



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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

Date: **Monday, February 22, 2021**
Time: **6:30 PM**
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

Meeting Access: <https://zoom.us/j/93385673528>

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- Distribution to the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission – Submit your comment via e-mail prior to 5:00 p.m. one day prior to the meeting. Please submit your comment to redistricting@countyofsb.org. Your comment will be placed in the record and distributed appropriately.
- Participation via Zoom meeting link listed above. See Instructions on next page.
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- Attendees can link via computer or smart device, through the Zoom app (available for IOS and Android), or by cell phone or landline.
- Each meeting agenda will be posted 72 hours in advance at www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc (unless greater notice is required by law) and include the Zoom link, phone numbers and the Webinar I.D. to join electronically or by phone. To participate in Public Comment, please refer to directions below.
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1. Public Comment Via Computer or iPhone/Android App:

- To indicate that you wish to speak during Public Comment, select “raise your hand” feature and staff will know to call on you. When called upon, please state your name for the record. We reserve the right to mute a microphone for profane, harassing or offensive language; or for speaking beyond the time limit set by the Chair.
- Smart phone users with the Zoom app can also select the “raise your hand” feature.

2. Public Comment Via Phone:

- Attendees by phone can “raise your hand” by pressing star-9. When it is your turn to speak, we will announce you by caller I.D. or your phone number. When called upon, please state your name for the record. We reserve the right to mute a microphone for profane, harassing or offensive language; or for speaking beyond the time limit set by the Chair.

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Commission Members: (Vacant), 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 James Bray, Fourth District
Commissioner Amanda Ochoa, 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. Receive and file letter of resignation by Commissioner Laura “Lollie” Katz, First District.
3. Commission applicant interviews.
4. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the commissioner appointment for the First District and administer oath of office.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Approval of Minutes of February 1 and 3, 2021.
8. Disclosure of ex parte communications.

RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

9. 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

10. Announcement of any reportable action taken in closed session.
11. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action on adopting the First Amended and Restated Bylaws revising Section 11 to allow 30 days to fill a vacancy.
12. Discuss census data release, public hearing timeline, outreach requirements, mapping criteria, and
13. Discuss commission and public training topics and schedule.
14. Outreach discussion and possible actions.
15. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.
16. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Packet Items:

- Item 02 Commissioner Katz Letter of Resignation
- Item 03 Interview Schedule / Questions / Applications
- Item 07 Minutes of February 1 and 3, 2021
- Item 11 First Amended and Restated Bylaws
- Item 12 Timeline and SBCIRC Requirements
- Item 15 Proposed Future Agenda Items

From: Lollie Katz
Date: Tue, Feb 2, 2021 at 7:35 PM
Subject: Resignation

Dear Chairman Morris, Commissioners, Mr. Churchwell, Dr. Johnson and Shalice,

After considerable worry and angst about my role as a commissioner I've come to the realization that I don't have the endurance or strength of belief to continue.

The random drawing that placed me as one of the first of 5 was a double-edged sword for me in that I was an interviewer but not interviewed and will never know if I would have made the cut!

I have decided to resign my position effective now and hope this will result in finding a replacement who will meet the requirements of measure G.

It really was an honor to work with each and every one of you. Thank you all very much. I will miss the camaraderie and amazing, incisive thinking you each brought to the commission...actually I am blown away by how smart you are.

Finally, Glenn, thank you for managing the chair role with wisdom, humor and ease. You are a role model.

All the best,

Laura (Lollie) Katz

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE TO FILL FIRST DISTRICT VACANCY**

Date	Applicant	Sup Dist	Ethnicity	City	Age	Gender	Party
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Monday, February 22							
	Trosky, Cheryl	1	W	Santa Barbara	62	F	REP
	Scorso, James	1	W	Santa Barbara	81	M	REP



County of Santa Barbara Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSION FINALISTS

(see agenda to be posted 72 hours in advance at www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc)

Responses limited to no more than three minutes per question.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Redistricting Commission?
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, experiences, skills, and knowledge of Santa Barbara County that you think will add to the overall diversity of the commission?
3. How would you help the commission to draw lines that promote “communities of interest?”
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?
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?

APPLICATION FOR "COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION"

Application Revised: 6/29/2020

Date Received:

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete each item below and sign the application. For more information please review the ordinance, visit the redistricting webpage at: www.countyofsb.org/red-districting or email questions to redistricting@countyofsb.org.

Please print legibly in ink or type. When completed, print and sign the application. Submit the application by mail, drop off or email as listed on the signature page.

1. Today's Date: 7 July 2020

2. NAME:

Scorso

James

B

Last

First

Middle

Number

Street

Santa Barbara

93108

City

Zip Code

6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara? ☐ YES ☒ No If YES, list:

Department:

Title:

Date:

Demographic Section: Providing this information is optional. You may select "decline to state" for each answer. County Ordinance Code Section 2-10.9A, (4)(h)(3) requires six of the 11 appointees, in addition to meeting minimum requirements, be chosen in a way that ensures the Commission reflects the County's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age, and gender diversity. However, formulas or specific ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.

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☒ WHITE (not of Hispanic Origin): All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

☐ Decline to state

8. Select the gender you identify as:

☐ Female ☒ Male ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Decline to state

9. What is your age: _____ ☐ Decline to state

10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

I moved to Santa Barbara county when I was 5 or 6 years old and I have lived in either Carpinteria, Goleta or Santa Barbara my entire life except for 3 years when I was serving in the US Army. I am the father of two and the grandfather of three. My son and daughter both live in Goleta with their families

I attended and graduated from Santa Barbara High School, UCSB with a degree in chemistry and Pepperdine University with a master's degree in business.

I was employed at Santa Barbara Research Center(SBRC) for 30 years. My most recent positions were as a laboratory manager, a project manager and a program manager.

I retired from SBRC in 1993. During my retirement, I have been involved with Lotusland, The Unity Shop and I was a member of the board of directors of the La Cumbre Mutual Water Company, a water agency wholly owned and run by the property owners of Hope Ranch.

I am aware of the need to redistrict Santa Barbara County based on the current census being performed and I want to help perform that job.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

I am confident that my experience as a Santa Barbara County resident for the past seven decades, and my career with the Santa Barbara Research Center make me uniquely qualified to serve on the Independent Redistricting Commission. These experiences have afforded me the ability to not only evaluate and study, but also appreciate the unique characteristics of each individual community within the County.

It is this experience and knowledge that I plan to bring to the commission if selected, and I have no doubt that these skills will be invaluable throughout the process.

***Required Selection Criteria: Please answer the following yes/no questions.**

*Are you a resident of the County of Santa Barbara?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Are you registered to vote in the County of Santa Barbara?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Have you changed your registered political party affiliation within the past 5 years?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*Have you voted in Santa Barbara County in at least one of the last three statewide elections?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*I have read and comply with the provisions of Elections Code § 23003(c), (d) and (e).

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Do you have any significant financial interest, as defined in County Ordinance Sec. 2-10.9A. - Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission, in any company, corporation or other business entity that has donated five hundred dollars or more in one year to any candidate for elective office of the County of Santa Barbara, or to any controlled committee, primarily formed committee, general purpose committee, independent expenditure committee that expended funds in support or opposition to a candidate for elective office of the County of Santa Barbara within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

How this application will be used:

I understand the contents of this application may be made available to the public including posting on the internet.

☒ Yes, I understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my personal e-mail address, street address, and phone number(s) will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law.

☒ Yes, I understand

By signing below, I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

James B. Scorse 7 July 2020

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:17 PM
To: CEO Redistricting RES
Subject: Fw: Application for SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
Attachments: SB county.pdf

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I sent this application earlier this week but forgot to fill in my age. I am 81 years old.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Please contact me if there is a problem or if I left anything else out.

Thanks,

Jim Scorso

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 10:59 AM
To: redistricting@countyofsb.org
Subject: Application for SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Attached is my application to become a member of the SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Thank you for considering me.

James B. Scorso

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1. Today's Date: **August 20, 2020**

2. NAME:

Trosky

Last

Cheryl

First

Ann

Middle

Santa Barbara

City

93108

Zip Code

6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara? ☐ YES ☒ No If YES, list:

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10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

It is a pleasure to be considered for the Independent Redistricting Commission, a truly important task. As a long time member of this community, one I cherish, it is my desire to create a safe, strong future for Santa Barbara County. I have no doubt that serving on this commission and collaborating with fellow residents on this extremely important process will help accomplish that goal.

My background as a healthcare professional has afforded me the opportunity to work with people from all walks of life. I am a registered nurse with a BS in business, finance major. After graduating and gaining hospital experience as an RN, I established a Medicare/Blue Cross/Blue Shield certified home health agency in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that I sold to relocate, with my husband, to California. In the past five years, I have started another certified home health agency in Santa Barbara that sold right before the Thomas fires. This was a blessing due to the fact that me and my family were victims of the Thomas fire (2017) and the debris flow (2018). All these experiences, although extremely challenging, have made me a better person, capable of seeing the big picture. I am so grateful to have a healthy family and live in such a beautiful paradise.

As a healthcare professional and employer of skilled and non-skilled labor, I have a unique perspective. My experience with clients and employees across diverse circumstances has honed my ability to respond to a variety of situations with compassion and empathy.

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission is a charity I have supported for ten years. As a member of the women's auxiliary, I learned a great deal about the homeless population, available support services and amazing success stories of individuals helped by this program. It has been a joy to make an impact and see lives changed through relationship.

When I have time, I frequent our local hiking trails, the ocean, farmer's market and bike paths with friends and family. I am a member of the Montecito Association and a supporter of the local arts, with a special focus on the Lobero Theatre.

My two sons graduated from the school system in Santa Barbara and have enjoyed courses at Santa Barbara City College. It has been a positive experience for them and I feel fortunate to have such great public education opportunities within the region. If selected to the commission I would be able to help create a better future for my sons, for the county and for the future leaders of Santa Barbara.

I have a passion for this community and a strong desire to ensure redistricting is done in a manner that is accurate, fair and accountable to the many diverse communities that make up this great area. In fact, my household shares in this diversity, representing three different political parties and three generations heightening my awareness of the need to be impartial and fair. It is my hope that you will select me to join the process of redistricting. Many thanks for your consideration.

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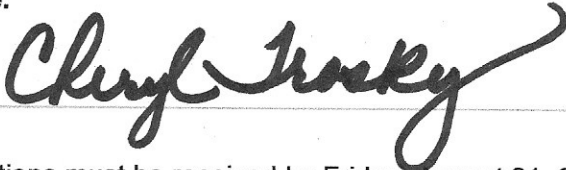
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BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

1. Commission Convened

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Bradley, Bray, Hudley, Katz, McClintock, Morris, Ochoa, Olmedo, Turley, Twibell

Commissioners Absent: Rios

2. Public Comment

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

WRITTEN COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, WROTE REQUESTING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER ATTORNEY INTERVIEWS.

MARGUERITE LEONI, NIELSEN MERKSAMER, WROTE CORRECTING PUBLIC COMMENT MISUNDERSTANDING.

PHILIP A. SEYMOUR, WROTE QUESTIONING THE LEGALITY OF ENGAGING NIELSEN MERKSAMER.

COUNTY COUNSEL, WROTE DECLINING ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHT'S MEETING, AND DEFERRED TO MR. CHURCHWELL.

3. 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.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2021, and January 27, 2021.

MOTION TO CORRECT THE INFORMATION FROM RESIDENT TO HEAD OF THE SRO, AND COMMISSIONER KATZ TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE CONTACT, FOR THE JANUARY 27, 2021 MINUTES, DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, ITEM 4, AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2021, AND CORRECTED MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED: 10 AYES 1 ABSENT

5. Disclosure of ex parte communications.

NONE.

NANCY ANDERSON, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, REPORTED TWO LETTERS OF INTEREST WERE RECEIVED FROM REDISTRICTING PARTNERS AND Q2 DATA, IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMOGRAPHY SERVICES RFI.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE THREE ROUNDS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: GENERAL COMMENTS OR ITEM 6, FOLLOWING ITEM 7 INTERVIEWS, AND PRIOR TO ITEM 10 CLOSED SESSION.

6. Census data status update and "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.

VICTOR ESPINOSA, MICOP, PRESENTED INFORMATION ABOUT THE OUTREACH EFFORTS AND CHALLENGES TO EDUCATE THE INDIGENOUS AND FARMING COMMUNITIES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING THE CENSUS. CHALLENGES INCLUDE POLITICAL CLIMATE, SOCIAL ISSUES RELATED TO INTERNET ACCESS, INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. OUTREACH INCLUDED, SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK), A WEEKLY CENSUS

THEMED RADIO PROGRAM ON COMMUNITY RADIO STATION 94.1 FM, AND PROVIDED SOCIALLY DISTANT/REMOTE QUESTIONNAIRE ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF LIMITED INTERNET ACCESS. THE FOCUS WAS ON RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS, RATHER THAN GROUP QUARTER FACILITIES (ONE GROUP QUARTER FACILITIES WHERE FARMWORKERS ARE HOUSED, HAD A COVID OUTBREAK).

VIVIANA MARSANO, UCSB, WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER ON THE STUDENT COUNT. SHE EXPLAINED THAT COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO ANSWER THE CENSUS WHERE THEY GO TO SCHOOL. OUTREACH INCLUDED EMAILING 26,000 STUDENTS AND 24,000 PARENTS, VIDEO RELEASED BY THE CENSUS FOR STUDENTS, AND PROFESSORS INCLUDED CENSUS SLIDES IN THE CLASS LECTURE. THE COUNT INCLUDED DORMITORIES, TROPICANA APARTMENTS, GREEK FRATERNITY HOUSES, SANTA BARBARA CO-OP HOUSING, AND GROUP QUARTERS (FAMILIES NOT INCLUDED IN GROUP QUARTERS). OUTREACH ALSO INCLUDED PAID ENGLISH AND SPANISH RADIO AND TV ADS. THE ESTIMATED SELF-RESPONSE RATE IN ISLA VISTA IS 55.5% - 58.5%, COMPARED TO 65% IN 2010.

MR. JOHNSON REITERATED THAT THE COUNTY MUST USE THE POPULATION DATA PROVIDED BY THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER KATZ INQUIRED ABOUT OUTREACH TO THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH. MS. MARSANO EXPLAINED THAT THE FORMER GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IS NOW THE ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER AND THEY WORK WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION.

COMMISSIONER OLMEDO ASKED ABOUT MOBILITY BETWEEN COUNTIES, OUT OF THE AREA, AND OUT OF STATE. MR. ESPINOSA COMMENTED THAT SOME FARMWORKERS ARE SEASONAL, FOLLOW THE WORK, TRAVEL BETWEEN COUNTIES, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. MS. MARSANO ALSO COMMENTED THAT STUDENTS ALSO TRAVEL BETWEEN COUNTIES AND STATES FOR SCHOOL AND HOME.

COMMISSIONER OLMEDO ASKED ABOUT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS HOME OF RECORD. MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN FEDERAL (CENSUS COUNTS THEM WHERE THEY ARE INCARCERATED ON APRIL 1), THE STATE (HOME ADDRESS), AND THE COUNTY JAIL (HOME ADDRESS), HE WILL DOUBLE CHECK WHETHER FEDERAL PRISONERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COUNT BY THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER KATZ ASKED ABOUT USING ENROLLMENT NUMBERS FOR SCHOOL COUNT. MS. MARSANO STATED THAT THE ENROLLMENT DATA IS NOT ACCURATE TO USE FOR THE CENSUS.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY ASKED IF THIS COINCIDED WITH HTC AREAS IN AND AROUND ISLA VISTA AND GOLETA, DID THEY OVERLAP, OR WERE ANY MISSED. MS. MARSANO ESTIMATED A 58.5% SELF-RESPONSE RATE FOR ISLA VISTA. SHE WILL

PROVIDE HER NOTES TO MR. JOHNSON, AND A LINK TO THE SELF-RESPONSE RESULTS.

MR. ESPINOSA PROVIDED THE LINK FOR THE 2010 CALIFORNIA INDIGENOUS FARM WORKERS STUDY <http://www.indigenousfarmworkers.org/demographics.shtml#Population>, AND HE NOTED THIS INFORMATION DOESN'T NECESSARILY PERTAIN TO THE 2020 CENSUS.

7. Interview finalists for Independent Legal Counsel services:
 - a) Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP
 - b) Scott J. Rafferty, Attorney at Law
 - c) Strumwasser & Woocher LLP

COMMISSIONER MORRIS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, STATED THE FINALISTS WILL BE CALLED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, GIVEN A TWO MINUTE SELF-INTRODUCTION, FIVE GENERAL QUESTIONS ASKED OF EACH FIRM, AND TWO TO FOUR QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO EACH FIRM. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CLARIFYING/FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS, CLOSING STATEMENTS (IF TIME ALLOWS), PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CLOSED SESSION.

QUESTION #1 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER KATZ

- PLEASE CLARIFY THE ROLES OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PROPOSED TEAM. SPECIFICALLY, WHICH TEAM MEMBER WILL BE OUR “GO TO” LAWYER DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND AS QUESTIONS ARISE RELATING TO ANY LEGAL MATTERS?

QUESTION #2 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRADLEY

- BASED ON YOUR INTEREST IN WORKING WITH THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, WHAT ARE A FEW SANTA BARBARA COUNTY-SPECIFIC CHALLENGES AND BIGGEST PITFALLS THAT YOU ANTICIPATE WITH REDISTRICTING?

QUESTION #3 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK

- HOW WILL YOU PRIORITIZE THE COMMISSION’S WORK TO PROTECT “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST”, “PARTISAN FAIRNESS” AND “ELECTORAL COMPETITIVENESS?”

QUESTION #4 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER OCHOA

- WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEMOGRAPHY FIRM CURRENTLY ENGAGED BY THE COMMISSION?

QUESTIONS #5 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS

- THE COUNTY’S PROJECTED BUDGET FOR THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION WAS SET AT \$500,000. GIVEN THAT \$100,000 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR DEMOGRAPHY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – AND GIVEN THAT THE COMMISSION DESIRES TO

RESERVE AS MUCH OF THE BUDGET AS POSSIBLE FOR OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – DO YOU ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO KEEP LEGAL FEES WITHIN THE COUNTY’S INITIAL ESTIMATES OF \$200,000, LESS WHATEVER HAS ALREADY BEEN BILLED BY OUR ORIGINAL COUNSEL? IF NOT, WHICH PART OF THE LEGAL PROCESS DO YOU EXPECT IS MOST LIKELY TO OVERRUN COSTS?

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED NIELSEN MERKSAMER PARRINELLO GROSS AND LEONI LLP. IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE GENERAL QUESTIONS, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE ASKED:

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER HUDLEY:

- THERE HAVE BEEN CONCERNS RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING REPRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT BY YOUR LEGAL TEAM’S PROPOSED MEMBERS. CAN YOU ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS AND DESCRIBE STEPS YOU WILL TAKE TO ENSURE THE TEAM ASSIGNED TO THIS COMMISSION IS FREE OF ANY ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST?

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRAY:

- ALSO DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, CONCERNS WERE RAISED ABOUT YOUR REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE COMMISSION’S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. MS. LEONI STATED IN HER RESPONSE TO THOSE CONCERNS, THAT THE COUNTY’S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE WAS ADOPTED *AFTER* THEIR RESPONSE WAS SUBMITTED. CAN YOU CLARIFY YOUR POSITION ON THIS ITEM?

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER TURLEY:

- PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH REDISTRICTING LITIGATION AND WHAT YOUR FIRM HAS TAKEN FROM THOSE EXPERIENCES.

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER HUDLEY:

- IN YOUR FEE STRUCTURE, YOU SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL WITH CAP RATES THAT DID NOT INCLUDE LITIGATION FEES. ARE YOU WILLING TO REVISE YOUR FEE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE LITIGATION COSTS AND UPDATED NOT-TO-EXCEED RATES?

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED SCOTT J. RAFFERTY, ATTORNEY AT LAW. IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE GENERAL QUESTIONS, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE ASKED:

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER OLMEDO:

- GIVEN THAT YOU ARE THE SOLE ATTORNEY, DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE EVERYTHING THAT IS NEEDED DURING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS? WHAT CONTINGENCIES DO YOU HAVE IN PLACE IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE OR UNABLE TO FULFILL SPECIFIC DUTIES? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO REACH OUT TO OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS IF ANY ISSUES ARISE?

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER TWIBELL:

- PLEASE GIVE US A SENSE OF YOUR EXPERIENCE ADVISING PUBLIC COMMISSIONS, PARTICULARLY RELATED TO PROCEDURAL SUPPORT DURING LIVE SESSIONS. HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR COMMAND OF RELEVANT REGULATORY ISSUES LIKE THE BROWN ACT, CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW, EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION, ETC.?

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRAY:

- YOUR EXPERIENCE AND PASSION FOR VOTING RIGHTS IS IMPRESSIVE; HOWEVER, YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH REDISTRICTING, WORKING WITH REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS AND HELPING TO CREATE REDISTRICTING PLANS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AS STRONG. CAN YOU SITE CASES WHERE YOUR FIRM SPECIFICALLY HELPED CREATE A COUNTY REDISTRICTING PLAN, IF THAT PLAN WAS CHALLENGED IN COURT, AND IF SO, WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER OLMEDO:

- IF THERE IS A NEED FOR LITIGATION, WOULD THAT BE SOMETHING YOU CAN HANDLE IN HOUSE OR WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER LAW FIRM FOR LITIGATION?

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER LLP. IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE GENERAL QUESTIONS, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE ASKED:

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER HUDLEY:

- IN YOUR PROPOSAL, IT IS STATED THAT PROFESSOR JUSTIN LEVITT WOULD SERVE IN AN ADVISORY ROLE. COULD YOU DESCRIBE HOW THAT CONSULTATION WOULD WORK AND HOW MUCH THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO SOLICIT QUESTIONS ON ISSUES TO HIM DURING THE PROPOSED SERVICE ENGAGEMENT?

QUESTION ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRAY:

- YOU MENTION IN YOUR RFP THAT YOU SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED LA COUNTY'S REDISTRICTING PLAN WITHOUT LEGAL CHALLENGE, AND SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED SBC'S 2001 REDISTRICTING PLAN. ARE THERE OTHER INSTANCES WHERE YOUR REDISTRICTING WORK WAS LEGALLY CHALLENGED, AND IF SO, THE RESULTS OF THAT CHALLENGE?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CHRISTIAN ALONSO, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER.

ANDY CALDWELL, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT BID AMOUNT MODIFICATIONS, SCOTT RAFFERTY STAFFING, STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER COSTS,

AND IN SUPPORT OF NIELSEN MERKSAMER PARRINELLO GROSS AND LEONI LLP.

LEE HELLER, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER, AND CONCERNS ABOUT CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH NIELSEN MERKSAMER PARRINELLO GROSS AND LEONI LLP.

SPENCER BRANDT, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER, AND CONCERNS ABOUT CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH NIELSEN MERKSAMER PARRINELLO GROSS AND LEONI LLP.

LATA MURTI, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER.

RECESSED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 9:08 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:15 PM.

8. Consideration of the appointment of an independent contractor who functions as an officer or an employee of a local agency pursuant to Section 54957(b) of the Government Code.

Title: Independent Legal Counsel

THE MEETING RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:53 PM.

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

MR. CHURCHWELL ANNOUNCED THE COMMISSION RANKED THE LEGAL FIRM FINALISTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

FIRST PLACE:	STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER LLP
SECOND PLACE:	NIELSEN MERKSAMER PARRINELLO GROSS AND LEONI LLP
THIRD PLACE:	SCOTT J. RAFFERTY, ATTORNEY AT LAW

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CHARLES BELL, HEARD REGARDING THE LETTER PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY THE CALIFORNIA HISPANIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, AND SANTA BARBARA REPUBLICAN PARTY ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S FAILURE TO MEET THE ETHNIC, RACIAL AND PARTISAN COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE.

BOBBI MCGINNIS, SANTA BARBARA REPUBLICAN PARTY GOP, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT LATINO AND REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION.

ROBERT MERCADO, LOMPOC, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT LATINO REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION.

LEE HELLER, HEARD REGARDING THE CORRECTION IN DIVERSITY OF THE COMMISSION FALLS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ORDINANCE, AND THERE IS NO MECHANISM IN THE ORDINANCE FOR CHANGES REQUESTED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

RECESSED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 10:02 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:03 PM.

10. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. 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

RECONVENED THE MEETING IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:33 PM.

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

NO REPORTABLE ACTION.

12. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the Republican Party / Hispanic Chamber letter.

NONE.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

NONE

14. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

NONE

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Minutes of January 25 and 27, 2021.

Item 07 Proposals Submitted for Independent Legal Counsel

Item 12 Republican Party / Hispanic Chamber letter

Item 14 Proposed Future Agenda Items



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Summary of Proceedings 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Date: **Wednesday, February 3, 2021**
Time: **6:31 PM – 7:39 PM**
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

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www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc

BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

MRS. TILTON ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER KATZ.

1. Commission Convened

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Bradley, Bray, Hudley, McClintock, Morris, Ochoa, Olmedo (late), Rios, Turley, Twibell

Commissioners Absent: Katz

ITEM 3 AND 4 WERE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

3. 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.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

4. Disclosure of ex parte communications.

NONE.

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.

COMMISSIONER OLMEDO JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:36 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, HEARD REGARDING REGRETS FOR COMMISSIONER KATZ RESIGNATION, AND APPRECIATION FOR HER SERVICE.

SCOTT RAFFERTY, HEARD REGARDING HIS DISAPPROVAL AND CONCERNS FOR THE LEGAL COUNSEL SELECTION PROCESS.

MARY HUDSON, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF CHERYL TROSKY.

PEGGY WILSON EXPERIENCED TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS.

BARBARA SABASTINI, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF CHERYL TROSKY FOR THE DISTRICT 1 VACANCY.

PEGGY WILSON, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF CHERYL TROSKY FOR THE DISTRICT 1 VACANCY.

WRITTEN COMMENT:

CHRIS SKINNELL, NIELSEN MERKSAMER, ADDRESSING PHILIP SEYMOUR'S QUESTIONS ABOUT CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

FREDRIC WOOCHEER, RESPONSE TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ALLEGATION.

COMMISSIONER KATZ, LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

MR. JOHNSON RESPONDED TO MR. RAFFERTY'S COMMENT AND CLARIFIED THE RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF MR. SKINNELL'S EMAIL.

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding selecting Independent Legal Counsel.

MR. CHURCHWELL GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF LEGAL COUNSEL SELECTION, AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER. THE HOURLY RATES WERE REDUCED FROM \$575 TO \$525, THE NEXT HIGHEST RATE REDUCED FROM \$525 TO

\$475, SET AN OVERALL \$200,000 CAP, AND IF DEPLETED, THE COMMISSION AND LEGAL COUNSEL WILL NEGOTIATE AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER TURLEY INQUIRED ABOUT A SUMMARIZATION OF THE LETTER FROM MR. WOOCHEER. MR. CHURCHWELL SUGGESTED INVITING MR. WOOCHEER TO EXPLAIN AND ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE LETTER.

MR. WOOCHEER PROVIDED AN EXPLANATION FOR COMMENTS ABOUT DISQUALIFICATION DUE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST, REGARDING PREVIOUS REPRESENTATION OF A FORMER COUNTY SUPERVISOR IN 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, HEARD AND COMPLIMENTED MR. WOOCHEER'S IMPRESSIVE RESPONSE ON SHORT NOTICE.

ANDY CALDWELL, HEARD REGARDING NIELSEN MERKSAMER, THE ORDINANCE, AND CONCERNS ABOUT STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER.

RECESSED THE MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 7:07 PM.

6. Consideration of the appointment of an independent contractor who functions as an officer or an employee of a local agency pursuant to Section 54957(b) of the Government Code.

Title: Independent Legal Counsel

RECONVENED THE MEETING IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:25 PM.

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

NO REPORTABLE ACTION.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED THE COMMISSION WILL NEGOTIATE A PRICE AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY FOR FINAL CONTRACT APPROVAL.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND STRUMWASSER & WOOCHEER FOR LEGAL COUNSEL.

MOTION CARRIED: 10 AYES

8. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

- DISTRICT 1 VACANCY AND INTERVIEWS (FEBRUARY 22)
 - CANDIDATES: JAMES SCORSO, CHERYL TROSKY, DANIEL MONTELLO (USE DECEMBER 8 INTERVIEW), AND CLAUDIA KNUDSON (USE DECEMBER 9

INTERVIEW)

- OUTREACH STRUCTURE (DIGITAL ACCESS, BUDGET, BIG PICTURE, DETAILS)
- SUPPORT TOOLS

9. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED MEETING THE 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM, AND CONFIRMED THE NEXT MEETING DATES:

- MARCH 3, 6 PM
- MARCH 17, 6 PM

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED
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.

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 County redistricting email (redistricting@countyofsb.org) for distribution to all Commissioners. All correspondence will be posted to the County's Redistricting website for the public unless the sender specifically requests otherwise.

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 30 days. The Commission shall select a replacement Commissioner from the pool of most qualified applicants previously selected by the county elections officer.

Section 12. A vacancy shall occur upon a finding by the commission that a commissioner has ceased to be qualified under the provisions of the Ordinance.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1. The first five Commissioners shall select an Interim Chair and an Interim 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 Commission Clerk 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 Commission Clerk will ensure County receives and posts 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 and shall carry any motion, except as otherwise specified by law, the Ordinance or these Bylaws.

Section 3. After the full Commission is seated, at least six Commissioners are required for a quorum or to take affirmative action.

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.

The original Bylaws were approved and adopted by the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission on January 19, 2021. Commissioners approving were: Bradley, Gray, Hudley, Katz, McClintock, Morris, Olmedo, Rios, Turley, Twibell

These First Amended and Restated Bylaws were approved and adopted by the Santa Barbara County Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission on February 22, 2021. Commissioners approving were:

Timeline

March – Sept.	Ordinance	7 pre-draft-map hearings
Sept. 30		Census Data Release
Oct. 30		State Database Release
Nov. 21 (waived) *	Elections Code 21508(d)(3)(A)	The board and employees or contractors of the county shall not release draft maps of supervisorial districts earlier than three weeks after the block-level redistricting database . . . is first made publicly available
Oct. 30 to Dec. 12	Ordinance	6 post-draft-map hearings
Dec. 12 th at the latest	Elections Code 21508(d)(1)	A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map (or 3 days within 28 days of deadline to adopt)
Dec. 15 th at the latest	Ordinance	7 th post-draft-map hearing & adoption
Dec. 15	Ordinance	Deadline is the sooner of 6 months from the release of Census data (which would be March 30, 2022) or the deadline in Elections Code Section 23003 (“the same redistricting deadlines, requirements, and restrictions that would otherwise apply to a legislative body”, which is Election Code Section 21501’s deadline of Dec. 15, 2021)
	Ordinance	Backup: Commission per Elections Code 21501 and 21502 shall draw map by Dec. 31, 2021

* Elections Code 21508(d)(3) (B)

If the period of time between the date that the redistricting database is made publicly available and the map adoption deadline is fewer than 90 days and more than 59 days, then the waiting period required by subparagraph (A) is reduced to one week. If the period of time between the date that the redistricting database is made publicly available and the map adoption deadline is fewer than 60 days, then the waiting period required by subparagraph (A) is waived.

Outreach requirements

County Ordinance:

- (a) The commission “shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps shall include:”
- (1) Providing information through media, social media, and public service announcements.
 - (2) Coordinating with community organizations.
 - (3) Posting information on the Internet website of the County of Santa Barbara that explains the redistricting process and includes a notice of each public hearing and the procedures for testifying during a hearing or submitting written testimony directly to the commission.
 - (4) Encouraging interested citizens and community organizations to submit proposed maps for review and consideration by the commission.

Elections Code Section 21508:

(a) The board shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps shall include a good faith effort to do all of the following:

(1) Providing information to media organizations that provide county news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.

(2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations that are active in the county, including those active in language minority communities, and those that have requested to be notified concerning county redistricting.

Criteria

1. Equal population
2. Federal Voting Rights Act
3. California Voting Rights Act
4. Combined Criterion:
 - a. Elections Code 21500
 - i. Contiguous
 - ii. the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division
 - iii. the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division
 - iv. Easily Understood Boundaries (streets and “natural and artificial barriers”)
 - v. Compact (not bypassing one group of people to reach another group of people)
 - vi. Shall not favor or discriminate against any political party
 - b. consideration to the following factors (a) topography, (b) geography, (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and (d) community of interests of the supervisorial districts
5. Contiguous
6. Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest
7. Compact
8. Shall not consider incumbent or candidate locations, nor to favor or discriminate against any incumbent, candidate, or political party

Voting requirements

7 votes to adopt.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS (PROPOSED)
2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Next Meeting

- Demonstration and discussion of public mapping tools and related budget issues.

Future Meeting (with new Legal Counsel)

- Review by legal counsel of Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Ordinance and Rules (Code Sec. 2-10.9A).
- Review by legal counsel on ex parte disclosures, social media communications, and communications with the press.