City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Independent Redistricting Commission

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VIA ZOOM

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- Meeting ID: 860 7678 8750
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Independent Redistricting Commission Notice of Public Meetings was published in the Santa Clara Weekly on October 13, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A 21-1599 Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2021 Meeting

> **Recommendation:** Approve the Independent Redistricting Commission Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Meeting

1.B 21-1698 Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2021 Meeting

> **Recommendation:** Approve the Independent Redistricting Commission Minutes of the October 23, 2021 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS



2. 21-1597 Presentations and Discussion: Why does Redistricting Matter?; Population Balancing; Tutorial of Drawing of Plan using Pieces Tool; Overview of Maptitude Online Redistricting (MORE) Tool; Redistricting Schedule and next steps of presentation of draft maps in January; Correspondence; Discussion of meeting Hybrid or Virtual meeting January 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

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Agenda Report

21-1599

Agenda Date: 12/9/2021

REPORT TO INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

<u>SUBJECT</u>

Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2021 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Independent Redistricting Commission Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Meeting



City of Santa Clara

Draft

Meeting Minutes

Independent Redistricting Commission

09/23/2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-08-21, issued on June 11, 2021 to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely:

• Via Zoom:

o https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/99706759306

Meeting ID: 997-0675-9306 or

o Phone: 1(669) 900-6833

- Via the City's eComment (now available during the meeting)
- Via email to PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

City Clerk Haggag called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present 7 - Kenneth J. Morris, Paul F. McElherne Jr., Erik Jensen, Alok Agrawal, Shruthi Mirashi, Eric Aker, and Commissioner David Baldwin

Peter Haug, Alternate Commissioner was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

3. GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION WORK

City Clerk Haggag provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the commission work.

4. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Redistricting Commissioners gave a verbal introduction of themselves.

5. REVIEW BROWN ACT AND PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Klotz provided a PowerPoint presentation.

6. REDISTRICTING ORIENTATION (Lapkoff & Gobalet)

Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D. and Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D., Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation.

21-1347 Redistricting Orientation (Lapkoff & Gobalet) Post Meeting Material

7. COMMISSION LOGISTICS

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot provided a PowerPoint presentation.

21-1345 Commission Logistics Post Meeting Material

8. SELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Jensen nominated **Commissioner Mirashi** as the Chair of the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jensen to appoint Commissioner Mirashi as the Chair of the Redistricting Commission.

Aye: 7 - Morris, McElherne Jr., Jensen, Agrawal, Mirashi, Aker, and Commissioner Baldwin

Commissioner Agrawal nominated himself for the Vice-Chair position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Agrawal to appoint himself as Vice-Chair of the Redistricting Commission.

Aye: 7 - Morris, McElherne Jr., Jensen, Agrawal, Mirashi, Aker, and Commissioner Baldwin

9. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. to October 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Interpreter services will be made available upon request made 72 hours in advance. To request interpreter services, please telephone (408) 615-2220 (voice) from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday, or email Redistricting@santaclaraca.gov.



Agenda Report

21-1698

Agenda Date: 12/9/2021

REPORT TO INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2021 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Independent Redistricting Commission Minutes of the October 23, 2021 Meeting



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Independent Redistricting Commission

10/23/2021	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting

REVISED AGENDA INCLUDES INFORMATION ON HOW THE PUBLIC CAN VIEW THE COMMISSION MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5 minutes)

Chair Shruti Mirashi called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Present 7 - Kenneth J. Morris, Paul F. McElherne Jr., Erik Jensen, Alok Agrawal, Shruthi Mirashi, Eric Aker, and Commissioner David Baldwin

Peter Haug, Alternate Commissioner was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Shruti Mirashi provided a Powerpoint slide to highlight public outreach efforts that have taken place to advertise the Independent Redistricting Commission meetings.

1.A <u>21-1517</u> Informational Report: Due to staffing constraints, the Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Meeting will be available at the December 9, 2021 Meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

This item is reserved for persons to address the Council or authorities on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City or Authorities. The law does not permit action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. The governing body, or staff, may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, and appropriate body may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. <u>21-1514</u> Presentations and Discussion: Overview of Redistricting; Presentation of New Census Data; Communities of Interest; Tutorial on Map Drawing; December 9, 2021 IRC Meeting - Virtual or Hybrid Discussion

Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D. and Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D of Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the purpose of Redistricting outlining the process and timelines, the history of Santa Clara's Council Districts and legal guidelines that demographers follow.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Public Speaker:

Josepha asked if it was possible for some areas of the city to move into a different city during the redistricting process. Demographers clarified that this would not-happen.

Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining census data and population equality.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D. provided a PowerPoint presentation on Communities of Interest.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D. provided a PowerPoint presentation and training on Tutorial on Map Drawing. This tool is available on the City's website.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot

discussed the upcoming December 9, 2021 Independent Redistricting Commission and asked if the Commission would like to have the meeting virtual or hybrid.

Three options were presented for Commissioner to provide feedback on and based upon the consensus staff would explore the options:

- 0. Commissioners and public attend virtually
- 1. All Commissioners present in person/the public attends virtually
- 2. All Commissioners attend virtually/the public may attend in person to provide comments
- 3. Commissioners and the public may attend virtually or in person

Commissioners provided the following votes: Option 0: Option 1: Option 2: Jensen, McElherne Jr. Option 3: Agrawal, Aker, Morris, Mirashi Baldwin, no preference.

Clerk Haggag suggested the motion provide the option voted on but also allow staff the flexibility to determine what will work best due to an assessment of staff capabilities and other pertinent factors.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Agrawal, seconded by Commissioner McElherne Jr. to provide direction to staff to prepare a completely hybrid meeting in which Commissioners and the public may attend virtually or in person and allow flexibility to staff for other options should this not be feasible for the December 9, 2021 meeting.

Aye: 7 - Morris, McElherne Jr., Jensen, Agrawal, Mirashi, Aker, and Commissioner Baldwin

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. to December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Agrawal, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7 - Morris, McElherne Jr., Jensen, Agrawal, Mirashi, Aker, and Commissioner Baldwin

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Agenda Report

21-1597

Agenda Date: 12/9/2021

REPORT TO INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

<u>SUBJECT</u>

Presentations and Discussion: Why does Redistricting Matter?; Population Balancing; Tutorial of Drawing of Plan using Pieces Tool; Overview of Maptitude Online Redistricting (MORE) Tool; Redistricting Schedule and next steps of presentation of draft maps in January; Correspondence; Discussion of meeting Hybrid or Virtual meeting January 13, 2022

- A. Why does Redistricting Matter? (City Clerk Hosam Haggag)
- B. Population Balancing (Gobalet & Lapkoff)
- C. Tutorial of Drawing of Plan using Pieces Tool (Gobalet & Lapkoff)
- D. Overview of Maptitude Online Redistricting (MORE) Tool (Gobalet & Lapkoff)
 a. Action on Recommendation for City to purchase Maptitude Online Redistricting Tool
- E. Redistricting Schedule and next steps of presentation of draft maps in January (Assistant Director of Community Development, Reena Brilliot)
- F. Correspondence Received through November 30, 2021
- G. January 13, 2022 IRC Meeting Virtual or Hybrid (Assistant Director of Community Development, Reena Brilliot)
 - a. Action on direction for hybrid or virtual set up of meetings for January 13, 2022

Attachments:

1. Correspondence

Hi Reena,

As requested at the last redistricting meeting, I worked with the Interactive Pieces Tool. It didn't take me long to come to the same realization that Hosam and Dianne Harrison (member of the public who spoke at the last meeting) had come to during their redistricting work in 2018: The current size of the pieces makes it difficult to modify the existing map such that the districts achieve the required \leq 10% population deviation.

The demographers said that they can re-designed the pieces to address this issue. Attached is my request for modifying the pieces.

Also, questions for the demographers:

Would Maptitude for Redistricting be a good tool for us to use? The demo video for the software shows it getting down to census block data, which would be far greater granularity than we can achieve with the current Excel spreadsheet. <u>https://www.caliper.com/redistricting/maptitude-for-redistricting-demo-video.htm</u>

The cities of San Jose and Sunnyvale are using a tool for their redistricting that like Maptitude allows them to get down to a census block data level. Is that software also a possibility for us to use? https://districtr.org/tag/san_jose https://districtr.org/event/Sunnyvale2021

Thanks,

David

Requested Changes to the Pieces

Break piece 11 into four parts with one division the De La Cruz Blvd from Montague Expy to the Santa Clara / San Jose city limits, and the other division the property line between the industrial zone and the residential zone behind Aldo Ave and Nelo St from Lafayette St to the Santa Clara / San Jose city limits (with Montague Park included with the residential zone).

Break piece 17 into three parts with one division Lawrence Expy, and the other division Calabazas Blvd north from the El Camino Real to Monroe St, Monroe St east to Calabazas Creek, and Calabazas Creek north.

Break piece 18 into two parts with the division Saratoga Creek north from the El Camino Real to the San Thomas Aquinas Creek, and San Thomas Aquinas Creek north.

Break piece 22 into two parts with the division Pomeroy Ave from Homestead north to Calabazas Blvd, and Calabazas Blvd to the El Camino Real.

Move the border between pieces 23 and 32 from its current position west to Saratoga Creek (from the ECR to Benton).

Break piece 25 into two parts with the division Pomeroy Ave.

Move the border between pieces 26 and 33 from its current position (the center of White Dr and Las Palmas Dr between Benton and Homestead) to the western boundary of Central Park and the library between Benton St. and Homestead Rd.

Break piece 30 into two parts with the division Pruneridge Ave.

Break piece 35 into two parts with the division Pomeroy Ave.

Break piece 36 into two parts with the division Pruneridge Ave.

From:	
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	Re: Independent Redistricting Commission
Date:	Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:54:07 PM
Attachments:	Pieces Kit Santa Clara City 11 16 2021 DianeHarrison2.xls
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	image001.png

Hi! I'm attaching my second attempt with the 47 pieces. Deviation is 6.9% Thanks for passing it on!

My goal in District 2 was to encompass all of the city's Community of Concern (which I did do) and as high a percentage of Hispanic voters as possible. However, the pieces where higher percentages of Hispanics live are all over the city, so 22% was the best I could do with contiguous districts.

District 1, as before, is nearly 50% Asian, and that was also a goal.

Sincerely, Diane Harrison				(land of the
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On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 09:12:33 AM PDT, Redistricting <redistricting@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Diane! I will distribute to the demographers.

~Elizabeth

From: Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:49 PM To: Redistricting <Redistricting@santaclaraca.gov> Subject: Re: Independent Redistricting Commission

Thank you again, Elizabeth! I'm attaching my first redistricting plan based on the existing pieces. (Yes, I've done this before, in 2018. :-)) The plan deviation is only 8.4%, though I might do better with smaller pieces.

Ah, just realized that you may not have Open Office. So, the 2nd attachment is the same file in Excel.

Sincerely, Diane Harrison 3283 Benton St. Santa Clara, CA 95051 (land of the

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 02:06:37 PM PDT, Redistricting <<u>redistricting@santaclaraca.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi Diane,

Thank you for your email and feedback on the Redistricting map. I will be sure to provide your input to the Redistricting Commission and Demographers.

On a side note, Independent Redistricting Commission agenda and materials are documented in two places:

- City meeting calendar
- Redistricting webpage

Again, we appreciate you taking the time to be part of this process.

Thank you,

~Elizabeth

Elizabeth Elliott

Planning Division | Community Development Department 1500 Warburton Avenue | Santa Clara, CA 95050 O : 408.615.2450



From:

Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:56 AM To: Redistricting <<u>Redistricting@santaclaraca.gov</u>> Subject: Re: Independent Redistricting Commission Thank you so much, Elizabeth! I'm using it now. (Had you not told me to look under the meeting section, I would never have thought to look there.)

While I'm here, during the October meeting I suggested reducing pieces over 10,000 people to under 10,000 to make the tool easier and more flexible to use. At that time, I suggested bisecting Piece 17 along the Calabazas Creek, and I stand by that suggestion.

I've now also looked at Pieces 6 & 28.

For Piece 6, I would divide out the area south of Agnew Rd. If that isn't enough to bring Piece 6 under 10,000, you could also divide out the area east of Lick Mill.

For Piece 28, we may not even have to add another piece. Piece 34 is small enough that I would just extend its northern edge up from Bellomy to the El Camino. And if that isn't enough, you could extend its eastern edge from Winchester/Lincoln to Monroe.

Thank you very much for passing this on to the demographers.



On Monday, November 1, 2021, 04:20:08 PM PDT, Redistricting <<u>redistricting@santaclaraca.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi Diane,

I wanted to update you that the Interactive Tool is now available on <u>the Independent Redistricting Meeting</u> page on the City's website - under the October 23, 2021 meeting section.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

~Elizabeth

From: Elizabeth Elliott <<u>EElliott@santaclaraca.gov</u>> Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:32 PM To: Redistricting <<u>Redistricting@santaclaraca.gov</u>>; C: Hosam Haggag <<u>hhaggag@SantaClaraCA.gov</u>>; Reena Brilliot <<u>RBrilliot@SantaClaraCA.gov</u>>; Clerk <<u>Clerk@santaclaraca.gov</u>> Subject: RE: Independent Redistricting Commission

Good Afternoon Diane,

Your email has been received in the Redistricting email box. I will look into your question regarding the tools for the redistricting site and get back to you.

Thank you for your interest and input,

ELIZABETH ELLIOTT

Planning Division | Community Development Department 1500 Warburton Avenue | Santa Clara, CA 95050 O : 408.615.2450 Direct : 408.615.2474



From: Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:03 PM To: Clerk <<u>Clerk@santaclaraca.gov</u>> Subject: Re: Independent Redistricting Commission

Hi Hossam et al! I was at both redistricting meetings, and we were told that the tools would be up on the redistricting site (<u>Redistricting 2021-22 | City of Santa Clara</u>?). I don't see them. Are they there someplace? Or not yet?

Redistricting 2021-22 | City of Santa Clara

Sincerely, Diane Harrison Ohlone and Muwekma Ohlone people) (land of the

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 05:00:41 PM PDT, Clerk <<u>clerk@santaclaraca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thank you Diane!

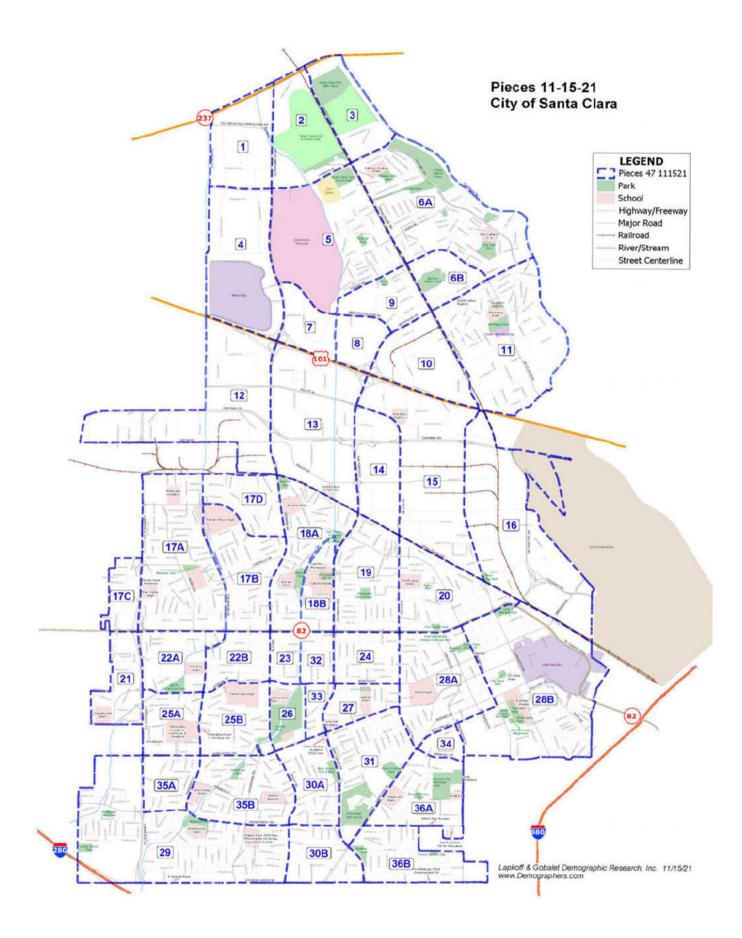
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Fill in yellow-highlighted column to make your new plan - location of each Piece is shown on the Pieces map provided in the third worksheet of this file. Pink-shading summarizes your plan's characteristics.

	Census 20	Census 2010 Population Balance		Citizens of Voting Age Shares				
District	Population	Deviation	Percent Deviation	NH Asian CVAP	NH White CVAP	Hispanic CVAP	NH Other CVAP	Tota
1	21,875	566	2.7%	49%	33%	9%	10%	100
2	20,872	-437	-2.1%	20%	47%	22%	11%	1009
3	21,691	382	1.8%	36%	38%	16%	9%	100
4	21,728	419	2.0%	37%	37%	19%	7%	100
5	20,402	-907	-4.3%	29%	47%	17%	7%	100
6	21,286	-23	-0.1%	34%	47%	11%	7%	100
Total	127,854		6.9%	33%	42%	16%	9%	100
	Most populous	Council district	21,875					
	Least populous	Council district	20,402					
		Difference	1,473					
	Ideal Council dis	strict population	21,309					
3	Plan's Pe	rcent Deviation	6.9%					

This number should be 127,854



Step #	Instruction	Demographer's Comment
1	Use the "Pieces data" worksheet in this file, in combination with the	Note that the Pieces can be re-designed to fine-tune any
	Pieces map, to experiment with Council district configurations	Council district plan
2	In the first visible column of the "Pieces data" worksheet (Column O	Enter your assignments for each Piece in the yellow-shaded
	- "District assignment"), enter "1" or "2" or "3" or "4" or "5" or "6"	cells
	to assign each Piece to a Council District	

TAHIR JOEL NAIM

November 9, 2021

Redistricting Commission c/o City Clerk's Office City of Santa Clara. 1500 Warburton Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95050

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RE: REDISTRICTING SUGGESTION

Dear Commission Members:

We have a 6-member council elected by district and a mayor elected at large. This is because of a lawsuit to promote the opportunity for racial/ethnic diversity in representation. This is a good thing.

Previously, candidates for City Council ran for a specific Council seat, but all voters in the City of Santa Clara voted for all Council seats. In the new system, voters only vote for the Council member representing their district.

My impression, but I do not know for certain, is that the distribution of our various racial/ethnic groups is not terribly compact and may even move around.

Thus, we might move to a system that is again city-wide, but instead of voters voting by open seats, they can only vote for one candidate. The top 7 vote-getters become the City Council and either the person with the most votes becomes Mayor or that position is rotated between members. Thus, if voters want to vote on the basis of race/ethnicity, no matter where they are in our city, they'll be able to concentrate their votes. Additionally, they'll have the option to vote for someone they might prefer to the candidate(s) they would be limited to in their district.

Very truly yours Tahir Joel Nain

