



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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

Date: **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**
Time: **6:00 PM – 9:17 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.

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 SUUPPORT 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?

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 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 ABBOD, 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