



(3) Continue the public hearing to each subsequent meeting of the Redistricting Task Force until October 30, 2021, or such other date as the Task Force may determine, at which time the Task Force will be asked to close the public hearing and approve a recommended redistricting plan or plans to submit to the City Council for consideration.

Sandra Robles, Deputy City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Press, on September 30, 2021 the public hearing notice was published in the Chinese L.A. Daily News, La Opinion, the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Press; and that the City Clerk's Office received 3 letters/emails providing comments and recommendations on the item, which were distributed to the Task Force, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Member McAustin reported that she attended a community meeting hosted by Councilmember Williams and Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association, and at the conclusion of the meeting the residents in attendance stated that Bungalow Heaven would like to continue to be represented by two council districts. Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, provided additional information on the attendees of the meeting, and responded to questions.

Douglas Johnson, Kristen Parks, and David Ely, all representing National Demographics Corporation (Redistricting consultants), provided information on the draft maps and conceptual redistricting plans; with all responding to questions.

Member Tornek spoke on the need for the consultants to provide a narrative on the implications of the five proposed maps provided by the consultants, including information on the total number of individuals that will be changing from one council district to another per each conceptual map.

Member McKenzie requested that in the future, the consultants provide the street names of the City Council district's boundary lines so that the Task Force members can clearly see the district boundaries in relation to the proposed changes.

Member Baum stated that he believes there may be compelling reasons for the Task Force to consider a Downtown District.

Member McAustin stated that on streets (i.e. Oak Avenue, Craig Avenue, and Grand Oaks Avenue) south of the 210 freeway, the residents in those areas share Colorado Boulevard as a commercial district, and advocated for such neighborhoods to continue to be north and south of Colorado Boulevard as displayed in the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation.

The following individuals provided comments/suggestions on the item:

Linda, residence not stated

Marsha Rood, Pasadena resident  
Les Rivera, Pasadena resident  
Gena Dance, residence not stated

Member Coher stated that he believes the Downtown District proposed map options would create a rippling effect of disruption to other communities of interest; and advocated for the Task Force to further discuss and analyze the “Minimal Change” option maps, with the possibility of adjusting boundaries such that the Downtown District and/or Playhouse District would be contained in three or two districts.

Member Vannini spoke on the definition of a community of interest and expressed concerns with superseding and overriding the long-term, well defined and established community of interests in other parts of the City in order to meet the requested changes of those individuals advocating for a Downtown District.

Member Yarbrough spoke on the importance of developing criteria to consider the communities of interests when analyzing the proposed maps.

Vice Chair Moreno advocated for the Task Force to schedule a special meeting or an ad hoc of the Task Force, to be led by the consultants to do a deeper dive or review of the proposed maps, and to analyze the impacts each conceptual plan would have on Districts 1, 3, and 5, and to a lesser extent District 2.

Member McKenzie requested to be included as part of the suggested ad hoc committee; and requested that staff provide additional clarity on the definition of “community of interest” when the ad hoc committee meets. She spoke on the need to recognize communities that have been undercounted and are not participating in the redistricting process, which she believes are in District Nos. 1, 3 and 5; and requested additional data (i.e. known neighborhood associations, known landmarks, population shifts, voting age population, school age children population, race, economics) for the proposed maps to ensure she is doing a correct comparison between current and proposed council district maps.

Arnold Lee, Deputy City Attorney, stated that the definition of “community of interest” is broad because when a community of interest is considered it is unique for every community and city; and responded to questions.

Chair Farhat advocated for staff and the consultants to gather the requested additional information and meet with an ad hoc committee of the Task Force to discuss the data, impacts to Districts 1, 3, and 5, and to a lesser extent District 2, to understand any potential rippling effects at a granular level of the proposed “Minimal Change” and “Downtown” option maps, and return to the Task Force with an update.

Member Lim recommended that all at-large mayoral Task Force members should participate in the ad hoc meeting.

Members Baum and Vannini spoke in support of the proposed ad hoc committee analyzing the specific changes in the proposed maps. Member Baum asked the committee to address the public comments related to undercounts in the census data affecting District Nos. 1, 3 and 5, and to a lesser extent District 2, and to consider any remedies.

Following discussion, Chair Farhat summarized the discussion of the Task Force, noting that the ad hoc committee will consist of Members Lim, McKenzie, Yarbrough, and Vice Chair Moreno, with the charge of the committee to analyze and evaluate the boundary adjustments for each of the conceptual maps in relation to impacts to District Nos. 1, 3 and 5, and to a lesser extent District 2.

Member Vannini asked the consultants to consider adjusting the boundary line on the Minimal Change 5% Deviation Map option, to move District 3 back to the northern border of Colorado Boulevard, and asked for information on the impacts of that edit.

Member McAustin requested that when additional maps are submitted for review to the Task Force, that a summary of the various changes to the districts be provided, including a description of the areas to be moved, total population for each area changing districts, and the demographic data for the affected population of each change. In regards to Minimal Change with 5% Deviation Map option, she asked the consultants to provide information on a possible edit that would include adjustments from District 7 to District 4.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member Vannini, seconded by Member Lim, to continue the public hearing to, October 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.:

AYES: Members, Baum, Chen, Coher, Lim, McKenzie, McAustin, Nanne, Tornek, Vannini, Yarbrough, Vice Chair Moreno, Chair Farhat

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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VINCE FARHAT, Chair  
Redistricting Task Force

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra S. Robles  
Recording Secretary