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Commissioner Norman "Doug" Bradley, Third District
Commissioner Kevin Kaseff, Third District
Commissioner James Bray, Fourth District
Commissioner Amanda Ochoa, Fourth District
Commissioner Glenn Morris, Fifth District, Chair
Commissioner Michael Hartman, Fifth District
Jannet Rios, Member-At-Large

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

Date: November 22, 2021, 6:00 p. m.

Place: Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara (and virtual via Zoom)

Carlos Cerecedo, Interpreter explained the process for Spanish interpretation services for the meeting.

#### Call to Order - Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:00 p. m.

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

Twibell

Commissioners Absent: None

# Informational Items (Items 1-2)

- 1. 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>
- 2. 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 <a href="www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org">www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org</a>. Please review the existing the <a href="suggest outreach" list">"suggest outreach" list</a>; and, if the organization is not already listed, submit public contact information for the organization using the outreach <a href="form">form</a>. Questions, suggestions, or other information can be emailed to <a href="mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org">redistricting@countyofsb.org</a>.

The meeting recessed at 6:06 p.m. for Closed Session.

# **Recess for Closed Session (Items 3-4)**

3. Conference with Legal Counsel–Existing Litigation

Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Number of case: The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture & Business of Santa Barbara County v. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors; County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission, Frederic D. Woocher; Strumwasser & Woocher, LLP; Case No. 21CV01642

4. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

Pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:54 p.m.

Attorney Ordin announced the following:

- Item 3: No reportable action was taken.
- Item 4: Dr. Megan Gall and David Becker briefed Commissioners on various laws, including the Voting Rights Acts, for considering the 10 maps selected, and discussed possible litigation that may apply.
   Dr. Gall's final report will be presented at the next meeting, and there is no recommendation at this time and no reason not to proceed with the 10 maps selected.

#### Consent Calendar (Item 5)

5. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2021.

Motion to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2021.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

## **Discussion Items (Items 6)**

6. Presentation of draft maps to Commissioners, and discussion of draft maps by Commissioners and legal counsel regarding issues of voting rights compliance. Possible action to further refine focus maps and provide direction on map modifications (if any).

Chair Morris announced that following Public Comment for this item, each Commissioner will select 3 maps (maximum) to move forward in the selection process.

Dr. Phillips presented the following:

- Rules for Drawing the Lines
- Viable Plans Grouped as so:
  - Group A: Join Guadalupe with Santa Maria (7 plans)
  - o Group C: Join Guadalupe with Orcutt (2 plans)
  - o Group F: Join Guadalupe with Isla Vista (1 plan)

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- Subgroup 2: Join Isla Vista with Santa Barbara (3 plans)
- Subgroup 4: Join Isla Vista with Lompoc (6 plans)
- Subgroup 5: Join Isla Vista with Guadalupe (1 plan)
- Table of Focus Plans: 104, 810, 821B, 815, 809, 818, 801C, 408B, 822, 816

Motion to add map 404 to the list of maps for consideration.

### **Commission Comments:**

- The standard elimination process is to remove maps with the lowest number of votes.
- Maps that received 1 to 3 votes were not selected for consideration.
- Map 404 received 4 votes and has overwhelming public support.
- 400 series maps were very similar, and 408B best represented the series.
- Concerns about fairness if map 404 is added to the selection solely because of votes received.

Attorney Ordin stated it is a matter of choice, and there is no legal reason one way or another.

Motion Failed: 4 Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent

Chair Morris commented on the high volume of in-person and virtual (Zoom) public participation, totaling over 150 speakers for this meeting.

Public Comments (Limited to 1 minute per speaker)

- Speaker 1, Lindsey Baker, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria League of Women Voters: Commented about making as few changes as possible, the Chumash community, historic connections, and the Santa Ynez Valley watershed.
- Speaker 2, James, Goleta: Goleta, regional airport, school district, and in favor of keeping Goleta in two supervisorial districts.
- Speaker 3, Daniel Segura: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 4: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 5, Bravo: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 6: In support of map 809, New Cuyama should not be included with Santa Barbara, Isla Vista should be separate from Goleta, and Santa Ynez Valley should be in District 3.
- Speaker 7, Alex: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 8, Mr. Castro: In support of map 801C, and representation.
- Speaker 9, Jen: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 10, Barbara: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 11, Paul: In support of map 816B.
- Speaker 12, Eric Caruso: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 13, Ethan: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 14: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 15, Marvia: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 16, Erica: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 17, Marisol Cruz: In support of map 801C.

- Speaker 18, Ms. Abdullah: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 19, Angie: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 20, Max Levin: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 21, Mr. Ignacio: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 22: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 23, Michael: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 24, Joey: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 25, Eddie: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 26, Fernando: High rental costs, the need for a rental majority district, and in support of map 801C.
- Speaker 27, Estella (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 28, Wendy Santa Maria: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 29, Stanley: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 30, Frank Rodriguez: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 31, Frances Romero: In support of map 408B, and can also support map 822.
- Speaker 32, Colleen Estrada: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 33, Kathy Vreeland: In support of 408B.
- Speaker 34, Lucas Zucker: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 35, Julie Bischoff: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 36, Vanessa Teran: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 37, Marian Shapiro: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 38, Anahi Santos: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 39, Leo Ortega: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 40, Carol Redhead: Lompoc should not be split, be represented by one supervisor, and has little in common with renters/students at UCSB living in and around Isla Vista.
- Speaker 41, Benito Camarillo: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 42, Andrew Oman: In support of map 801C, and map 818 is also a solid option.
- Speaker 43, Karen Miller: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 44, Dalia Garcia (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 45, George Relles: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 46, Roy Reed: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 47, Laura Selken: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 48, Cliff Solomon: In support of map 801C and 818.
- Speaker 49, Margaret Ontiveros: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 50, Deb Robinson: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 51, Ana Huynh: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 52, Debi Cloud: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 53, Susan: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 54, Lee Heller: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 55, Kathy Sharum: In support of map 801C, and would strongly support 818.

Recessed the meeting at 9:00 p.m., and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Speaker 56, Amy Blair: In support of map 408B.

Dr. Phillips announced that for Public Comments, all hands raised for Public Comment by 9:15pm will be heard.

- Speaker 57, Ed Seaman: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 58, Lucille Boss: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 59, Susan Deacon: In support of map 818, or alternatively 816B.
- Speaker 60, Meagan Harmon: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 61, JL Duncan: In support of map 818 and 809.
- Speaker 62, Jake Parsons: In support of map 822 (combining Santa Maria with Guadalupe in District 5).
- Speaker 63, Ian Baucke: In support of map 801C, 818, 809, 810, and particularly 821B.
- Speaker 64, Corazon del Pueblo: In support of map 818 and 801C.
- Speaker 65, Leo E.: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 66, James Fenkner: Concerned that map 801C violates Measure G and should be removed from further consideration.
- Speaker 67, Mario Espinoza-Kulick: In support of map 801C and 818.
- Speaker 68, Ilene Pickle: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 69, Hillary Blackerby: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 70, Jason Dominguez: In support of map 818 and 816B.
- Speaker 71, Connie Alexander: In support of map 818 and 801C.
- Speaker 72, Michael Meredith: In support of map 801C, and alternatively 818.
- Speaker 73, Berkiel Molinard: In support of map 822 and 822B.
- Speaker 74, Emily Dieckmann: In support of map 822 (combining Guadalupe and Santa Maria).
- Speaker 75, Nadia Lee Abushanab: In support of map 801C and 818.
- Speaker 76, Jay Freeman: In support of map 818 and 801C is fascinating.
- Speaker 77, Lucia Trujillo: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 78, Barbara: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 79, Lee Pearson: Water sustainability, and in support of map 816B.
- Speaker 80, Lupe Aldecoa (via interpreter): In support of map 408B and 822, and opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 81, Chelsea Lancaster: In support of map (in order) 801C, 818 and 821B.
- Speaker 82, Michal Lynch: In support of map 801C and 818.
- Speaker 83, Danni Glaser: In support of map 801C or 818.
- Speaker 84, Joshua Medrano: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 85, Alan Ebenstein: In support of map 822, and consider 822A and 822B.
- Speaker 86, Nakia Zavella: In support of map 818 and 816B.
- Speaker 87, Yu Ling Zeng: In support of map 822 (combining Guadalupe and Santa Maria in District 5).
- Speaker 88, Gail Teton-Landis: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 89, John Kershaw: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 90, Jorge Sanchez: In support of map 408B and 822, and opposes 818, 816B, 821B, and 801C.
- Speaker 91, BL Borovay: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 92, Sam Cohen: In support of map 818 and 816B.
- Speaker 93, Lynn Carlisle: In support of map 816B.

- Speaker 94, Ignaao Hernandez: In support of map 408B and 822.
- Speaker 95, Claudia Martinez: In support of map 408B and 822, and opposes the CAUSE map 801.
- Speaker 96, Maria Lopez: Commented about Guadalupe and political activist organizations.
- Speaker 97, Helen Rivas Galvan: In support of 801C, can live with map 818., and the need for Latino representation.
- Speaker 98, Maria Ventura (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 99, Matilde Cortes (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 100, Cruz Phillips: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 101, Connie Ford: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 102, Jorge (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 103, Zulema Aleman: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 104, Randy Jones: In support of map 408B and 822.
- Speaker 105, Reina (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 106, Sara Macdonald: Keep Guadalupe and Santa Maria together for environmental reasons, such as the shared watershed and Highway 166.
- Speaker 107, Rose Munoz: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 108, Katie Davis: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 109, Kelly: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 110, Litzy Moreno: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 111, Antonio Ramirez: A resolution adopted by the City of Guadalupe in support of map 801C.
- Speaker 112, Roberta Jaffe: In support of map 816B.
- Speaker 113, Yolanda Rodriguez: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 114, Victor Rodriguez: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 115, Ferial: In support of map 816B.
- Speaker 116, Kristen Wu: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 117, Michelle Escobar: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 118, Janet Flores: In support of map 408B and 822, and opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 119, Leah Braitman: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 120, Casey Mata: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 121, Christian Alonso: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 122, Geneva Lovett: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 123, Hazel Davalos: In support of map 801C, and opposes the 400 series maps and 822.
- Speaker 124, Erica Reyes: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 125, Natalia Sanchez: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 126, Nelda Martin: In support of map 408B and 822.
- Speaker 127, Geo Lucero: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 128, Jon Illman: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 129, Maria Castillejo Huanosta: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 130, Daniel Mitchell: In support of map 801C and 818B.
- Speaker 131, Juanita C.: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 132, Shannon Sweeney: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 133, Irene Cook: In support of map 801C and 818.
- Speaker 134, Sullivan Israel: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 135, Denise El Amin: In support of map 818.

- Speaker 136, Fahmee El Amin: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 137, Dora Maria Perez (via interpreter): In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 138, Athenas Guerra: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 139, Daniel Mora: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 140, Joan Vignocchi: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 141, Greg Hammel: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 142, Thomas Widroe: Commented about Measure G, and in support of map 408B (but preferred map 404).
- Speaker 143, Carlos Santos: Opposes the CAUSE map, and in support of map 408B and 822.
- Speaker 144, Yoselynn Vicente: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 145, Geordie Scully: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 146, Carlos Lopez: In support of map 818.
- Speaker 147, Rebeca Garcia: In support of map 801C.
- Speaker 148, Spencer Brandt: In support of map 818, 801 and 821.
- Speaker 149, Kym: In support of map 801C and second choice is 818.
- Speaker 150, Tania Lucero (via interpreter): In support of map 408B and 822, and opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 151, Rebecca Gowing: In support of map 408B.
- Speaker 152, Lisa Sloan: In support of map 408B and second choice is 822.
- Speaker 153, Angelo Caciola: In support of map 408B primarily, or 822.
- Speaker 154, Galina Leonard: In support of map 408B.

#### Commissioner Top 3 Map Selections:

- Commissioner Twibell: 408B, 821B, 822
- Vice Chair Turley: 818, 801C and 822B
- Commissioner Trosky: 408B, 104, and 822
- Commissioner Rios: 801C, 818, 821B
- Commissioner Ochoa: 818, 408B, 821B
- Chair Morris: 104, 809 and 822
- Commissioner McClintock: 809, 818 and 822B
- Commissioner Kaseff: 408B, 801C and 821B
- Commissioner Hartman: 818, 801C and 408B
- Commissioner Bray: 408B, 822 and 104
- Commissioner Bradley: 821B, 818 and 809

Chair Morris suggested that commissioners prepare their edits and submit to staff by Sunday (November 29), to give staff time to make the changes for discussion at the meeting on December 1.

#### Map Selection Tally:

• 6 mentions: 408B, 818, and 822

5 mentions: 821B4 mentions: 801C

Motion to accept and move forward with map 408B, 801C, 818, 821B and 822.

Motion passed: 11 Ayes, 0 Noes 0 Absent

#### **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 (Limited to one minute per speaker)

None.

Written Public Comments

Due to the high volume received, Written Public Comments are posted on the website.

Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

None.

**Commissioner Comments** 

None.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 p. m. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 6 p.m., in the Betteravia Board Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA (and virtually via Zoom).