



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, reported that 21 letters/emails providing comments and recommendations on the item were received by the City Clerk's Office. Included with the correspondence; one comment in favor of the "Minimal Change Map with 5% Deviation," three comments in favor of a Downtown District map, twelve comments in favor of the "Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation," and ten comments in opposition to a Downtown District approach. All correspondence was distributed to the Task Force, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Member Baum joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Vice Chair Moreno and Members Lim and Yarbrough, members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Task Force, reported that the Committee met on Monday, October 11, 2021 with David Ely, Redistricting Consultant, to review the various conceptual maps and related demographic tables, the impacts these plans would have on Districts 1, 3, and 5, and to a lesser extent District 2, and spoke on the "Downtown District Option C" map that was submitted for the Task Force to discuss and consider.

Douglas Johnson, Kristen Parks, and David Ely, all representing National Demographics Corporation (Redistricting consultants), provided information on the Downtown District Option C map, including data on the demographics; with all responding to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Downtown District maps, and spoke in support of the minimal change maps with 10% or 5% deviation, and provided comments/suggestions on the item:

- Erika Foy, representing Madison Heights Neighborhood Association
- Dan Beal, representing West Pasadena Residents' Association
- Nina Chomsky, representing Linda Vista-Annandale Association

The following individuals spoke in favor of a Downtown District:

- Richard Kim, Pasadena resident
- Johnathan Edwards, Pasadena resident

Member Coher expressed concerns with the Downtown District maps, noting that he believes these approaches would cause substantial impacts to residents and communities of interest in the city; and advocated that the Task Force focus on the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation, which he believes provides the greatest benefit for the most communities of interest. He advocated for the consultants and Task Force members to address the apparent undercounts that occurred as a result of the 2020 Census, and suggested that a map could be considered that consolidates areas such as the Playhouse District.

Member Tornek spoke in opposition to consolidating areas such as the Playhouse District by adjusting the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation, as he believes such actions would detract from the emerging consensus, prolonging the discussion on what he believes is a distraction and a dead end. He spoke in strong support of the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation as proposed, and expressed concerns with the Downtown District maps, including Option C, which would be too disruptive to many established communities of interest in the City. He also spoke in opposition to the Task Force pursuing the 1% or 5% deviation maps because he believes they strive for an arbitrary numerical goal.

Member Vannini spoke on the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation, which he finds to be problematic. The map is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and minimizes divisions in communities of interest, however, he noted his concern with future large population development projects in Districts 3, 4, 6 and 7; and stated that Districts 1 and 5 would be subject to significant population disadvantage in the immediate future. He stated that he is in support of the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation, but recommended that some boundaries be “tweaked” to provide for a more balanced population plan.

Members McAustin and Baum spoke in favor of that the Task Force working with the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation.

Member Yarbrough spoke in opposition to the Task Force limiting its focus on the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation, as he believes it is too premature; and expressed concerns with the lack of community input from Districts 1, 3 and 5.

Vice Mayor Moreno spoke on the need for the Task Force to continue discussions on the City’s boundaries prior to taking action to focus on the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation.

In response to questions raised, Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, provided information on the Task Force’s criteria when considering district boundaries, and address the questions related to incumbency; and responded to questions.

Member Lim spoke on the importance of allowing the Task Force sufficient time to consider and “fine tune” the map that will be recommended to the City Council, and spoke in support for focusing on the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation.

The Task Force thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their work in analyzing the maps submitted by the consultants, and the community for their input on the matter.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Coher, seconded by Member Baum, for the Task Force and consultants to focus on the Minimal Change Map with 10% Deviation, allowing the Task Force to consider the map in detail and to allow for further discussion:

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

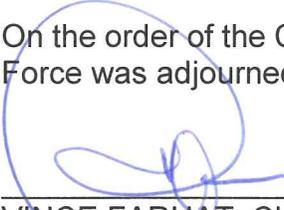
Vice Chair Moreno was  
excused and left the  
meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member McAustin,  
seconded by Member Vannini, to continue the public hearing to,  
October 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.:

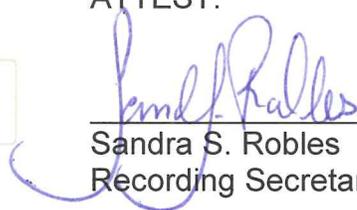
AYES: Members, Baum, Chen, Coher, Lim, McAustin, Nanney,  
Tornek, Vannini, Yarbrough, Chair Farhat  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Member McKenzie, Vice Chair Moreno  
ABSTAIN: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task  
Force was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

  
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VINCE FARHAT, Chair  
Redistricting Task Force

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra S. Robles  
Recording Secretary