



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

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

Date: **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**  
Time: **6:00 PM – 8:55 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.

**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