




OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair, Vice Chair, and Redistricting Task Force
FROM: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk 
DATE: October 27, 2021
RE: ITEM 4 - DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROCESS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Item No. 4 on the October 30, 2021 Task Force agenda is regarding the final report to be submitted to the City Council. The attached PROPOSED Final Report Outline will be reviewed by Chair Farhat at the meeting. Members of the Task Force can provide any additional detail or direction in the preparation of the report.

City staff, the technical consultants, and the Chair and Vice Chair will prepare, finalize, and present the Task Force's Final Report at the November 15, 2021 City Council meeting as part of a public hearing.

PROPOSED Redistricting Final Report Outline for Task Force Consideration

- I. Executive Summary, Background, and Process Overview
 - A. Task Force Appointments
 - B. Hiring of Consultants
 - C. Trainings and Review of Legal Criteria (Federal, State, and Fair Maps Act)
 - D. Proposed Schedule – Impacts of COVID-19 – Need for Community Workshops to Inform Public of the Process and Timeline – Census Data Not Scheduled for Release until Late September 2021
- II. Community Workshops/Outreach on Redistricting – Education Efforts Prior to Release of Official 2020 Redistricting Census Data by State
 - A. Seven Redistricting Workshops Held in Each Council District (June to August) and One All Spanish Workshop Held at Madison Elementary School
 1. H&H Jivalagian Youth Center (District 2) – June 26, 2021
 2. Rose Bowl Locker Room (District 1) – June 30, 2021
 3. Robinson Park Recreation Center (District 3) – July 8, 2021
 4. Pasadena City College (PCC) – East Foothill Blvd Campus (District 4) – July 15, 2021
 5. Caltech Campus (District 7) – July 17, 2021
 6. Pasadena Convention Center (District 6) – July 20, 2021
 7. Villa Parke Community Center (District 5) – August 5, 2021
 8. Madison Elementary School (All Spanish) – August 7, 2021
 - B. City Council Check-In Meetings – July 19, 2021 and September 20, 2021
 - C. Task Force Public Hearings on Community of Interest Input Prior to Release of Official Census Data – August 19, 2021 and September 18, 2021

III. Task Force Work Following Release of Official Adjusted Redistricting Census Data

A. October 2, 2021 Meeting - Workshop on Conceptual Redistricting Mapping Approaches

Action: Direction to Consultant to Prepare Minimal Change Maps, Options for Crossing Colorado, and Downtown/Central District Maps

B. October 9, 2021 Meeting – Public Hearing: Presentation of Conceptual Mapping Approaches as Directed by the Task Force; receive public testimony; and discussion on the following:

1. 10% Deviation Minimal Change Map
2. 5% Deviation Minimal Change Map
3. 1% Deviation Minimal Change Map
4. Downtown/Central District Approach – Option A
5. Downtown/Central District Approach – Option B

Action: Ad Hoc Committee to review the various plans to consider impacts to Districts 1, 3, 5, and to a lesser extent District 2

C. October 16, 2021 Meeting – Public Hearing: Report out by Ad Hoc Committee on work; presentation of Downtown/Central District Approach – Option C; public testimony, including on impacts of proposed boundary adjustments on established communities of interest for each of the proposed maps:

1. 10% Deviation Minimal Change Map
2. 5% Deviation Minimal Change Map
3. 1% Deviation Minimal Change Map
4. Downtown/Central District Approach – Option A
5. Downtown/Central District Approach – Option B

Action: Task Force voted to focus work on 10% Deviation Minimal Change Map (MOTION APPROVED 9-2, with Member McKenzie absent)

- D. October 23, 2021 Meeting – Public Hearing: Task Force discussion and review of the 10% Deviation Minimal Change Map; public testimony, including support or concerns regarding 10% Deviation approach; discussion on possible adjustments to the 10% Deviation map to achieve a more balanced population distribution, benefits and consequences of specific areas proposed for change; examination and consideration of additional changes.

Action: The Task Force voted on the following three motions:

1. To direct the consultant to prepare modifications to the 10% Deviation Minimal Change Map that would adjust the Council District boundary lines for 3, 5, and/or 7 in the Playhouse District area in such a way as to minimize the division of the Playhouse, resulting in the requested consolidation of Council representation from 3 Council Districts to 2 Council Districts (MOTION FAILED 6-6)
2. To include an official statement of the Task Force to the City Council noting the possibility of major potential changes in the City for the next redistricting cycle, including the acquisition and development of the 710 stub, increased housing created by the Parsons project and new state laws, factoring in the recent undercount of population in Northwest Pasadena, and the growing sentiment for consolidated representation for the Downtown/Central District, and that these significant factors will impact the next redistricting cycle, and should therefore, be provided sufficient time and attention ahead of the next Task Force's work to ensure a comprehensive and thorough consideration. (MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 12-0)
3. To direct the consultants to make smaller modifications to the 10% Deviation Minimal Change Map to reduce population deficits in Districts 1 and 5 by 400 -600 people, focusing on the areas south of the 201 Freeway and shifting boundaries east between Districts 1 and 3, 3 and 5, and 5 and 2 (MOTION FAILED 2-10)