SUBMITTED PETITION.

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

NO COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS COMMENTED ON A PREVIOUS STATEMENT, AND CLARIFIED THAT CANDIDATE BENJAMIN OLMEDO HAS NOT BEEN DISQUALIFIED, THAT FINAL SELECTION REQUIRES A 4/5 VOTE, AND APOLOGIZED FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDING.

4. Commission applicant interviews (Continued from meetings of December 8 and 9).

C/O County Executive Office: 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 406 Santa Barbara, CA 93101
email: redistricting@countyofsb.org www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc

COMMISSIONER MORRIS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

QUESTION #1 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER KATZ (DISTRICT 1):

- WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION?

QUESTION #2 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK (DISTRICT 2):

- GIVEN THE COMMISSION’S INITIAL FIVE MEMBERS, AND WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUNDS AND SKILL SETS, COULD YOU HIGHLIGHT ELEMENTS OF YOUR PERSONAL BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND KNOWLEDGE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY THAT YOU THINK WILL ADD TO THE OVERALL DIVERSITY OF THE COMMISSION?

QUESTION #3 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRADLEY (DISTRICT 3):

- HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE COMMISSION TO DRAW LINES THAT PROMOTE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?”

QUESTION #4 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER GRAY (DISTRICT 4):

- COULD YOU DESCRIBE A PROJECT OR OTHER EXPERIENCE IN WHICH YOU HAD TO COLLABORATE WITH A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO REACH A COMMON GOAL? WHEN YOU DISAGREED WITH OTHERS, HOW DID YOU HANDLE THOSE DISAGREEMENTS?

QUESTION #5 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS (DISTRICT 5):

- HOW DO YOU THINK THE COMMISSION SHOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON REDISTRICTING TO HELP ENCOURAGE BROAD PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMISSION’S WORK? WHAT ARE SOME IDEAS YOU HAVE FOR THE COMMISSION TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND METHODS OF PUBLIC OUTREACH TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY?

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT KAREN TWIBELL.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

LINDA HONIKMAN, HEARD REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF AGE, RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY, SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY, AND CONCERNS ABOUT KEN MASUDA.

LEE HELLER, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF MS. RIOS, DR. MURTI, MR. HUDLEY, MR. OLMEDO, AND MS. KNUDSON, CONSIDERATION OF MR. ILAC OR MS. RIOS FOR AT-LARGE SEAT, AND CONCERNS ABOUT MR. MASUDA, AND MR. MONTELLO.

MR. MONTELLO, CANDIDATE, HEARD IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ABOUT HIS APPLICATION, POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND COMMENTED ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL.

WILLIAM CONLIN, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICANT DANIEL MONTELLO, AND SUPPORTS DR. LATA MURTI, AND JENNIFER HARDIN FOR THE AT-LARGE SEAT.

LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT, NAACP, HEARD REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND EQUITY, SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, DR. LATA MURTI, JANNET RIOS, AND JENNIFER HARDIN FOR AT-LARGE SEAT.

NADIA LEE ABUSHANAB, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ACTION NETWORK, HEARD IN OPPOSITION OF APPLICANT DANIEL MONTELLO, RECOMMENDS MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, DR. LATA MURTI, AMANDA OCHOA, JANNET RIOS, JENNIFER HARDIN FOR THE AT-LARGE SEAT, AND COMMENTED THAT DIVERSITY SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS ETHNIC BACKGROUND.

MARC CHYTILO, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT DANIEL MONTELLO, SUPPORTS MS. KNUDSON, MS. TURLEY, MR. HUDLEY, DR. MURTI, MS. RIOS, AND MS. HARDIN, AND MR. ILAC, OR MR. OLMEDO FOR THE AT-LARGE SEAT.

NANCY EMERSON (AUDIO DIFFICULTIES)

SPENCER BRANDT, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT MR. MONTELLO, AND SUPPORTS MS. KNUDSON, AND DR. LATA MURTI.

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the selection of the additional six commissioners.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER GRAY COMMENTED ABOUT THE CHALLENGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.

THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE TABLE PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER GRAY, AND MR. JOHNSON INTRODUCED A SPREADSHEET THAT ALLOWS A REAL TIME SELECTION TALLY.

MR. CHURCHWELL AND MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED ABOUT THINGS TO CONSIDER, AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS COMMENTED THAT FINAL SELECTION IS BASED ON A 4/5 VOTE.

THE COMMISSIONERS PRESENTED THEIR INITIAL SLATES AS FOLLOWS:

COMMISSIONER GRAY: 1-TWIBELL, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI AND HARDIN, 5-RIOS

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: 1-KNUDSON, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI, 5-RIOS, AT-LARGE-ILAC

COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK: 1-KNUDSON, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI, 5-RIOS, AT-LARGE-ILAC

COMMISSIONER KATZ: 1-TWIBELL, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI, 5-RIOS, AT-LARGE-ILAC

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: 1-TWIBELL, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-HARDIN, 5-ILAC, AT-LARGE-MURTI

THE INITIAL SLATE CONSENSUS WAS UNANIMOUS FOR DISTRICT 2, MEGAN TURLEY, AND DISTRICT 3, JAMES HUDLEY.

UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER BRADLEY AND MCCLINTOCK CHANGED THEIR SELECTION FOR DISTRICT 1 FROM CLAUDIA KNUDSON, TO KAREN TWIBELL.

CANDIDATE LATA MURTI APPEARED ON ALL SLATES, AND HAS A 4/5 VOTE FOR DISTRICT 4.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY ENCOURAGED CANDIDATES NOT SELECTED TO STAY INVOLVED AND CONSIDER FUTURE AD-HOC COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES.

MR. JOHNSON AND MR. CHURCHWELL CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN A DISTRICT OR AN AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT, AND ALL POSITIONS ARE EQUAL.

MOTION TO NOMINATE JANNET RIOS AND KEVIN ILAC.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES 1 NO 1 ABSTAIN

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SLATE AND APPOINT KAREN TWIBELL, MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, LATA MURTI, KEVIN ILAC AND JANNET RIOS.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING LATINX UNDERREPRESENTATION, AND SUGGESTED BENJAMIN OLMEDO BE CONSIDERED.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION TO REPLACE KEVIN ILAC WITH BENJAMIN OLMEDO ON THE FINALIST SELECTION LIST.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES 1 NO

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SLATE AND APPOINT KAREN TWIBELL, MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, BENJAMIN OLMEDO, LATA MURTI, AND JANNET RIOS.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

6. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

MAPPING DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS AND OPTIONS
LEGAL COUNSEL AND NDC CONTRACT REVIEW
POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF HARD TO COUNT HTZ ZONES IN ALL DISTRICTS
(PARTICULARLY FARM AND SERVICE WORKERS IN DISTRICT 3 THROUGH 5 WHO WERE POSSIBLY UNDERCOUNTED)
TIMELINES, CADENCE OF TRAINING AND DECISION FORECASTS
CENSUS DATA RELEASE
BROWN ACT TRAINING, CHAIR/VICE CHAIR SELECTIONS, ORDINANCE REVIEW, BUDGET, OUTREACH AND TIMING DECISIONS (FIRST TWO MEETINGS IN JANUARY 2021)

MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT THE UCSB COMPLETE COUNT REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING A MEETING IN JANUARY.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

SELECTION OF TWO MEETING DATES IN JANUARY 2021

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Interview Schedule (Revised)

Item 04 Interview Questions for Finalists

Item 04 Copy of Finalists' Applications



Shalice Tilton <stilton@ndcresearch.com>

FW: Appointment of Final Six Commissioners

1 message

CEO Redistricting RES <redistricting@countyofsb.org>
To: Shalice Tilton <stilton@ndcresearch.com>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 4:45 PM

Please see the message below. Doug and Steve were included as recipients in the original message.

Best,
Reese

Reese Ellestad

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Chairman Morris:

From Charles H. Bell, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Julian Canete, President and CEO of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and Ms. Bobbi McGinnis, Chair, Santa Barbara County Republican Party, please find attached their letter to you and the Commissioners for your attention.

If you have any questions with receipt or opening this email and attachment, please contact Mr. Bell at the below address.

Kindly,

Kiersten Merina
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December 18, 2020

BY OVERNIGHT MAIL:

Mr. Glenn Morris, Chairman
& Commissioners
Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
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BY EXPRESS DELIVERY:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: **Appointment of Final Six Commissioners – Decision of December 13, 2020**

Dear Chairman Morris and Commissioners:

This joint letter is submitted to you by the undersigned on behalf of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and the Santa Barbara County Republican Party, concerning your decision on December 13, 2020 to choose the final six commissioners for the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission under the provisions of the Commission's legal charter, Santa Barbara County Ordinance No. 5051, § 1.

Demand

On behalf of our two organizations, we demand that the commissioners immediately (a) rescind the December 13, 2020 decision selecting the final six commissioners, and (b) select new commissioners in accordance with the requirements of Sec. 2-10.9A (4)(h)(3) of the Ordinance, for the reasons set forth below.

The Ordinance's Applicable Diversity Requirements

Sec. 2-10.9A (4)(h)(3) of the Ordinance, adopted in accordance with Calif. Elec. Code § 23002(b) [county independent redistricting authorization and requirements allowing counties to

prescribe additional requirements for the manner of selecting commission members], provides that in selecting the final six commissioners:

- (a) “[they] *shall be chosen ... to ensure* that the commission reflects the county’s diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age and gender diversity” without specific “formulas or ratios,” and,
- (b) “[t]he ... commissioners *shall also consider* political party preference ... *so that* the political party preferences of the members of the commission, as shown on the members’ most recent affidavits of registration, *shall be as proportional as possible* to the percentage of voters who are registered with each political party in the County of Santa Barbara” without requirement that the members “be exactly the same as the proportion of the political party preferences among registered voters of the county.”

Thus, the Ordinance’s provisions clearly mandate that the composition process *in toto* (i.e., all member selections) must ensure that the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission be structured reasonably to reflect both Santa Barbara County’s ethnic diversity and political diversity, without relying solely on quotas or formulas. However, eschewing quotas or formulas, the clear intent (“ensure” the Commission “reflect” such [ethnic] diversity and “shall be proportional as possible” [political diversity]) is to achieve diversity in both these elements of the Commission’s composition.

These diversity provisions are nearly identical to those in statutes adopted by the Legislature in the last few years, two of which involved Los Angeles and San Diego County independent redistricting commission commissioner diversity standards. See Elec. Code § 21550(c)[San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission authorization – proportional as possible political representation requirement]; and Elec. Code § 21532(b) and (c) [Los Angeles County Independent Redistricting Commission authorization – reflect diversity and proportional as possible political representation requirements]).

The Commission Has Failed to Comply with the Ordinance

The final six selection process clearly failed in both areas of diversity. Of the 11 commissioners, only two are Latino (18.18% of the Commission vs. 39.4% of county population) and only one is Republican (9.09% of the Commission vs. 25.3% of county population). Proportionality of Latinos to county population would result in at least 2 additional Latinos. Proportionality of Republicans to county registration voter percentages would result in at least 1-2 additional Republicans. Moreover, indisputably it was “possible” for the commissioners to achieve substantially proportional diversity in both Latino and Republican appointments overall, from the available pool of remaining Latinos and Republicans, which included 6 Latinos and 13 Republicans.

This information was well known to the first five commissioners and was actively discussed by public commenters as well as commissioners prior to and at the Commission’s December 13, 2020 meeting. Indeed, the Commission’s record included a November 9, 2020

Memorandum from Doug Johnson, of National Demographics Corporation, its demographic consultant, offered to support the commission's determination.

Reconsideration and Re-Selection Is Required to Protect the Process
from Legal Challenge

We believe that the Commission's compliance with these demands is legally necessary to avoid litigation over the composition of the Commission and perhaps ultimately its redistricting work product. Failure to do so could subject the Commission's final maps to legal challenge for this abuse of discretion. We say this with no disrespect either to the six December 13, 2020 appointees or to the initial five members selected by random name draw.

Further, there is still sufficient time to correct the problem before the Commission will be required to begin its active work upon receipt of the U.S. Census population data by the end of the first quarter of 2021, if action is taken immediately.

Finally, the requirement that the Commission be formed no later than December 31, 2020 does not impose a hard time limit upon the correction of the problem we bring to your attention. The Commission has been formed and is legally able to act, including completion of its mandate set forth in Ordinance No. 5051 to achieve substantial ethnic and political diversity.

Please advise us not later than December 28, 2020 of your attention to these demands.

Very truly yours,



Julian Canete, President and CEO
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce

Bobbi McGinnis

Bobbi McGinnis, Chair
Santa Barbara County Republican Party

cc: Steven C. Churchwell, Esq., Commission Counsel (by email)
Michael Ghizzoni, County Counsel (by email)
Douglas Johnson, Commission Demographer (by email)
Nancy Anderson, Assistant County Executive Office (by email)

BYLAWS
of the
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Citizen’s Independent Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) was established to designate district boundaries for the County of Santa Barbara for the upcoming decade following receipt of the decennial federal census data. The Commission provides an open and transparent process that enables full public consideration and comment on the drawing of district lines. The authority for the establishment and operation of the Commission is set forth in Section 2-10.9A of the Santa Barbara County Code (“Ordinance”).

Section 2. The application period to serve on the Commission closed on August 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The County Elections Official selected the most qualified applicants based on the criteria and qualifications detailed in the Ordinance, whose names were posted online for 30 days or more for members of the public to view before a random drawing by the District Attorney on October 13, 2020, to select the initial five commissioners by supervisorial district. After public meetings and applicant interviews, on December 14, 2020, the first five commissioners appointed an additional five members by district and one at-large member to complete the 11-member Commission.

Section 3. Once the full Commission is seated, the Commission is required to establish single-member supervisorial districts for the Board of Supervisors pursuant to a mapping process using criteria set forth in the Ordinance.

Section 4. The Commission shall adopt a redistricting plan adjusting the boundaries of the supervisorial districts and shall file the plan with the county elections official within six months after the final population figures determined in the decennial federal census are released, but not later than the date required to comply with Elections Code section 23003. An affirmative vote of seven commissioners is required to approve a redistricting plan. A plan approved by seven or more affirmative votes of the commission shall be effective thirty days after it is filed with the county elections official.

Section 5. In the event there are not seven or more votes for affirmative approval of a plan, the redistricting plan would be completed by a supervisorial redistricting commission in accordance with California Elections Code Sections 21501 and 21502, no later than December 31, 2021. A final plan approved by the supervisorial redistricting commission shall be effective immediately.

PROPOSED

ARTICLE II – COMMISSIONERS

Section 1. Commissioners shall receive no compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement of pre-approved expenses actually incurred and reimbursement of reasonable mileage for Commission business, if applicable.

Section 2. Commissioners shall complete AB 1234 Ethics Training within six months of selection to the Commission.

Section 3. Commissioners shall file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

Section 4. Commissioners are expected to attend all meetings of the Commission.

Section 5. Commissioners shall not communicate outside of a public meeting with any member of the Board of Supervisors or a member's staff regarding redistricting matters. This section shall not restrict the Commission Chair from communicating with staff regarding purely administrative matters of the Commission.

Section 6. Commissioners shall publicly disclose at each meeting of the Commission, pursuant to Section 7 below, any substantive communications outside of the meetings regarding Commission redistricting with any person regarding Commission business. This provision does not include the discussion of purely procedural matters regarding Commission meetings.

Section 7. Copies of all written and electronic materials received by a Commissioner regarding Commission business shall be forwarded to the [REDACTED] for distribution to all Commissioners and the public. The [REDACTED] will keep a log of all substantive communications received outside of public meetings. The log will include the name of the person or organization, date of contact, and general description of the communication. The log will be published on the Commission's website.

Section 8. Commissioners shall not communicate orally or in writing on the subject of redistricting on any internet platform or social media website. This Section is not intended to limit the agendas or information regarding the date, time and place of upcoming Commission meetings.

Section 9. Except as provided below in Article III, Section 2, no statements shall be made, or action taken by, any Commission member on behalf of or in the name of the Commission, unless specifically authorized by the Commission.

Section 10. Commissioners shall use the County-provided email address for all communications involving Commission business. Any communications involving Commission business sent to a personal email address or similar platform, such as a text message, shall be forwarded to the Commissioner's County-provided email address.

Section 11. Any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled by the Commission within 10 days. The Commission shall select a replacement Commissioner from the remaining eligible applicants.

PROPOSED

Section 12. A vacancy shall occur upon the following occurrence:

(a) Death or resignation;

(b) A finding by the Commission that a Commissioner has three consecutive, or four total, unexcused absences from Commission meetings. An unexcused absence shall mean an absence not approved in advance by the Chair.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1. The first five Commissioners shall select an XXXXX Chair and an XXXXX Vice-Chair at the initial Commission meeting. No later than its second meeting, the full Commission shall select from its membership a Chair and a Vice-Chair and any other officers it deems necessary.

Section 2. If an office is vacated, the Chair may appoint, on a temporary basis, a member of the Commission to fill the vacancy until a new officer is selected by the full Commission.

Section 3. In addition to the authority granted by these Bylaws, the Chair will convene and preside over regular and special Commission meetings and perform duties otherwise established by these Bylaws. The Chair is the sole official spokesperson for the Commission unless this responsibility is delegated in writing. Any inquiries will be directed to the attention of the Chair. The Chair shall assign any coordinating duties to the Vice-Chair as necessary.

Section 4. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties and responsibilities of that office.

Section 5. The [REDACTED] shall record the minutes of all Commission meetings, handle correspondence, keep the roll, certify the presence of a quorum, maintain a list of all active representatives, and keeps minutes and records of actions at each meeting. The [REDACTED] will post notices of meetings as required by law.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Commission is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Section 2. Three of the Initial Commission of five members shall constitute a quorum. Three or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action.

Section 3. After the full Commission is seated, seven members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Seven or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action.

PROPOSED

Section 4. All votes shall be taken on the basis of one vote per Commissioner. No proxy or absentee voting is permitted.

Section 5. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, when called upon by any member, Rosenberg's Rules of Order shall govern the operation of the Commission. The Chair or Commission may formulate procedural rules of order to govern the conduct of its meetings.

Section 6. The Interim Chair of the Initial Commission of five members shall propose meeting dates and times through January 31, 2021, to be approved by the Initial Commission as soon as practicable. The Chair of the full Commission, once seated, shall propose meeting dates and times beyond that date, which shall be approved by the Commission.

Section 7. All Commission meeting schedules will be posted online together with the agendas. Meetings will be recorded and posted online.

ARTICLE V – ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be adopted or amended by an affirmative vote of seven of the Commissioners.

Section 2. In addition to these Bylaws, the Commission may establish other rules for the conduct of its business, as necessary.

These Bylaws were approved by the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission on January ____, 2021. The Commissioners approving were:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Resolution No: 2021-1

- a. The Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 81000 et seq. ("Political Reform Act") requires state and local government agencies, with final decision making authority, to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code;
- b. The Political Reform Act implementing regulations are adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") and are located at Title 2 Sections 18110-18998, of the California Code of Regulations ("CCR");
- c. A conflict of interest code designates the positions within an agency that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest. Government Code Section 87302(a);
- d. The designated public officials must periodically disclose certain investments, interests in real property, sources of income, gifts, loans and business positions, based on the disclosure requirements and disclosure categories adopted by their agency. The disclosures are submitted on Statements of Economic Interests, also known as Form 700;
- e. A conflict of interest code and all amendments are effective once approved by the local "code reviewing body". The Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body for conflict of interest codes adopted by dependent local agencies in Santa Barbara County. Government Code Section 82011(b). A conflict of interest code must be reviewed, and amended as necessary, at least every two years;
- f. The Santa Barbara County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor ("Clerk, Recorder and Assessor"), at the direction of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors"), adopted a Single Comprehensive Conflict of Interest Code ("Single Code"), which is a compilation of the conflict of interest codes of all County departments and dependent commissions, boards, agencies and special districts ("Member Agencies"). The Single Code incorporates by reference the Model Standard Conflict of Interest Code which includes the required basic provisions for a conflict of interest code, Title 2 CCR Section 18730;
- g. The designated positions within each Member Agency are required to file their Form 700 disclosure statements, electronically using eDisclosure, with the Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. The Single Code is intended to help ensure timely amendments by each Member Agency, and to facilitate the filing of Form 700s;

Resolution of the COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

h. The County of Santa Barbara Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission ("CIRC") was created by Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-10.9A. That section requires that each commission member shall be a designated employee for purposes of the conflict of interest code adopted by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 87300) of Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the Government Code. The CIRC shall adopt a redistricting plan adjusting the boundaries of the supervisorial districts. Thus, the CIRC would be considered to be an agency with final decision-making authority, which would require them to adopt a conflict of interest code.

i. The CIRC desires to adopt a conflict of interest code by being added to the County's Single Code. The CIRC members hold the designated positions that will be required to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700). See, attached Exhibit B. The CIRC members will be required to provide disclosures in accordance with Disclosure Category 1 of the Single Code. A copy of the Single Code Disclosure Categories is attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION THAT:

1. The CIRC adopts a conflict of interest code by requesting that it be added to the County's Single Conflict of Interest Code. The CIRC's designated positions and disclosure categories are set forth in Exhibit B – Designated Positions, and Exhibit A – Disclosure Categories.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of January 2021, by the following vote:

Yes:

No:

Abstain:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION

Chair

EXHIBIT “A” – STANDARD DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

A. APPROPRIATE FORMS

Designated employees/officials shall file FPPC form 700s based on the corresponding disclosure categories specified in Exhibit B.

B. STANDARD DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

When a designated employee or official is required to disclose investments, business positions or sources of income, he or she need only disclose investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income which do business, plan to do business or have done business in the last two (2) years in the County of Santa Barbara. When a designated employee or official is required to disclose real property he or she need only disclose real property located in the County of Santa Barbara, or within two miles of the County of Santa Barbara.

Category 1

All investments; business positions; interests in real property; sources of income including receipt of loans, gifts and travel payments. (Must file FPPC Form 700 with all schedules.)

Category 2

Interests in real property. (Must file FPPC Form 700 with schedule that discloses interests in real property).

Category 3

Investments, business positions, interests in real property and sources of income, including receipt of loans, gifts, and travel payments, subject to the regulatory, permit or licensing authority of the designated employee/officer's Code Agency. (Must file FPPC Form 700 schedules disclosing interests in investments, real property, business positions, income of loans, gifts and travel payments)

Category 4

Investments in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources of the type that engage in land development, construction or the acquisition of real property. (Must file FPPC Form 700 schedules disclosing interests in investments, real property, business positions, income of loans, gifts and travel payments)

Category 5

Investments in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources of the type that contracts with the County of Santa Barbara to provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment to any County department or agency. (Must file FPPC Form 700 schedules disclosing interests in investments, real property, business positions, income of loans, gifts and travel payments)

Category 6

Investments in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources of the type that contracts with the County of Santa Barbara to provide to the designated employee's Code Agency, services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment. (Must file FPPC Form 700 schedules disclosing interests in investments, real property, business positions, income of loans, gifts and travel payments)

Category 7 – Specific to Consultants, Interim positions, New Positions.

Shall disclose pursuant to Category 1, subject to the following limitation:

With respect to consultants, interim positions and new positions, the County Executive Officer of the County may determine in writing that a particular consultant, interim position or a new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant, interim position or a new position, duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. Such determination shall be a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and locations as this conflict of interest code.

EXHIBIT B-
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION

Persons occupying the following positions are “designated employees”. A “designated employee” must disclose financial interests in the category or categories assigned to their position. The Disclosure Categories are defined in Exhibit “A: Standard Disclosure Categories” of the current County Single Comprehensive Conflict of Interest Code for County Departments, Commissions/Boards/Committees and Dependent Special Districts.

A “designated employee” is anyone within the above-mentioned agency who is an officer, employee, member or consultant who is designated in this Code because the position entails the making or participation in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest. (Government Code § 82019)

Designated Employee Positions:

Disclosure Categories for Positions

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| 1. Members of the
County of Santa Barbara Citizens’
Independent Redistricting Commission | 1 |
| 2. Administrative or Executive Director | 1 |
| 3. Independent Legal Counsel | 1 |
| 4. Commission Clerk | 1 |
| 5. Consultants/New Positions | |

*Consultants/New Positions are included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code.

Individuals who perform under contract the identical duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.

The term “designated employee” does not include any officer identified in Government Code § 87200, i.e., members of planning commissions, members of the board of supervisors, district attorneys, county counsel, county treasurers, chief administrative officers and other public officials who manage public investments. The financial disclosure requirements for those positions are set forth in Government Code Sections 87200 et seq.



National Demographics Corporation

January 8, 2021

To: CIRC Members

Fr: Douglas Johnson and Shalice Tilton

Re: Outline of meeting frequency, topics and outreach

There is considerable flexibility in all of these areas, and any potential action to address the letter from the Republican Party and the Hispanic Chamber could result in changes to this timeline. But the following schedule is a rough starting point for discussion and direction from CIRC.

Note that each time there is a deadline for the public to submit map proposals, NDC needs a week to process and prepare all the submitted maps, and then ideally the maps should be posted 3-7 days prior to the hearing to discuss them.

January	1 to 3 Organizing meetings
February	If still needed, 1 meeting to resolve organizational issues 2 meetings to discuss outreach efforts and receive training on redistricting rules, process and tools and consider options for public mapping tools.
March	Depending on progress in February, 1 or 2 meetings for additional training (if needed) and outreach discussions. Ongoing outreach efforts.
April	1 or 2 meetings for outreach updates and to begin to get community input on concerns with existing districts and communities of interest. Ongoing outreach efforts.
May	(Expected: Census data arrives) 2 meetings to (1) continue discussions regarding communities of interest and concerns with existing districts, and (2) hear report on population balance and demographics of existing districts. Ongoing outreach efforts.
June	2 meetings with ongoing outreach efforts, getting community of interest input, and demonstrating the use of the public mapping tools. Public workshop(s) on use of the mapping tools. Ongoing outreach efforts.
July	1 meeting to discuss outreach, receive community of interest input, and update on public mapping tools. Ongoing outreach efforts. (End of month) Deadline for public to submit initial map proposals.
August	2 meetings to discuss and evaluate initial map submissions and select 4-6 “focus” maps. Ongoing outreach efforts. Encourage public to submit desired changes to “focus” maps.
September	Deadline for public to submit 2 nd round map proposals. Ongoing outreach efforts. 1 meeting to discuss and evaluate 2 nd round map proposals.
October	Public forum to discuss “focus” maps. 2 or 3 meetings to continue to revise and narrow group of “focus” maps.
November	Meeting to make final revisions and adopt final map.
December	Meeting to revise and adopt map describing the reasoning for the adoption of the selected map.

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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COUNTY COUNSEL

December 8, 2020

Re: Request for Statement of Qualifications and Proposal to Serve as Independent Legal Counsel for the County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission ("Commission"), Santa Barbara County's Office of County Counsel is soliciting statements of qualifications and proposals from law firms to serve as independent legal counsel ("Legal Counsel") for the Commission.

The passage of County of Santa Barbara Measure G in 2018 provided for the formation of the Commission, and established procedures for determination of electoral district boundaries within the County. Measure G is codified at Section 2-10.9A of the Santa Barbara County Code.

The first five Commissioners have been selected, and those Commissioners are in the process of selecting the additional six Commissioners, which will occur by December 31, 2020.

More information about the Commission is located at the following web site:
<http://www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc>.

On November 10, 2020, the County's Board of Supervisors approved a contract for legal services for the Commission with a firm ("current counsel") that will be terminated by January 31, 2021 unless the Commission decides that it wants to continue with the current counsel.

SCHEDULE

Submissions are due on January 8, 2021 by 5:00PM. The submissions will be posted on the Commission's web site as part of the agenda materials for a Commission meeting in January 2021. If a firm is selected that is other than the current counsel, then a contract would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Legal Counsel shall provide independent legal counsel to the Commission, including providing independent legal advice and handling litigation, when requested from time to time.

Under the general direction of the Commission, Legal Counsel shall:

- Serve as the legal advisor for the Commission and consultants and staff assigned to the Commission.
- Advise the Commission at meetings, public hearings, and other legal proceedings.
- Ensure that all constitutional, statutory, and regulatory requirements and court decisions governing the Commission's activities are properly interpreted, including but not limited to Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-10.9A, the Ralph. M. Brown Act, the Public Records Act, the California Elections Code, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- Provide legal representation administratively and, if applicable, in court.
- Render written and verbal legal advice.
- Render legal advice regarding policies within the Commission's legal areas of responsibility, if any.
- Ensure that any administrative policies adopted by the Commission are consistent with law and are implemented fair and impartially.

Legal Counsel shall ensure that information relating to Legal Counsel's legal support of the Commission is protected as required by Business and Professions Code Section 6068(e); this includes Legal Counsel's preserving the confidentiality of that information from the County of Santa Barbara's Office of County Counsel, except that Legal Counsel may communicate with the Office of County Counsel as would be appropriate between attorneys who represent opposing parties at "arm's-length."

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Responses must demonstrate the ability to perform high-level analysis of the legal issues associated with administration of the Commission as well as the redistricting process. Such overall ability requires that the primary service provider as the Legal Counsel possess the following:

- Active membership in the State Bar of California.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and in oral presentations with a variety of contacts, including the Commissioners, outside attorneys, public officials, the public, press and staff.
- Ability to accurately appraise legal problems, perform legal research, and correctly apply legal principles, evidentiary rules and precedents to proposed solutions.
- Ability to write and edit correspondence, pleadings, briefings, talking points, and legal opinions.
- Ability to represent the Commission at meetings, public hearings, and other legal proceedings.
- Ability to synthesize, clarify, and disseminate complex information.
- Knowledge of Cal. Elections Code Sections 23000 – 23004 and 21500 – 21509, including as amended by AB 1276, effective January 1, 2021.
- Knowledge of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Political Reform Act, and Public Records Act requirements.

- Demonstrated experience and expertise in implementation and enforcement of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

To assist the Commission in selecting Legal Counsel, please ensure that your proposal includes the following information:

1. **Firm Description.** Provide a brief description of your firm and qualifications in the area of state and federal laws governing redistricting in California. Indicate the location of your main California office.
2. **Assigned Personnel.** Identify your firm's team for the assignment, specifically identifying the individual who would serve as the overall lead for the engagement and primary service provider in the Legal Counsel role. Include only those persons who are actually expected to work on the engagement. Provide resumes for each participating team member, highlighting relevant experience to meet essential knowledge and abilities.
3. **Experience.** Briefly describe the firm's experience as Legal Counsel in California for local government entities or states related to state and federal laws governing redistricting and voter rights. Indicate where the proposed primary service provider contributed to the firm's experience.
4. **Additional Information.** Please confirm that your firm has run a conflicts check and does not have any potential conflicts of interest. Also, please review Elections Code Section 23003 and Santa Barbara County Code Sections 2-10.9A(5)(d) and (4)(d), and confirm that anyone assigned to provide services under the contract would not be disqualified under Elections Code Section 23003 or Santa Barbara County Code Sections 2-10.9A(4)(d)(5) or (4)(d)(6).
5. **Fees.** Please indicate your firm's fees for the Legal Counsel role. To the extent hourly fees are proposed, please include an estimate of the total fee and/or expected range, and not-to-exceed amount. Also, please indicate what expenses you would bill in addition to the fee and a proposed cap.
6. **Form Contract.** A form of contract is attached. If your firm has any proposed changes to the contract, please identify them as part of your firm's response.

SUBMISSION

Please provide your proposal by e-mail to arierson@co.santa-barbara.ca.us no later than January 8, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

DISCLAIMERS

It is noted that the Commission reserves the right to: reject any and all responses; cancel, modify or re-issue the RFP; negotiate with any, all or none of the respondents; and solicit best and final offers from any, all or none of the respondents. This RFP does not commit the Commission to negotiate a contract, nor does it obligate them to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of your responses or in the anticipation of a contract. The Commission reserves the right to recommend that the Board of Supervisors contract with any

of the firms responding to this RFP based on the Commission's judgment in evaluating the firm's proposal, including but not limited to its qualifications, capabilities and fee quote.

COMMUNICATIONS

So that we do not need to post and share responses to questions with proposers, we do not plan to have substantive conversations with any proposers.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this process.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS
2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Second Meeting

- Discussion and decision of staff's recommendation to continue Interim Chair and Vice Chair for this meeting or nomination and selection of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the Republican Party / Hispanic Chamber letter.
- Discussion, deliberation, and possible action on adopting Bylaws.
- Discussion, deliberation, and possible action on adopting a Conflict of Interest code resolution.
- Update on NDC's collection of GIS data and maps from County departments and City governments.
- Census data status update.
- "Complete Count" Committee representative(s) and NDC discuss Census outreach efforts, possible Student and Farm Worker undercount impacts, and what options Commission has available to address any such issues.
- Decision on legal assistance contract
- Discussion and possible direction regarding whether to seek alternative demographic and administrative support firm proposals.

Third Meeting

- Review of Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Ordinance and Rules ([Code Sec. 2-10.9A](#)).
- Outreach discussion and possible actions, including budget and County's outreach budgeting form.
- Discussion, deliberation, and direction regarding establishing liaisons and organizers for future redistricting public outreach efforts. (Suggestion to engage non-selected interviewees to serve as primary liaisons and organizers.)
- Demonstration and discussion of mapping tools for Commissioners and residents (and related budget issues)
- (If requested at previous meeting) Discussion and possible action on RFP/RFQ document for alternative demographic and administrative support firm proposals