



County of Santa Barbara
**Citizens Independent
Redistricting Commission**

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

Date: November 3, 2021, 6:00 p. m.

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

Call to Order – Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:03 p. m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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.
2. Community-Based Organizations for Outreach Information.

To submit the name of a community-based organization that the Commission should consider contacting with outreach information, visit www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org. Please review the existing the "[suggest outreach](#)" list; and, if the organization is not already listed, submit public contact information for the organization using the outreach [form](#). Questions, suggestions, or other information can be emailed to redistricting@countyofsb.org.

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 October 6, 2021, and minutes October 14, 2021.

Chair Morris announced a correction to the Minutes of October 14, 2021, Page 4, Written Public Comments submitted by Charles Bell on behalf of The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to indicate in support of “Tom Martinez”.

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2021, and Minutes of October 14, 2021 as corrected above.

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Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Discussion Items (Items 4 - 7)

4. Authorization to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act as allowed by AB 361.

Recommended Action: 1) Consider the circumstances of the state of emergency or measures to promote social distancing; and 2) Approve findings that, under existing circumstances, local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, and it is in the public best interest to continue teleconferencing without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code 54953.

Motion to accept the recommended action.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Attorney Ordin announced that public comment will be heard after each item, and limited to three (3) minutes, and general public comment for items not listed on the agenda will be heard after Item 7.

5. Discussion and action regarding process for adjustments to draft maps submitted by the public, and new deadline for submission of draft maps.

Dr. Phillips presented information on the process for map adjustments.

Commissioner Concerns:

- Maps submitted by NDC
- Look into recapturing funds from Calipers for program not working as intended, and unfixable mapping tool issues.
- Reaching out to those who submitted maps that need corrections through DistrictR anonymously.

Public Comments (Limited to three minutes)

- Speaker 1, Lindsey Baker, League of Women Voters: Concerns about delay in information for Maptitude, map submission deadlines, and maps drawn by NDC.
- Speaker 2, Lee Heller: Lack of and interactive map submission information not clearly visible or available on the webpage, need to extend the deadline, add meetings, and her previous suggestion how submit an anonymous narrative.
- Speaker 3, Kristy Schmidt, Assistant City Manager, City of Goleta: Commented about the position of Mayor Paula Perotte, City of Goleta Mayor, erroneously referenced in a letter from Mayor Patino, City of Santa Maria, clarified that the City of Goleta has not taken a position on the redistricting process, and supports extending the deadline to submit maps and comments.
- Speaker 4, Marc V: In support of map 116, and unifying Isla Vista and the Goleta area, which should remain in District 3.

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- Speaker 5, Spencer Brandt: Importance being able to view GIS street information and not just a shape and no detail, and better communication to the public.
- Speaker 7, JL Duncan, Solvang: Concerns about mapping tools – DistrictR was easier to use than Maptitude, which did not work at all, the map he submitted was not included, even after he used the contact feature on the website to request confirmation of his submission, and extend the map submission deadline.
- Speaker 8, Alan Ebenstein: Commented that time should be allowed to make changes due to the corrected population numbers, opportunity to add a narrative to explain the map, and suggested showing the seven state factors slide.
- Speaker 9, Greg Hammel: Commented about his map submission, problems with the mapping tool, importance of the ability to provide an explanation of his map, and public meeting notification.
- Speaker 10, Lata Murti: Concerns that clarification was not available earlier and accessible on the website, additional meetings, extend the map submission deadline, how to submit an explanation, maps drawn by NDC, and suggested identifying NDC maps by indicating “Suggested or Mock” map in the title.
- Speaker 11, George Relles, Goleta: Commented about the ease of use of Goleta’s mapping tools, and why use the PDF approach, which is challenging, and the need for better communication.
- Speaker 12, Nadia Abushanab, SBCAN: Concerns about the process, mapping tools, include links to mapping and GIS tools, include option to submit a narrative, and suggested the agenda indicate the maps that will be discussed.
- Speaker 13, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, NAACP: Inappropriate for NDC to draw maps before hearing citizen recommendations.
- Speaker 14, Jay Freeman: Extend map submission deadline, and concerns about process feeling rushed.
- Speaker 15, BL Borovay: Concerns about map adjustments, importance of submitter comments being available before the deadline, notification to maps submitters to revise maps for acceptance, NDC should not submit maps, and extend map submission deadline.
- Speaker 16, Jonathan Abboud: In agreement with several previous speaker comments.
- Speaker 17, Gerardo Banuelos: In support of map 404, and Isla Vista, UCSB and SBCC should be in the same district.
- Speaker 18, Cliff Solomon: The selected map must be drawn by the public.
- Speaker 19, Alan Diaz: Concerns that the mapping tools are not accessible to everyone, and the consultant should not draw maps before the community.
- Speaker 20, Kenneth Wolf: Commented about the Vandenberg Military Base and prison population count, and future population trends.
- Speaker 21, Todd Wilson, Orcutt: Recommend consultant maps be removed from the website, concerns about whether or not his map was accepted, paper maps were not available at Orcutt or Santa Maria Library as stated on the website, and staff knew nothing.

Commissioner Comments:

- Suggestion to email subscriber that some maps may need to be revised/redrawn and submitted.
- Highlight interactive map links alongside the PDF.
- Adding 7 factors slide to the webpage.
- As the maps are ready for viewing, make them available at the libraries.
- Provide confirmation to all submitters once map is received.

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- Notice NDC maps as suggestions/examples and not contenders.
- Notice the maps submitted with links in the agenda packet on the homepage.
- Submitter receive an email copy of comments sent to the Commission.
- Submission deadline extension.
- Defer maps to next meeting on November 12.
- Add a meeting to the calendar.
- Send detailed announcement about map resubmission.
- Incorporating Lee Heller’s suggestion about providing anonymous map narratives and feedback.
- Include GIS tool links to maps.
- Concerns about maps drawn by NDC.
- Ensure paper maps are available at all libraries.
- Narrative be included and accessible for each map.
- The five maps submitted in the “700” series (701, 702, etc.) are NDC maps.
- The webpage should denote that the maps submitted by NDC are treated differently and will not be considered for adoption, and explain why they were generated.

Motion to extend the map submission deadline to November 15, 2021, and add an extra meeting.

Motion Failed: 3 Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent

The commissioners discussed adding additional meetings.

Motion to extend the map submission deadline to November 12, 2021.

The commissioners discussed the time for the November 12 deadline, and specifying a group of maps (for example: maps 1 – 10 will be discussed at the November 12 meeting).

Amended motion to extend the map submission deadline to November 12, 2021, at noon.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Chair Morris and Dr. Phillips directed, Tripepi Smith to capture the comments and suggestions, and update the website with the revised meeting schedule.

Recessed the meeting at 8:04 p. m., and reconvened at 8:12 p. m.

6. Presentation and discussion of draft maps submitted by the public and draft maps prepared by NDC.

Dr. Phillips presented and described the maps submitted by the public and draft maps prepared by NDC.

Public Comments (Limited to three minutes)

- Speaker 1, Rebecca Garcia, CAUSE: Described her map submission (in the gallery but not processed yet), and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 2, Laura Batista: In support of the United Communities map, which would better represent the farm workers, and transportation issues in the community.

- Speaker 3, Anna Nguyen, MICOP: Commented on a super majority Latino district, indigenous migrant population, and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 4, Benito Camarillo, MICOP: Commented about Guadalupe and Santa Maria similarities, indigenous and Latino community, and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 5, CAUSE: In support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 6, Sebastian, Pioneer Valley High School: In support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 7, Margaret, District 5, and NAACP: Importance of a diverse community, and select a map that combines Guadalupe and Santa Maria.
- Speaker 8, Daniel Segura, CAUSE: Commented about community access to the process and meetings, respect for all communities, consider hearing public comment earlier in the meeting, housing crisis, importance of Guadalupe and Santa Maria be together, a super majority Latin District 5, and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 9, Lee Heller: Concerns about the letter submitted by Mayor Alice Patino referenced earlier by Kristy Schmidt.
- Speaker 10, Alhan Diaz-Correa: Commented about air pollution, pesticide use and health affects in north county, which should be a priority, and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 11, George Relles: Importance of moving as few people as possible.
- Speaker 12, Kristy Schmidt: The Goleta City Council will submit comments after its meeting on November 5, and reiterated that Mayor Paula Perrote has not taken any position on this process.
- Speaker 13, Marian Shapiro, Isla Vista: Keep Isla Vista and UCSB together in District 3.
- Speaker 14, Jay freeman, Isla Vista: Commented about unincorporated communities, District 3, and dividing Isla Vista and UCSB would be would be devastating.
- Speaker 15, Carlos Lopez, District 3: Importance of keeping Isla Vista and UCSB together.
- Speaker 16, Alan Ebenstein: Commented about keeping Isla Vista and UCSB together, and move them to District 2, consider United Communities map, one district exclusively Santa Maria, and map 124.
- Speaker 17, Nadia Abushanab, SBCAN: In support of the United Communities map in DistrictR.
- Speaker 18, Casey Mata, Pioneer Valley High School Senior: Commented about meeting times, Santa Maria and Guadalupe traffic issues, and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 19, Antonio Espinoza: The need for fair and equal representation, and suggested accepting one of the two maps with a Latin majority.
- Speaker 20, Roy Reed, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association: Commented about the need for Latino representation on the Board of Supervisors, and in support of map 404, which creates two Latino majority districts in District 4 and 5.
- Speaker 21, Keenia Avila: Latin underrepresentation.
- Speaker 22, Ian Baucke: Commented about the City of Santa Barbara being its own district, likes the United Communities map and map 112B, and the NDC maps should be removed.
- Speaker 23, Tania (via translator): Latinos have been ignored, Guadalupe and Orcutt should be in the same district.
- Speaker 24, Lata Murti: In favor of the United Communities map #70305 and map 119B, and supports Guadalupe and Santa Maria to form a Latin super majority in District 5.
- Speaker 25, Kathy Sharum: In support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 26, Cameron Gray: In support of the United Communities map #70305.
- Speaker 27, Valeria Mondragon Cardenas, Pioneer Valley High School: Traffic concerns, and in support of the United Communities map.

- Speaker 28, BL Borovay: Commented about communities of interests, District 3 map, Isla Vista and UCSB, and cautioned against making significant changes.
 - Speaker 29, Tom Widroe, Santa Barbara County Tax Payers Association: In support of map 404 (District 2, 4 and 5 are majority districts), Isla Vista and UCSB should be together, Cuyama in District 5, and include SBCC in District 3.
 - Speaker 30, Jorge Sanchez: UCSB should be with Isla Vista and SBCC, and in support of map 404.
 - Speaker 31, Leilani Rubinstein: UCSB and Isla Vista should not be separated and remain with western Goleta.
 - Speaker 32, Jonathan Abboud, Isla Vista: Keep Isla Vista, UCSB and Ellwood together in District 3, and in support of the United Communities map, and map 119B.
 - Speaker 33, Spencer Brandt: Commented that Isla Vista is comprised of 98% renters and not just a college community, and the housing crisis.
 - Speaker 34, Laura Price, Cuyama, District 1: Commented about traffic, and Cuyama should be in District 5.
 - Speaker 35, Juan Garcia (via interpreter): Listen to the Latino voice, and a Latino majority in Guadalupe.
 - Speaker 36, Geo Lucero, UCSB: In support of the United Communities map, and housing crisis, SBCC and Isla Vista should not be connected, and Isla Vista is more than a college community.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items, including adding an additional meeting to consider draft maps.

Future Meetings:

- Friday, November 12, 2021 (first review round)
- Monday, November 15, 2021 (first review round continued)
- Thursday, November 18, 2021 (first review round-first cut)
- Monday, November 22, 2021 (second review round-second cut)
- Wednesday, December 1, 2021 (third review round-third cut)
- Saturday, December 4, 2021 (final cut)
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (Final selection for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors)

Staff will finalize meeting type (Zoom and/or in-person), dates and times.

General Public Comments

The General Public Comment period is reserved for comments on items not on this 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.

General Public Comments (Limited to three minutes)

None.

Written Public Comments

- Catherine Flaherty, UCSB: Keep Isla Vista, UCSB main campus, University apartments El Colegio, Student Family Housing on Los Cameros, and the Ellwood apartment together in District 3.
- Lee Heller: Suggestion on how to allow map drawers to submit anonymous narrative accompaniment to their maps.
- Erin Chadwick: Move Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Jennifer Perez: Isla Vista and UCSB should be grouped with Goleta in District 2.
- Heather Shelly: Isla Vista and UCSB should be moved to District 2.
- Chuck Williams: Isla Vista and UCSB should be included in District 2.
- Diane and Stefan Mazur: Move Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Lisa Sloan, Goleta: Move Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Justin Shores: Consider moving Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Eberhard Brunner: Wrote about the EBrunner map submitted in District R.
- Roy Reed, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association: Commented about his map submission as follows:
 - District 1: Carpinteria, Toro Canyon, Summerland, Montecito, Northwest Santa Barbara, Mission Canyon, Eastern Goleta Valley
 - District 2: Santa Barbara, Goleta, Eastern Goleta Valley, Isla Vista
 - District 3: Santa Ynez, Solvang, Ballard, Los Olivos, Buelton, Lompoc, and portions of Northwest Eastern Goleta Valley and Northern Goleta
 - District 4: Orcutt, Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Vandenberg Village, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Mission Hills, and Los Alamos
 - District 5: Santa Maria, Garey, Sisquoc, Cuyama
- Chloe Kendall: Move Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Christina Kerr: Move Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Desiree Rew: Inquired about the submission deadline.
- Rhonda White, Chief Deputy City Clerk, City of Santa Maria: Resolution 2021-120 of the City of Santa Maria, providing input to the Santa Barbara Redistricting Commission regarding the designation of district boundaries.
- Howard Green: Inquired about the data provided to citizens to draw maps, and a description about general usage and links (information needed before meeting on Wednesday).
- Howard Green (2): Opposes placement of General Public Comment before Staff/Consultant topic, the public's ability for comment, and indicating when the agenda is being reviewed/approved/etc.
- Lee Heller (2): Concerns about the status of the draft maps and agenda for the meeting on November 3.
- Jose Valenzuela, Cuyama: Details about his map submission.
- Ian Baucke: Concerns about the Maptitude mapping tool and maps previously submitted are gone.
- Yvonne Scolari: Has Santa Barbara address, lives in Goleta and not represented in the City Government voting process.
- Jack Forinash, Cuyama Valley, District 1: Comfortable in District 1, reviewed maps and hasn't decided which map to support.
- George Relles: Isla Vista and UCSB should remain in District 3.
- BL Boravay: Keep the University and Isla Vista together and in District 3.
- William Rosen: Isla Vista and UCSB should remain in District 3.
- Elena Anderson: Keep Isla Vista and UCSB in District 3.

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- Stephen Gliessman and Roberta Jaffe: Keep Cuyama Valley in District 1 and 5.
- Ron Faas: In support of the United Communities map.
- Marian and Martin Shapiro: Isla Vista should remain in District 3.
- Jennifer Smith, Western Goleta, District 3: Isla Vista and UCSB should be in the same district, Isla Vista should remain in District 3, and map 119B appears to be on the right track.
- Patricia Fancher: Isla Vista and UCSB should stay in District 3.
- Owen Bailey: Keep Isla Vista and UCSB together in District 3.
- Lynn Carlisle, Executive Director, Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center: Consider map 124 and 601.
- JL Duncan: Narrative for his map submission #65196 and #65579, for consideration.
- Toni Lane: Letter from Mayor Alice Patino, City of Santa Maria regarding maps.
- Vijaya Jammalamadaka, League of Women Voters: Concerns about delays in updated information for Maptitude and DistrictR, and maps submitted by NDC prior to hearing from the public.
- Roger and Fran Davis: Keep Isla Vista and UCSB in District 3.
- Adriana Tejada-Sanchez, Future Leaders of America: In support of the United Communities map.
- Angel Lopez, Future Leaders of America: In support of the United Communities map.
- Daniel Gonzalez, Future Leader of America: In support of the United Communities map.

Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

None.

Commissioner Comments

- Post hard copy maps in Public Libraries (for those without computer access)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p. m. The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 3 p.m., in the Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara.