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

Date: August 4, 2021, 6 p.m. Place: Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA

## Call to Order – Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:02 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

### 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 gave an overview of the process.

Public Comments:

- Lee Heller: Multiple communities of interests within a district, and party affiliation changes.
- Daniel Segura, District 5: Santa Maria Valley and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district and a community of interest, and in support of Michael Hartman.
- Elizabeth Schneider, District 5: In support of Michael Hartman.
- Kyra Solis, District 3: Latin representation, and Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Ricardo Del Hoyo: Importance of a Latin majority district, and Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district and a community of interest.
- Maria Vega: Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district and a community of interest.
- Julie Bischoff: Consider including UCSB and Isla Vista with Goleta in District 2.
- Alhan Diaz-Correa: Need for a Latin majority district, and Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district and a community of interest.
- Casey Mata: Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Natalia Sanchez: Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Yoselynn Vicente: Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.

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- Kelly Morales-Lopez: Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Valeria Medina: Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Michelle Escobar: Need for a Latin majority district, and Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Hazel Davalos: Need for a Latin majority district, and Santa Maria and Guadalupe should be drawn in the same district.
- Alhan Diaz-Correa: Commented about Cuyama.

Chair Morris clarified that the Commissioners will vote on the maps drawn and submitted by the community/residents.

#### Informational Items (Items 2–3)

- 2. Commissioner disclosure of <u>ex parte communications</u> pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h) are posted on the commission website at <u>www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org</u>.
- 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 <u>www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org</u>. Please review the existing the <u>"suggest outreach" list;</u> and, if the organization is not already listed, submit public contact information for the organization using the outreach <u>form</u>. Questions, suggestions, or other information can be emailed to <u>redistricting@countyofsb.org</u>.

#### Consent Calendar (Items 4–5)

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 July 7, 2021, July 9, 2021, and July 12, 2021.
- 5. Receive and File: The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture & Business of Santa Barbara County, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, et al. #21CV01642; Order to Sustain Respondents' Demurrers.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items 4–5)

Motion Carried: 10 Ayes 0 Noes

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Chair Morris disclosed information about his association with a Chamber of Commerce that may utilize the services of an associate employed by Tom Martinez's architectural firm.

Commissioner Adams responded to previous public comment made at the June 19, 2021, and July 7, 2021 meeting.

### **Discussion Items**

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- 6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the commissioner appointment for the Fifth District and administer oath of office.
  - Tom Martinez (View July 7, 2021, Interview, time marker 00:08:00 here)
  - Michael Hartman (View May 12, 2021, Interview, time marker 00:54:44 here)

#### Public Comments:

- Roy Reed, District 5: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Lee Heller: Diversity and partisan parity.
- Jesus Morales: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Rebecca Gowing: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Lata Murti: Consider the ordinance in making a selection, and in support of Michael Hartman.
- Lawanda Lyons Pruitt, NAACP: The need for minority and democratic representation, and in support of Michael Hartman.
- Todd Wilson, District 4: In support of Michael Hartman.
- Elizabeth Beatty, District 5: In support of Michael Hartman.
- Mr. Mata: In support of Michael Hartman.
- Margaret Oliveros, District 5: Importance of public engagement, and in support of Michael Hartman.
- Daniel Segura: In support of Michael Hartman.
- Carlos Herrera: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Joe Pierre: In support of Michael Hartman.
- Gail Teton-Landis: In support of Michael Hartman.

### Written comments:

- Denice Adams: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Colleen Estrada: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Laurie Punches: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Peggy Wilson: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Dan Blough: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Kevin Walthers, President, Hancock College: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Mike Cardona: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Shannon Seifert, CEO, YMCA: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Fred Ortiz: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Philip Seymour, Attorney, Democratic Central Committee: Appoint a democrat to fill the vacancy.

The commissioners discussed the ordinance, selection process, candidate pool, political affiliation, diversity, ethnicity, appointments and resignations.

Attorney Ordin gave an overview of the ordinance.

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

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes 3 Noes

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Angelica Ramirez, County of Santa Barbara, administered the oath of office to Michael Hartman.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

Future Agenda Items:

- Commission meeting after map adoption to refine/revise (notes/lessons learned) for the next redistricting commission
- Marketing and Outreach

Upcoming Meetings:

- August 12, 2021, 12 p.m., Solvang City Council Chambers, 1644 Oak St., Solvang, CA
- October 6, 2021
- November 3, 2021

Clare Burgess, Tripepi Smith, gave an update on marketing and outreach.

## **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**

• Lee Heller: Ordinance revisions.

# Reports from Legal Counsel and Demographer

None.

### **Commissioner Comments**

None.

# Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 12, 2021, 12 p.m., at the Solvang City Council Chambers, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang.

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