

**CITY OF PASADENA
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE
JUNE 16, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, GREEN CONFERENCE ROOM S347**

SPECIAL MEETING

The virtual meeting was convened pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and was held solely by videoconference/teleconference

OPENING

The Chair called the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Vince Farhat
Vice Chair Rita Moreno
Member Geoffrey Baum
Member Francis Chen
Member David Coher
Member Adriana Lim
Member Patrice Marshall McKenzie
Member Margaret McAustin
Member Donald C. Nanney
Member Terry Tornek
Member Jordan Vannini
Member Delano Yarbrough

Staff:

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney
Sandra Robles, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member McAustin, seconded by Member Coher, to approve the May 19, 2021 (Special Meeting) minutes, as submitted:

AYES: Members, Baum, Chen, Coher, Lim, McKenzie, McAustin, Nanney, Tornek, Yarbrough, Chair Farhat

NOES: None

ABSENT: Member Vannini, Vice Chair Moreno

ABSTAIN: None

Member Vannini and Vice Chair Moreno joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

TASK FORCE TRAINING ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS, REDISTRICTING CONSULTANTS

In response to Chair Farhat's request to post the presented PowerPoint, Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, responded that the PowerPoint has been posted on the City's Redistricting webpage, and was distributed as part of the meeting agenda packet, which is available to the public.

Douglas Johnson, Kristen Parks, and David Ely, all representing National Demographics Corporation (Redistricting consultants), jointly presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, including providing

information on redistricting rules and goals, population balance, new population rules for 2021, the Federal Voting Rights Act, contiguity, and neighborhoods and communities of interest, with all responding to questions.

In reference to the presentation, Member McAustin stated that the term "Homeowner's Associations" is not a term used in the City, as it can be interpreted as exclusive, and recommended the term "Neighborhood Associations."

Member Baum asked staff to provide large poster size maps of the City's redistricting maps for years 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012 in order for the public to easily view and understand the changes of the historic progression. In addition, he asked staff to send calendar invites to all RTF members for all 7 Redistricting Community Workshops.

City Clerk Jomsky stated that large maps were already in preparation ahead of the meeting, he will send out the requested calendar invites as soon as possible.

Following discussion, by consensus of the Redistricting Task Force, and on order of the Chair, the information was received and filed.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S REDISTRICTING WEBSITE

City Clerk Jomsky provided an oral review of the City's Redistricting website, and provided information on the upcoming Redistricting Workshops; and responded to questions.

Chair Farhat recommended that staff ensure that the Redistricting Workshops are accessible to those that need alternative formats or other disability-related accommodations. He asked the members to provide any suggestions or comments related to the Redistricting Website in writing to the City Clerk.

Vice Chair Moreno expressed concerns with the acoustics in the auditorium at Villa Parke Community Center and asked staff to make efforts to mitigate those issues. She also asked staff to consider setting up laptop stations at each workshop so the public can access the City's website and mapping tools and receive in-person instruction and assistance, and requested to receive copies of workshop fliers so that she can help to distribute. Vice Chair Moreno also suggested that a Spanish language workshop be added to the workshop schedule, and offered to assist staff with the preparation and/or presentation of the information in Spanish.

City Clerk Jomsky noted that staff will work to address the requests and suggestions of Vice Chair Moreno, and that he will follow-up with her to coordinate a Spanish language workshop as suggested, and would be grateful to receive her assistance.

Member McKenzie requested redistricting informational literature be emailed to her so that she can share within her network.

Following discussion, by consensus of the Redistricting Task Force, and on order of the Chair, the information was received and filed.

City Clerk Jomsky informed the Task Force that their next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



VINCE FARHAT, Chair
Redistricting Task Force

ATTEST:



Sandra S. Robles
Recording Secretary