

Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, spoke on challenges to accurately predict the ethnicity or race of individuals that may populate housing units in upcoming development; and responded to questions.

Member Coher proposed that the consultants draft a minimal geographical impact map, and to the greatest extent possible to include all, or if not most, of the community of interest testimony and requests submitted by the public, including a Downtown District map.

Member Vannini spoke on the need to clarify that the Colorado Boulevard is an important physical boundary (i.e. racial, ethnic, economic) for the City Council districts; and urged the consultants to be mindful when considering a Downtown District so as not to sacrifice or overly impact a significant number of communities of interest in the City in favor of a single community of interest claim.

Member Chen voiced support for Member Coher's approach of a minimal impact map, however, he proposed that the consultant draft Downtown District map options, and an additional minimal geographical impact map, with one at a 10% population deviation and the other with balanced population.

Member Tornek spoke on the last redistricting effort, which at the time many believed to be innocuous adjustments to district boundaries but instead resulted in unexpected opposition by some residents. He spoke in support of the consultants drafting minimal impact maps that would avoid greatly affecting various council districts; suggested the possible need to cross Colorado Boulevard with District 5 boundary; and shifting areas from Districts 6 and 7, which should not be problematic. He also spoke on the need to explore a Central District, however, noted that he does not believe the Task Force should try to finesse the Central District proposal as proposed. He noted that the proposal by the public speaker, Jonathan Edwards is good in terms of making sure that Colorado Boulevard is not a dividing line. Member Tornek voiced support for Member Coher's proposal.

Member Vannini spoke in favor of minimal impacts to Districts 2, 4, and 5; and asked the consultants to analyze the southeast corner of District 3 as a possible area to balance population with District 5.

Member McAustin asked the consultants to avoid moving the residents in Districts 2 and 4 that were moved during the last redistricting process in 2010; and spoke on the need for the Task Force to consider the need for districts maps to be drawn crossing Colorado Boulevard to achieve minimal change.

Member Nanney spoke on the need to direct the consultants to provide a variety of maps and make a determination once the maps are presented. He stated that the consultants should consider how the City's specific plans fit within any proposed maps.

In response to Nanny's comments, Chair Farhat responded that the Task Force may ask the consultants to prepare an additional map that tracks to the extent possible Specific Plan areas.

Vice Chair Moreno expressed concerns with shifting districts to the south due impacts to the Latino population in Districts 1, 3 and 5. She advocated for the consultants to consider shifting to the east.

Following discussion, Assistant City Attorney Fuentes summarized (with the approval of Member Coher) that Member Coher requested that the consultants draft a map, taking into consideration the Downtown Neighborhood Association, that is not based on economics; and recommended that the Task Force avoid the term "Central District" and instead use "Downtown District" to avoid confusion.

Member Vannini requested the consultants draft a third option to Member Coher's proposed minimal change map and Member Chen's ideal population map, that would show a 5% deviation and utilizes the southeast corner of District 3 to balance District 5.

Member Lim advocated for the consultants to draft district maps that shift population from Districts 4, 6, and 7 to Districts 1, 2, 3, and 5 with a minimal amount of change of population for all districts.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Coher, seconded by Member Tornek, to direct the consultants to prepare maps for a minimal geographic option with a 10% deviation, 5% deviation and 0% deviation and a Downtown Neighborhood District with options A and B, and includes maps that cross and do not cross Colorado Boulevard:

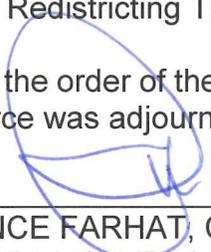
AYES: Members, Baum, Chen, Coher, Lim, McKenzie, McAustin, Nanney, Tornek, Vannini, Yarbrough, Vice Chair Moreno, Chair Farhat
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Following discussion, Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, stated that staff will post and distribute the next meeting agenda once the maps are available, noted that the online mapping tools do not yet include adjusted final redistricting data, and mentioned the October 9, 2021 Task Force special meeting will include a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m.

Member McAustin requested that the updated Census data be sent to the Redistricting Task Force members.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



VINCE FARHAT, Chair
Redistricting Task Force

ATTEST:



Ruben Martinez
Recording Secretary