



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

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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: December 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order – Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:14 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Informational Items (Items 1)

1. 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.

Chair Morris announced there is no need for Closed Session.

Recess for Closed Session (Item 2)

2. 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.

No Closed Session.

Discussion Items (Items 3-4)

3. Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2021.

Motion to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2021.

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Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

4. 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 identify a preferred map.

Notice for those speaking regarding Item 4: To allow enough time for the Commission to fully deliberate on map selection, public comments will be limited to no more than one minute each. The Chair will establish a cut-off time for submitting requests to speak, which will be shortly after the staff report. Those participating in-person must submit a speaker slip and those participating via Zoom must raise their hands before the announced cut-off time.

Dr. Phillips presented the final preferred plan and gave an overview of the map and demographic information:

- Total Population Deviation: 7.7%
- Maximum Latino CVAP: 67% (District 5)
- Number of Split Places: 4 (Santa Barbara, Goleta, Santa Maria, and the Census Designated Place of Eastern Goleta Valley)
- Correction of previous renters data percentages:
 - District 1: 51%
 - District 2: 54%
 - District 3: 47%
 - District 4: 36%
 - District 5: 50%

Attorney Ordin gave an overview of the final report and details (including but not limited to) how the commission was created, public participation (public meetings and workshops), criteria used in drawing the maps, equal protection, Voting Rights Act compliance, contiguity, and compactness.

Commissioner Rios proposed a change to the map moving everything east of Broadway between Stowell and Main into District 5, the freeway remain the boundary between District 4 and 5, include the communities east of the freeway in District 4, and that there is public comment to support the change.

Motion to change the map and move everything from Broadway and Main east to highway 101, and south to Stowell Avenue into District 5, and move areas north of Main and east of highway 101 into District 4.

Commissioner Comments:

- Total Population Deviation remains under 8%
- Latino CVAP is virtually unchanged (very slight increase)
- Several Commissioners expressed concerns about making a change at this time

Attorney Ordin stated there appears to be legitimate and significant reasons to support this proposed change, all changes should be minor, this does not seem to be a major change, and is ultimately the Commissioners

decision. If the map is changed and not ratified tonight, the change would have to be re-noticed allowing the public 3 days to review and comment on the changes, and a meeting scheduled on Monday, December 13 for map final approval and adoption.

Public Comments (Limited to 1 minute per speaker, and 2 minutes if Spanish interpretation is needed)

- Speaker 1, Denice Adams: The late change is unnecessary and there is no need for the change.
- Speaker 2, Greg Hammel: Referenced Chair Morris's comments in the newspaper, and feels this change is disingenuous.
- Speaker 3, Michael Schaumburg: Consider the rules.
- Speaker 4, Angelina: Commented about the process, and commissioners last minute map changes are unfair and disingenuous.
- Speaker 5, Barbara Batastini: Ratify map 822 tonight.
- Speaker 6, Linda Bonett: Ratify map 822 tonight.
- Speaker 7, Peggy Wilson: In support of the final map, and late map changes are disingenuous.
- Speaker 8, Jay Freeman: Put Isla Vista into District 2.
- Speaker 9, Kevin Walthers: Keep Santa Maria whole.
- Speaker 10, Nelda Martin: Supports the proposed amendment and wants to finalize the map tonight.
- Speaker 11, Mike Cordero: Keep Santa Maria as whole as possible and in District 5.
- Speaker 12, Carolyn Baldiviez: In support of the proposed change.
- Speaker 13, Amy Lopez: Concerns with the final preferred map as it does not consider communities of interests, and supports the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 14, Rebecca Gowing: In support of the preferred map with the Rios amendment.
- Speaker 15, Teri Doutney: In support of considering the proposed changes by Rios.
- Speaker 16, Frances Romero: Prefers Guadalupe in District 4 and in support of the proposed Rios amendments.
- Speaker 17, Pamela Baczuk: Commented about Cuyama, and in support of the proposed Rios amendments.
- Speaker 18, Alice Patino: Keep Santa Maria as whole as possible and in support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 19, Miki Hammel: Commented about the long process and number of changes.
- Speaker 20, Lisa Ostendorf: Commented about the process, and in support of the changes.
- Speaker 21, Svetlana: Please ratify the preferred map tonight.
- Speaker 22, Amy Blair: Okay with the Rios changes and further changes would be disingenuous.
- Speaker 23, Mary O.: Referenced her written comment submission and commented about the Eastern Goleta Valley split in District 3.
- Speaker 24, Claire Wineman: Restore Stowell Road as the dividing line between District 4 and District 5 in Santa Maria.
- Speaker 25, Justin Shores: In support of proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 26, Lata Murti: In support of the proposed changes.
- Speaker 27, Roy Reed: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 28, Robert Mercado: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 29, Ian Baucke: In support of the proposed Rios changes, however, a disservice was done to Isla Vista and District 3.
- Speaker 30, Carlos Escobedo: In support of the proposed Rios changes.

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- Speaker 31, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 32, Jenelle Osborne: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 33, James Fenkner: Commented about communities of interest and in support of ratifying the map with the proposed Rios amendments.
- Speaker 34, Tom Martinez: In support of the proposed Rios changes, and concerns about shifting the “Old Downtown” quadrant of Santa Maria.
- Speaker 35, Briggs: In support of the proposed Rios changes and ratifying the map tonight.
- Speaker 36, Grace W.: Recommends keeping the map and ratify as is, and it’s late in the game to make changes.
- Speaker 37, Kyle Richards: Commented about Goleta and connections with several local communities.
- Speaker 38, Jim Byrne: In support of the proposed Rios amendments and ratify the map tonight.
- Speaker 39, Thomas Widroe: In support of the proposed Rios changes as the only change.
- Speaker 40, Carol Redhead: Commented about changes.
- Speaker 41, Lee Heller: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 42, James Kyriaco: Thanked the Commissioners.
- Speaker 43, Deb Robinson: In support of map 822.
- Speaker 44, Vincent Martinez: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 45, BL Borovay: Commented about Goleta.
- Speaker 46, Angelo Caciola: In support of the final preferred map and with the proposed Rios amendments, and no other changes.
- Speaker 47, Antonio: In support of the proposed Rios changes.
- Speaker 48, George Relles: In support of the proposed Rios changes, and opposes Jay Freeman’s suggestion.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Turley suggested moving the San Antonio Water Basin District into District 4.
- Concern that there is not a good reason for this change.

Dr. Phillips stated the amendment would change the District 4 CVAP to 29.78% (from 29.33%).

Chair Morris restated the motion on the table:

Motion to change the map and move everything from Broadway and Main east to highway 101, and south to Stowell Avenue into District 5, and move areas north of Main and east of highway 101 into District 4.

Motion Carried: 10 Ayes 1 Noes 0 Absent

Commissioner Turley commented about watershed issues and suggested a change in District 2.

Motion to move the portion of the watershed up to highway 154 in the Eastern Goleta Valley Unincorporated Census Designated Place, and San Pedro Creek watershed into District 2.

Dr. Phillips clarified the change will decrease the District 3 population by 335.

Motion Carried: 9 Yes 2 No 0 Absent

Commissioner Turley suggested moving the San Antonio Water Basin District to District 4.

Motion to move the Santa Antonio Water Basin District to District 4.

Commissioner Comments:

- The affected population is 49
- The few comments received want Los Alamos in District 3
- Hear public comment

Public Comment:

- Speaker 1, Angelina: The watershed changes should have been brought up sooner, are disingenuous and problematic.
- Speaker 2, Grace W.: The Rios changes are acceptable, and the previous two last minute changes are a problem and should not be accepted.
- Speaker 3, Roseanne Crawford: Leave the map as is and opposed to making any further changes.
- Speaker 4, Teri Doutney: In support of the changes.
- Speaker Amy Blair: Opposed to the unfair, disingenuous and illegal last minutes changes.
- Lisa Ostendorf: Don't understand last minute changes today, failure to allow public comment on the second change, and in favor of the Rios amendment only.

Motion Failed: 0 Ayes 11 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. Written public comments are posted at <https://DrawSantabarbaraCounty.org/calendar-agenda/>

General Public Comments (Limited to 1 minute per speaker, and 2 minutes if Spanish interpretation is needed)

- Speaker 1, Chip W.: Thanked the Commissioners.
- Speaker 2, Lee Heller: Requested clarification on the next step regarding voting on the map.
- Speaker 3, Briggs: Same question as Lee Heller.
- Speaker 4, Gail Teton-Landis: Commented about voting on the entire package.
- Speaker 5, Justin Shores: Commented about working together on critical issues.
- Speaker 6, Brett Filippin: Very pleased with the map.
- Speaker 7, Spencer Brandt: Disheartened about moving Isla Vista where it changes the election cycle and disappointed with the decision.

- Speaker 8, Greg Hammel: Concerns about the process, changes to Santa Maria today, the watershed, and wants to know how many people the change involved.

Dr. Phillips clarified that the Rios amendment moved 7,477 people into District 4, and 7,222 people into District 5, with a net total of 255 affected residents.

- Speaker 9, Angelina: The changes tonight were disingenuous, unacceptable, and no more delays.
- Speaker 10, Denice Adams: Adopt the map tonight and asked for clarification on next step in the process.

Chair Morris explained that the map has to be approved.

Motion to adopt the map as shown on the screen.

Chair Morris acknowledged not hearing public comment on the second map amendment, and Attorney Ordin recommended taking public comment on amendment 2, and approval of the final report is also needed.

Public comment on amendment 2 (taken out of order)

- Speaker 1, David Fierro: Move forward and ratify the map.
- Speaker 2, Teri Doutney: The amendments make the maps better.
- Speaker 3, Carol Gregor: In support of approving the map for adoption.

Amended motion to adopt the map as shown on the screen, and NDC and County staff to perform a technical review.

Attorney Ordin recommended re-noticing and posting the total package, and agenda for a meeting on Monday, December 13, out of an abundance of caution. There will be a vote tonight to lock in the map that will be posted for 3 days, and the vote to adopt and ratify the map will be on Monday.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Recessed the meeting at 8:56 p.m., and reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting:

- Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30, and will be virtual via Zoom only

Chair Morris commented that discussion of reconvening the Commissioner with recommendations to improve Measure G, the process and corrections/lessons learned to pass on to the next Commission, and if Commissioners will need to be reassigned if adopting the map changes their District, will be on the Monday's agenda.

Motion to schedule a virtual only (Zoom) meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Proposed Agenda:

- Adoption of the map as presented

- Adoption of the legal report as posted

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

None.

Commissioner Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p. m. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., and will be virtual only via Zoom.