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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

November 22, 2021, 6 p.m. In-Person and Virtual
Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA

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Call to Order – Roll Call

Public Comments

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Informational Items (Items 1-2)

1. Commissioner disclosure of [ex parte communications](#) pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h) are posted on the commission website at www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org.
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Recess for Closed Session (Items 3-4)

3. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation

Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Name of case: The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture & Business of Santa Barbara County v. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors; County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission, Frederic D. Woocher; Strumwasser & Woocher, LLP; Case No. 21CV01642

4. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation

Pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code 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.

Consent Calendar (Item 5)

5. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2021.

Discussion Items (Item 6)

6. Presentation of draft maps to Commissioners, and discussion of draft maps by Commissioners and legal counsel regarding issues of voting rights compliance. Possible action to further refine focus maps and provide direction on map modifications (if any).

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Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment

Attachment:

Item 4 Minutes of November 15, 2021



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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Date: November 15, 2021, 6:00 p. m.

Place: Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria (and virtually via Zoom)

Call to Order – Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:02 p. m.

Commissioners Present: Bradley, Bray, Kaseff, McClintock, Morris, Ochoa, Rios, Trosky, Turley, Twibell

Commissioners Absent: Hartman (Excused)

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Consent Calendar (Item 3)

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an item is removed by a Commissioner for separate consideration.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2021.

Motion to postpone approval of the minutes of November 12, to the next meeting on November 18.

Motion Carried: 10 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

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Discussion Items (Items 4)

4. Presentation of draft maps to Commissioners, and discussion of draft maps by Commissioners and legal counsel regarding issues of voting rights compliance.

Dr. Phillips presented the draft maps.

Public Comments (Limited to two minutes per speaker)

- Speaker 1, Joanna Barrera: In support of the United Communities map 801, and the need for a Latin super majority.
- Speaker 2, Mr. Medina: In support of map 818, and opposes grouping Guadalupe and Orcutt together.
- Speaker 3, Mr. Cordova: In support of map 801, fair representation, and keep Santa Maria and Guadalupe together.
- Speaker 4, Dr. Lata Murti: Commented about Guadalupe, Santa Maria and Orcutt schools, in support of map 801 and 818, and requested her narrative submitted in support of map 818 be included.
- Speaker 5 (Via interpreter): In support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 6, Ms. Garcia: Commented about the United Communities map, the Voting Rights Act, and Latino representation.
- Speaker 7, Sarah McDonald: Keep Guadalupe and Santa Maria together, and favors map 801 and 818.
- Speaker 8, Daniel Segura: In support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 9, Tom Widroe: Advocating for his submission map 404, which includes 3 minority/majority districts, and the need for a college district.
- Speaker 10, Margaret Connell: Isla Vista, UCSB and Goleta should stay in District 3, and in support of map 816.
- Speaker 11, JL Duncan: Comments he submitted for map 816 and 830.
- Speaker 12, Ian Baucke: Recommended map 801, 810, 814, 815, and 818, and not put Guadalupe and with Orcutt.
- Speaker 13, Frances Romero: In support of map 404 and 408B.
- Speaker 14, Roy Reed: Representation In support of map 404.
- Speaker 15, Lee Heller: In support of map 816 and 818, minimal changes with the least disruptions, and concerns about renumbering the districts.
- Speaker 16, George Relles: In support of map 816, and map 818 also merits consideration.
- Speaker 17, Jorge Sanchez: In support of the letter opposing the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 18, Kennia Avila: In support of the letter opposing the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 19, Ruth Johnson: District 3 is fine in its current configuration, keep Santa Maria and Guadalupe together, and in support of map 818.
- Speaker 20, Juan Garcia: Opposes the CAUSE map, and recommends selecting a map that represents the Latino community.
- Speaker 21, Pamela Baczuk: Commented about New Cuyama, Cuyama Valley, and referenced the written statement she submitted.
- Speaker 22, Lupe Aldecoa: Commented about fair representation, and opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 23, Gail Teton-Landis: Opposes splitting UCSB and Isla Vista, favors map 816 and particularly 818, and make clear that the 700 series maps were created by NDC.
- Speaker 24, Dian Pulverman: In support of map 816 and 818, and opposed to moving Isla Vista to District 2.

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- Speaker 25, Janet Flores: Opposes the CAUSE map, and the need for 2 to 3 majority districts.
- Speaker 26, Patricia: The need for a Latino super majority district, Orcutt does not belong with Santa Maria and Guadalupe, and in support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 27, Rebecca Gowing: Santa Ynez Valley should be separate from Isla Vista, and in support of map 404, 407 and 408.
- Speaker 28, Cruz Phillips: In support of map 801, and the Santa Ynez Valley should be separate from Isla Vista.
- Speaker 29, Maria Lopez: Opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 30, Kelly: In support of map 801.
- Speaker 31, BL Borovay: The valley should remain whole and in District 3, keep Isla Vista and UCSB together, and in support of map 816 and 818.
- Speaker 32, Litzzy Moreno: In support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 33, Carrie Topliffe: In support of map 818 and keep Isla Vista in District 3.
- Speaker 34, Mary Hudson: In support of the 400 series maps.
- Speaker 35, Natalia Sanchez: In favor of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 36, Spencer Brandt: Commented about Isla Vista.
- Speaker 37, Angelo Caciola: Isla Vista should be separate from the Santa Ynez Valley and central part of the county, and in support of map 407 and 408B.
- Speaker 38, Lupe Alvarez: Commented about Guadalupe and Orcutt schools.
- Speaker 39, Antonio Ramirez: Guadalupe should be with Santa Maria, and not Orcutt.
- Speaker 40, Marell Brooks: In support of map 816, and the rationale behind map 818.
- Speaker 41, Tania Lucero: Consider value of the Latino vote, and in support of the letter opposing the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 42, Yolanda Rodriguez: In support of the letter opposing the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 43, Stanley Tzankov: Renters and affordable housing, in support of the United Communities map 801, and Isla Vista and Lompoc should be in the same district.
- Speaker 44, Jim Byrne: In support of the 400 series maps, particularly map 404, 407 and 408B.
- Speaker 45, Julissa Pena: In support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 46, Todd Wilson: Concerns regarding map balance, and comparison of his submission map 813 and map 705.
- Speaker 47, Casey Mata: In support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 48, Zulema Aleman: In support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 49, Carlos Santos: Opposes the CAUSE map.

Commissioner Comments:

- Explore limited Zoom chat feature to report/fix technical issues.

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General Public Comments (Limited to two minutes per speaker)

- Speaker 1, Andy Caldwell: The need for a formal detailed procedure for fixing the Latino voting numbers, and concerns that his map submission 817 somehow dropped from review without a prompt to edit.

Chair Morris stated no maps have been removed from consideration.

- Speaker 2, Lee Heller: Commented about submitting accompanying narratives and linking to the map.
- Speaker 3, Ian Baucke: Inquired about map presentation and numbering.
- Speaker 4, Angelo Caciola: Inquired about narrowing down maps.
- Speaker 5, Patricia: Concerns about a commissioner also serving as the Spanish interpreter and recommended using an outside interpreter service.
- Speaker 6, Lata Murti: Suggested speakers identify the map by number and show it on screen during public comment.

Written Public Comments

- Frances Romero: Letter opposing the map submitted by CAUSE – map 70305 and Public Plan 129, and undersigned by approximately 100 Santa Barbara County citizens and groups.
- Lindsey Baker: Concerns about public access to accurate and useable data, and an open, public and transparent process.
- John Duncan: Comments, notations and revisions for map 80240, 76847, 80143, and 79829.
- Angelo Caciola: Map preference in order: 121, 407, 128, 401, 116, 118 (+B and C), and 402.
- Sullivan Israel: In support of map 404 and 407.
- Michelle de Werd: Concerns about District 3 boundaries alignment.
- Gwat Bhattacharjie: Take Isla Vista and UCSB communities out of District 3, and put the UCSB community closer to SBCC.
- J. Lansing Duncan: Commented about District 3, his map submission, and concerns about dividing multi-faceted populations and communities.
- J.L. Duncan: Comments about DistrictR map 76847 (posted and renumbered #816).
- Denice Spangler Adams: Keep UCSB, Isla Vista and Goleta with SBCC, UCSB and the Santa Ynez Valley aren't compatible, concerns that the in-person meeting on November 12 was not welcoming or structured for public input, and the redistricting process.
- Peter Marcuse: Proposal for redistricting to end partisan gerrymandering.
- Susan and Bob Bott: Concerns about the Santa Ynez Valley, and keep the Santa Ynez Valley and District 3 as close to its present configuration as possible.
- J. Lansing Duncan: Concerns about the mapping tools, and commented about his map submission 816 and DistrictR map 80240, District 1 and Eastern Goleta Valley.
- Barbara and Marty Goldstein: Opposed to dividing the Santa Ynez Valley.
- Nancy Emerson: Letter from WE Watch opposing dividing the Santa Ynez Valley.
- Sharyne Merritt: 1) There should be 2 north and 2 south county seats; 2) Santa Ynez Valley should remain intact from Lake Cachuma through Lompoc, Vandenberg Village, Mission Hills (specialty crops – cannabis, wine), and tourism; 3) Guadalupe should be in one of the 2 North County districts (more in common with Santa Maria than the Santa Ynez Valley); and 4) UCSB should be in one of the 2 south county districts.
- Eileen Thornton Caris: Opposes dividing the Santa Ynez Valley or placing it within urban communities, and as little disruption as possible to District 3.
- Teresa McNeil MacLean: Prefers map 816, and the Santa Ynez Valley should remain intact.

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- Pamela Baczuk: Consider maps that continue to place the Cuyama Valley in both District 1 and 5.
- Andy Caldwell: Commented about his DistrictR map 78888, listed as Plan 817 and is different from what he submitted in DistrictR.
- Cathy Gregory: Leave Lompoc as one district with Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village and surrounding areas within the Lompoc district.

Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

None.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner discussion included format for upcoming meetings.

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, November 18, 2021, 12 p.m., Virtual Only via Zoom
- Monday, November 22, 2021, 6 p.m., Planning Commission Room, 123 Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara (In-person and via Zoom)
- Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6 p.m., Betteravia Board Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria (In-person and via Zoom)
- Saturday, December 4, 2021, 10 a.m., Planning Commission Room, 123 Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara (In-person and via Zoom)
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6 p.m., Planning Commission Room, 123 Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara (In-person and via Zoom)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p. m. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 12 p.m., and will be virtual only via Zoom.