

**2021 Supervisorial District Lines Advisory Commission Meeting
Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

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DRAFT MINUTES

Chair Jim Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Commission Members: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Nathan Chan, Rita Chow, Nicole Davis, Mark Dinan, Miguel Guerrero, Mark Olbert, Kailen Sallander, and Chair Jim Lawrence.

Absent:

Commission Members: Benj Azose, Marcus Barber, Nadia Bledsoe, Rudy Espinoza, Hermes Monzon-Ruiz, and Priscilla Romero.

Staff: Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager; David Silberman, Chief Deputy County Counsel; Brian Kulich, Lead Deputy County Counsel; and Sukhmani Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

2. Oral Communications and Public Comment

No written or verbal public comments.

3. Action: Set the Agenda

Motion to set the agenda:

RESULT: **Approved**

MOTION: Nirmala Bandrapalli

SECOND: Miguel Guerrero

AYES [9]: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Nathan Chan, Rita Chow, Nicole Davis, Mark Dinan, Miguel Guerrero, Mark Olbert, Kailen Sallander, and Chair Jim Lawrence.

NOES: None

Absent [6]: Benj Azose, Marcus Barber, Nadia Bledsoe, Rudy Espinoza, Hermes Monzon-Ruiz, and Priscilla Romero.

4. Action: Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Hermes Monzon-Ruiz joined the virtual meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Chief Deputy County Counsel David Silberman mentioned that if the Commissioners did not attend the August 25, 2021 or September 8, 2021 meetings, they can however still vote to approve the minutes. The commissioners can also choose to abstain from voting if they desire.

Motion to approve the August 25, 2021 and September 8, 2021 minutes:

RESULT: **Approved**

MOTION: Rita Chow

SECOND: Nirmala Bandrapalli

AYES [10]: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Nathan Chan, Rita Chow, Nicole Davis, Mark Dinan, Miguel Guerrero, Hermes Monzon-Ruiz, Mark Olbert, Kailen Sallander, and Chair Jim Lawrence.

NOES: None

Absent [5]: Benj Azose, Marcus Barber, Nadia Bledsoe, Rudy Espinoza, and Priscilla Romero.

5. Pre-Mapping Public Hearing

a. Information Presentation: Redistricting Process and Mapping Tools

Speaker(s):

Kristen Parks, National Demographics Corporations (NDC)

Kristen Parks talked about non-adjusted 2020 population data and online Public mapping tools such as DistrictR and Maptitude. Demo was provided for Redistricting toolbox.

Commissioner Chan asked regarding the data layers for DistrictR tool and wanted to know if the data was up to date? Ms. Parks mentioned that the total population numbers have not been updated yet because the State of California has yet to provide the final data.

Commissioner Dinan asked what percentage of the inmate population is left to allocate. Ms. Parks mentioned that it is roughly 94,000, which is less than 1% of the total State population.

Commissioner Monzon-Ruiz asked if there is any additional time that can be allocated to reach the entire community in his district before the Board of Supervisors approve the maps at their December 15, 2021 meeting. Commissioner also asked if we can focus more on the paper maps, which might be more hands-on instead of using the online tools.

Lead Deputy County Counsel Brian Kulich mentioned that the December 15, 2021 is a hard deadline, which unfortunately cannot be changed.

Commissioner Bandrapalli mentioned that she has created a excel sheet with all the upcoming Burlingame City Council meetings where she will be providing the members of the public with information on the District Lines Commission and why it is important for public to interact and participate in this process. She encourages other commissioners to do the same in their districts.

Commissioner Olbert mentioned that it would be very helpful if County staff can reach out to the Council Members of other Cities and update them with the short deadline for this commission and focus on the aspect that public participation is vital in the redistricting process.

County Manager Justin Mates assured the Commissioners that County staff is here to assist and would be happy to promote the work of this commission at future community events.

b. Open Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony Regarding Communities of Interest and Potential District Boundaries

Motion to open public hearing:

RESULT: **Approved**

MOTION: Nirmala Bandrapalli

SECOND: Nicole Davis

AYES [10]: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Nathan Chan, Rita Chow, Nicole Davis, Mark Dinan, Miguel Guerrero, Hermes Monzon-Ruiz, Mark Olbert, Kailen Sallander, and Chair Jim Lawrence.

NOES: None

Absent [5]: Benj Azose, Marcus Barber, Nadia Bledsoe, Rudy Espinoza, and Priscilla Romero.

No verbal comments. Written comment from Bruce Lupton was read into the record by Asst. Clerk of the Board Sukhmani Purewal.

Commissioner Mark Olbert asked staff if they can follow up with Mr. Bruce Lupton and assist him with online mapping tools.

c. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close public hearing:

RESULT: **Approved**

MOTION: Nirmala Bandrapalli

SECOND: Mark Olbert

AYES [10]: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Nathan Chan, Rita Chow, Nicole Davis, Mark Dinan, Miguel Guerrero, Hermes Monzon-Ruiz, Mark Olbert, Kailen Sallander, and Chair Jim Lawrence.

NOES: None

Absent [5]: Benj Azose, Marcus Barber, Nadia Bledsoe, Rudy Espinoza, and Priscilla Romero.

6. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Lawrence mentioned that public participation is low during these meetings and whatever staff or other commissioners can do to promote the work of this commission would be helpful and encouraging.

Commissioner Bandrapalli mentioned that the online mapping tools are very complex and agrees with the public speaker that they are hard to use. Commissioner asked staff to create a cheat sheet on how to create maps using the online mapping tools.

Commissioner Guerrero addressed the importance of in person meetings and if they can be held in District 5 sometime in the near future.

Commissioner Davis thanked the fourteen public attendees who listened to today's meeting.

7. Next Hearing Date: Monday, September 20, 2021

Chair Lawrence announced Commission's next meeting date.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.