



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Summary of Proceedings 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Date: **Wednesday, May 12, 2021**
Time: **7:00 PM – 8:31 PM**
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

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www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc

BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

1. Commission Convened

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

CHAIR MORRIS EXPLAINED THAT AGENDA ITEM 2 AND 3 ARE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

2. 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.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc.

3. 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.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc. 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.

4. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT, SANTA MARIA & LOMPOC NAACP, HEARD REGARDING DIVERSITY, PEOPLE OF COLOR, LATINX AND POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATION.

LINDSEY BAKER, SANTA BARBARA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, HEARD REGARDING POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATION.

GERARDO GONZALEZ, HEARD (THROUGH A SPANISH INTERPRETER) REGARDING THE NEED FOR HISPANIC REPRESENTATION FOR GUADALUPE RESIDENTS, AND IN SUPPORT OF LUPE ALVAREZ.

JOE PIERRE, SANTA BARBARA DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR, HEARD REGARDING DEMOCRATIC PARTY UNDERREPRESENTATION AND OPPOSES APPOINTING ANOTHER REPUBLICAN TO THE COMMISSION.

ANDY CALDWELL, HEARD REGARDING THE ORDINANCE, POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, PARTISANSHIP AND CANDIDATE SELECTION.

PHILIP SEYMOUR, HEARD REGARDING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, CANDIDATE SELECTION, AND MR. CALDWELL'S COMMENT.

LEE, HEARD REGARDING MR. CALDWELL'S COMMENT, AND POLITICIZING THE DISCUSSION.

WRITTEN COMMENT:

PHILIP SEYMOUR, REPRESENTING THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WROTE REGARDING THE ORDINANCE AND ITS REQUIREMENTS THAT A DEMOCRAT BE SELECTED TO FILL THE VACANCY.

KIMMIS BRADY, WROTE REGARDING THE SANTA YNEZ NORTH COUNTY BE DRAWN AS ITS OWN RURAL DISTRICT.

KATHY GRACE-VELASQUEZ, WROTE HOPING THAT THE DISTRICT 3 BOUNDARIES ARE CHANGED.

ANDY CALDWELL, TRANSMITTED A COPY OF ROBERT MERCADO'S OP ED REGARDING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RACE.

ROBIN SERRITSLEV, WROTE HOPING THAT THE DISTRICT 3 BOUNDARIES ARE CHANGED.

5. Commission applicant interviews to fill the at-large position. (Note: Additional interviews will be held May 19, 2021)

CHAIR MORRIS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, AND STATED THAT APPLICANTS HAVE A 3 MINUTE MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION. HE ANNOUNCED THAT APPLICANT KEVIN ILAC IS CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE, WILL NOT BE REINTERVIEWED, AND INSTEAD HIS DECEMBER 9, 2020 INTERVIEW WILL BE USED. THE APPLICANT INTERVIEWS WILL CONCLUDE ON MAY 19, 2021, AND FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION, A COMMISSIONER WILL BE APPOINTED.

QUESTION #1 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRAY (DISTRICT 4)

- WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION?

QUESTION #2 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER RIOS (DISTRICT 5)

- GIVEN THE COMMISSION'S SEATED 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?

QUESTION #3 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER TROSKY (DISTRICT 1)

- HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE COMMISSION TO DRAW LINES THAT PROMOTE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?”

QUESTION #4 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER TWIBELL (DISTRICT 1)

- 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 BRADLEY (DISTRICT 3)

- 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 GERALD DeWITT.

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT LUPE ALVAREZ.

RECESSED THE MEETING AT 7:54 PM. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:59 PM.
THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT MICHAEL HARTMAN.

CHAIR MORRIS ANNOUNCED THAT PUBLIC COMMENT FOR APPLICANT INTERVIEWS
WILL OCCUR AFTER THE INTERVIEWS ON MAY 19.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding future training sessions and other future agenda items.
 - HOW COMMISSIONERS SHOULD RESPOND TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES (MAY 19)
 - OUTREACH UPDATE (MAY 19)

CHAIR MORRIS REQUESTED THE DRAFT CALENDAR BE SENT TO APPLICANTS. MRS.
TILTON STATED THE DRAFT CALENDAR WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE MAY 19 AGENDA
PACKET AND EMAILED TO THE APPLICANTS.

COMMISSIONER TROSKY ASKED ABOUT REPLYING TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. MS.
ORDIN STATED THAT THE COUNTY ORDINANCE DIFFERS FROM STATE STATUTE,
AND RECOMMENDED HANDLING IT AS YOU WOULD EX PARTE COMMUNICATION,
AND ALSO REFERENCED THE BROWN ACT.

COMMISSIONER OLMEDO COMMENTED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ASIAN
PACIFIC ISLANDER VOICE, UNFORESEEN NAVAL REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY
REQUIRE HIM TO BE GONE MORE THAN INITIALLY THOUGHT, POSSIBLE
RESIGNATION, AND BROADER REPRESENTATION.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 6 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 05 Interview Schedule

Item 05 Interview Questions

Item 05 Candidate Applications