

**CITY OF PASADENA
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE
MINUTES
VILLA PARKE COMMUNITY CENTER
AUDITORIUM
363 EAST VILLA STREET, PASADENA, CA 91103
JANUARY 18, 2012
SPECIAL MEETING**

OPENING The Chair called the meeting of the Redistricting Task Force to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: William A. Crowfoot, Chair
Richard A. McDonald, Vice Chair (Absent)
R. Michael Alvarez
Alan Caldwell
Wendelin Donahue
Alex Guerrero
James Marlatt
Mary Machado Schammel
Elizabeth S. Trussell

Staff: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney
Alba Iraheta, Recording Secretary
Sandra Robles, Staff Assistant
David Ely, Redistricting Consultant
Sarah Larson, Redistricting Consultant

INTRODUCTIONS Councilmember Gordo thanked the Task Force, staff, and members of the public for their effort and hard work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- It was moved by Member Trussell, seconded by Member Machado-Schammel, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2011, December 7, 2011, and December 10, 2011, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Vice Chair McDonald)

**PRESENTATION BY REDISTRICTING CONSULTANT ON
PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR TASK FORCE
CONSIDERATION**

Chair Crowfoot provided introductory comments on the redistricting process to date, and the proposed plan to be considered by the Task Force.

David Ely, National Demographics Corporation, conducted a presentation providing information on the development of the proposed redistricting plan, and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided input comments, and/or expressed concerns in regards the proposed redistricting plan:

David George Gevorkian, Armenian National Committee (ANC) of Pasadena, spoke in favor of Sample Plan 1 with some concerns and stated that the ANC was in favor of minimal changes to the current Council District boundaries.

Jane Finley, President of El Rio Lake Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the Consultant's proposed map.

Robert Tait, Secretary Treasurer of El Rio Lake Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the Consultant's proposed map.

Michael Warner, Pasadena resident, spoke in support of the Consultant's proposed map.

Jonathan Edwards, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association, asked whether the Task Force members had reviewed his Association's proposed map and spoke in favor of a redistricting plan that would provide better representation for the Downtown area.

Following discussion, on order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Task Force, the materials were received and filed.

COMMENTS AND DIRECTION FROM TASK FORCE ON CONSULTANT'S PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN

David Ely, National Demographics Corporation, answered questions and comments from the Task Force regarding the Consultant's proposed redistricting plan.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Trussell, seconded by Member Guerrero, to direct staff to endorse the Consultant's proposed redistricting plan, and schedule and notice a public hearing on the Consultant's Proposed Redistricting Plan for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chamber. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Vice Chair McDonald)

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reviewed the remaining process and meeting schedule of the Redistricting Task Force.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES RELATED TO REDISTRICTING

No one appeared for public comment on general redistricting issues.

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

William Crowfoot, Chair
Redistricting Task Force

ATTEST:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

**CITY OF PASADENA
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE
MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM S249
FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

OPENING The Chair called the Redistricting Task Force to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: William A. Crowfoot, Chair
Richard A. McDonald, Vice Chair
R. Michael Alvarez
Alan Caldwell
Wendelin Donahue
Alex Guerrero
James Marlatt
Mary Machado Schammel
Elizabeth S. Trussell

Staff: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney
Lilia Novelo, Recording Secretary
David Ely, Redistricting Consultant
Douglas Johnson, Redistricting Consultant
Sara Larson, Redistricting Consultant

PUBLIC HEARING **CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN/MAP FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Chair Crowfoot introduced the item, provided background information on the redistricting process, discussed the sample plans generated by the Consultant that were used to illustrate the types of changes that might result from equalizing the population changes in the City, and stated that at the last meeting on January 18, 2012, the Task Force voted to endorse a proposed redistricting plan for public comment and consideration to be the focus of tonight's Public Hearing.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported on the correspondence received by the City Clerk's Office and distributed to the Task Force, with 9 letters received expressing concerns and/or asking questions, and 1 letter received in support of the endorsed map.

The following individuals provided input, comments, and/or expressed support, concerns, or opposition to the proposed endorsed redistricting map:

Fritz Puelicher, Pasadena resident, stated his opposition to the proposed redistricting plan and urged the Task Force to take a more direct approach to redistributing population by crossing Colorado on the west end of the City.

David G. Gevorkyan, Armenian National Committee of America, spoke in support of the proposed map with modifications to the northern and southern boundaries Districts 2 and District 4.

Jane Finley, El Rio Lake Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the proposed map endorsed by the Task Force.

Jonathan Edwards, Pasadena Downtown Neighborhood Association, spoke in opposition to the continued division of the downtown area into 4 different Council Districts and requested that the Task Force consider a redistricting plan that would maintain the the urban center of the City.

David Ely, National Demographics Corporation, reviewed maps illustrating the proposed redistricting plan, discussed the redistricting concepts behind the plan, and responded to questions.

Vice Chair McDonald suggested modifying the proposed map and looking into shifting population along the southern boundary instead of the northeast area between District 2 and District 4.

Member Guerrero stated his support for making changes to the northern boundary of District 4 and creating a straighter border between District 2 and 4 that would extend along Craig Avenue.

Member Alvarez stated his support, in response to the correspondence received from District 4 residents in the Brigden Road area, for moving the northeast boundary of District 4 back to Martelo Avenue.

Following discussion, Member Guerrero submitted a proposed modification to the Task Force's endorsed redistricting plan, changing the boundary between District 2 and District 4 in the northeast area (back to Martelo Avenue) and the southeast area (extending eastward to Vista Avenue) of District 4.

It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Trussell, to direct the consultant to modify the proposed endorsed redistricting map to incorporate the changes provided by the map submitted by Member Guerrero for consideration as part of a public hearing at the February 15, 2012 meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, confirmed that this modified proposed map would be incorporated as part of a new public hearing notice.

The City Clerk announced that the next Redistricting Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber, Room S249

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

William Crowfoot, Chair
Redistricting Task Force

ATTEST:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

**CITY OF PASADENA
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PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM S249
FEBRUARY 15, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

OPENING The Chair called the meeting of the Redistricting Task Force to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: William A. Crowfoot, Chair
Richard A. McDonald, Vice Chair (6:45 p.m.)
R. Michael Alvarez
Alan Caldwell
Wendelin Donahue
Alex Guerrero
James Marlatt
Mary Machado Schammel
Elizabeth S. Trussell

Staff: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney
Sandra Robles, Recording Secretary
Doug Johnson, Redistricting Consultant
David Ely, Redistricting Consultant
Sara Larson, Redistricting Consultant

PUBLIC HEARING **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN/MAP FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

The Chair stated that the Redistricting Task Force's meeting schedule provides enough flexibility to allow for additional meetings if additional time becomes necessary to complete the process.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported on 16 letters of correspondence received regarding the proposed redistricting map, with 5 letters stating concerns related to the impacts of multi-Council District representation for the Downtown Neighborhood Association, 10 letters submitted in opposition to changes to the boundaries of Council District 4, and 1 letter providing an alternative to the proposed District 2 and District 4 boundary.

Task Force Member Marlatt stated his concerns regarding the changes to the area in the northwest portion of Council District 4, inquired if it was still possible to have this area returned to District 4, and what opportunity remained for the Task Force to make additional amendments to the map minimizing the impact to District 4 residents.

David Ely, Redistricting Consultant, provided a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed recommended map with populous information of all the Council Districts, including statistical deviations, and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided comments, stated concerns, and/or provided input to the Task Force on the proposed redistricting map/plan and the Consultant's presentation:

Fried Wilson, Pasadena Resident, stated his concern regarding the Central District being split between four Council Districts and the lack of green space in the Central District.

David Gevorkyan, Armenian National Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke in support and reference to a recently submitted and proposed redistricting map by the Armenian National Committee, submitted as part of the record for the February 15, 2012 meeting.

Shoghig Yepremian, Armenian National Committee, spoke in support of the Armenian National Committee's proposed redistricting map.

Shant Gourdikian, Armenian National Committee, spoke in support of the Armenian National Committee's proposed redistricting map.

Diane Ricard, Pasadena resident, stated her support for the Downtown Neighborhood Association's request for consideration of single Council District representation for the Association.

Voao Huang-Analleto, Pasadena resident, pointed to the lack of parks in the Central District as an illustration as to why the Downtown Neighborhood Association would be better served with single Council District representation for the Association.

The following individuals submitted written comments (Public Speaker Cards) in support of the Armenian National Committee's proposed redistricting map:

Danny Donabedian, Armenian National Committee
Aram A. Ashdjian, Armenian National Committee
Shashe Bezdjian, Armenian National Committee
Vatche Derdenian, Armenian National Committee
Shahe Jierian, Armenian National Committee

Member Guerrero stated his concerns regarding further changes to the boundary of District 2, where more inclusion of the southern commercial area and removal of the northern residential area might impact the overall dynamics and characteristics of District 2.

Member Trussell stated her concerns regarding the premature amendments being requested to accommodate the Downtown Neighborhood Association, and also commented on the equity issues created in District 4 by the proposed redistricting plan, urging the Task Force to be sensitive to the amount of disruption and changes occurring on the District 4 boundary.

Vice Chair McDonald, requested that the Consultant consider the spectrum of choices regarding minor and major geographically tweaks to Districts 2 and 4 to accomplish the redistricting process criteria and goals, while also showing the Victory Neighborhood Association intact.

In response to Member Guerrero's inquiry regarding correspondence, Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, stated that he would provide a map which noted the locations of submitted public comment correspondence received on the endorsed redistricting map to date.

Member Alvarez stated his support for directing the Consultants to prepare a map with minor adjustments to the upper northern portion of Districts 2 and 4 with minimal changes to the Southern border, and also providing population statistical deviation information of the proposed changes.

Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, responded to concerns regarding district population equalities and deviations, and confirmed the legal appropriateness of the changes being considered by the Task Force.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, to direct the Consultants to prepare alternative maps focusing on the border of Council Districts 2 and 4 that balances the population ratios between the two districts, adhering to the established criteria and goals of the Task Force, while also keeping the Victory Neighborhood Association intact. (Motion unanimously carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES RELATED TO REDISTRICTING

No one appeared to provide public comment on issues related to redistricting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

William Crowfoot, Chair
Redistricting Task Force

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk