



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

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Commissioner Jannet Rios, Fifth District
Commissioner Kathryn Adams, Member-At-Large

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

Date: July 7, 2021, 6 p.m.

Place: Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA

Call to Order – Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:03 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Item 1 taken out of order after Item 6.

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing to receive an overview of the redistricting process and public input on communities of interest and the composition of districts.

Mrs. Tilton and Dr. Phillips gave an overview of the process.

Public Comments:

- Jay Freeman: The smaller disconnected communities and unincorporated areas in the existing Third District are largely served by special districts and share overlapping issues. They are best kept together as opposed to being grouped with a large dominate city.
- Betsabe Lopez-Morales: Importance of a Latino majority.

Written Public Comments:

- Mikey: Isla Vista-UC population should be separated from Solvang, Buellton, and other northern towns.

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.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org.

c/o County Executive Office: 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 406 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

• Email: redistricting@countyofsb.org

• Website: www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org

• Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sbcredistrictingcommission>

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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.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 4)

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.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2021, and June 19, 2021.

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2021, and June 19, 2021.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes

Discussion Items

Item 5 and 6 taken out of order before item 1.

5. Commission applicant interviews to fill the Fifth District position.
- a. Tom Martinez (Interview to be held via Zoom)
 - b. Michael Hartman (View May 12, 2021, Interview, time marker 00:54:44 [here](#))

The Commissioners interviewed applicant Tom Martinez.

Public Comments:

- Thomas Widroe: Commented about diversity and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Rebecca Gowing: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Rhonda Huesgen: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Robert Mercado: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Joe Pierre: In support of Michael Hartman.

Written Public Comments:

- Denice Adams: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Colleen Estrada: In support of Tom Martinez.

6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the commissioner appointment for the Fifth Commissioner and administer oath of office.

Motion to appoint Tom Martinez to fill the Fifth District vacancy.

Commissioner Discussion:

The Commissioners commented about the limited candidate pool, prioritizing ethnicity, party preference, age, and partisanship.

Motion Failed: 6 Ayes 5 Noes

Motion to appoint Michael Hartman to fill the Fifth District vacancy.

Motion Failed: 5 Ayes 6 Noes

The Commissioners asked Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Hartman additional questions regarding Spanish speaking abilities, and availability to attend the remainder of the scheduled meetings.

Motion to table this item.

Amended motion to table this item until the August 4, 2021 meeting.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes

7. Discussion and possible action to appoint a commissioner to the Ad Hoc Committee for Marketing Materials to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Commissioner Rios.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Adams to fill a vacancy on the Ad-Hoc Committee for Marketing Materials

Motion Carried: 10 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

Tripepi Smith gave an overview of the marketing and engagement materials and activities.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

Upcoming Meetings:

- July 9, 2021, 3 – 5 p.m., Goleta Union School District Board Room, 401 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta, CA
- July 12, 2021, 6:15 p.m., Lompoc City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA
- August 4, 2021, 6 p.m., Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA
- August 12, 2021, 12 p.m., Solvang City Council Chambers, 1644 Oak St., Solvang, CA

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 Comment

Public Comments:

- Spencer Brandt: Recommended remote meeting options be available for the remainder of the meetings and workshops.
- Kyra Solis: Difficulty hearing Mr. Brandt's comments.
- Mary Ellen Brooks: Consider having meetings at public schools instead of government buildings.

Written Comments:

- Denice Adams: Disproportionate democratic representation, Isla Vista and UCSB should be added to District 2 with SBCC, and unincorporated South County areas reassigned to District 1 and 3.
- Shelley Trost: UCSB students should vote in their hometown via absentee ballot
- Barbara Batastini: Isla Vista and UCSB should be added to District 2.
- Ariston Julian: In support of appointing Lupe Alvarez to the Commission.

Reports from Legal Counsel and Demographer

None.

Commissioner Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, July 9, 2021, 3 p.m., at the Goleta Union School District Board Room, 401, North Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA. The meeting will be recorded, however, not available via Zoom.

Attachments

Item 4 Minutes of June 16, 2021, and June 19, 2021.

Item 5 Interview Questions

Item 5 Candidate Applications

Item 8 Calendar