




City Council Meeting

Item 4 – RTC 21-899

2021 Redistricting Process

July 6, 2021

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City of Santa Clara
The Center of What's Possible

Background

- June 15, 2021 - City Council directed the following:
 - Establish an ***Independent*** Redistricting Commission
 - To be comprised of 3, 5 or 7 members
 - Ideally, we would have a 7-member commission comprised of one member from each district and one at-large.
 - If we cannot due to a shortage of qualified applicants, we will prioritize filling 7 commissioners, then 5, then 3.
 - Select 1 alternate member in the case of a resignation.
 - Commission members to be selected via random draw.

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POST MEETING MATERIAL



Remaining Decision Points

- Today:
 - Qualifications (Eligibility Requirements)
 - Additional Restrictions (beyond statute)
 - Approval of the selection process
- To be discussed at a future date
 - Including redistricting process as part of 2022 ballot language

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Decision Point: Qualifications (Eligibility Requirements)

- Proposed Recommendation - follow current Boards & Commissions process
- Santa Clara resident (required per statute)
 - Proof of residency (2 proofs will be required with application)
- Other Alternatives
 - Minimum Age
 - Minimum residency requirement (i.e. 30 days)

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Member Disqualifications*

*Items listed are outlined in statute. Items can only be added, not removed

1. A person who is an elected official of the City
2. A family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of a city councilmember
3. A person, or the person's spouse, who has done any of the following in the preceding eight years (or a non-spouse family member in the preceding four years) shall not be appointed to serve on a commission:
 - (A) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a campaign committee or a candidate for city council
 - (B) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a political party or as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee

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Prohibitions During & After Service*

*Items listed are outlined in statute. Items can only be added, not removed

1. Endorse, work for, volunteer for, or make a campaign contribution to, a candidate for city council.
2. For 5 years commencing on appointment to the commission, a commission member is prohibited from being a candidate for an elective office of the City if:
 - a. The election for that office will be conducted using district boundaries adopted by the commission on which the member served
 - b. The election for that office will be conducted using district boundaries adopted by the City pursuant to recommendations by the commission on which the member served
3. For 4 years commencing with appointment to the commission, a commission member may not:
 - a. Accept employment as a staff member of, or consultant to, an elected official or candidate for elective office of the City.
 - b. Receive a noncompetitively bid contract with the City.
 - c. Register as a lobbyist for the City
4. For 2 years commencing with appointment to the commission, a commission member may not accept an appointment to an office of the City.

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Applicant Recruitment and Selection

- City Clerk Staff will validate eligibility requirements for each applicant.
- Eligible applicants will be required to sign an attestation form acknowledging prohibitions during and after service.
- Eligible applicants who sign the attestation will be sorted based on district of residence.

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Applicant Recruitment and Selection

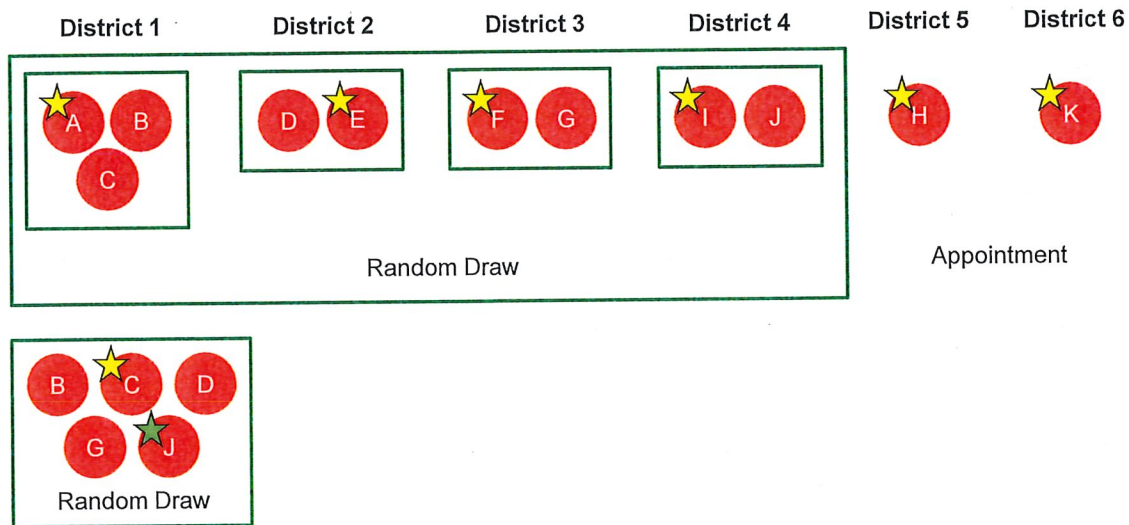
- If there is at least one **eligible** applicant per district:
 - For each district that has more than one applicant, a random drawing will occur to determine the selected commissioner.
 - For each district that has only a single applicant, that applicant will be selected to serve on the commission.
 - After all 6 districts each have a single selected commissioner, all remaining eligible applicants will be put in another random drawing. The first drawn name will be selected as the 7th commissioner. The 2nd drawn name will be selected as the alternate.

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Hypothetical Example



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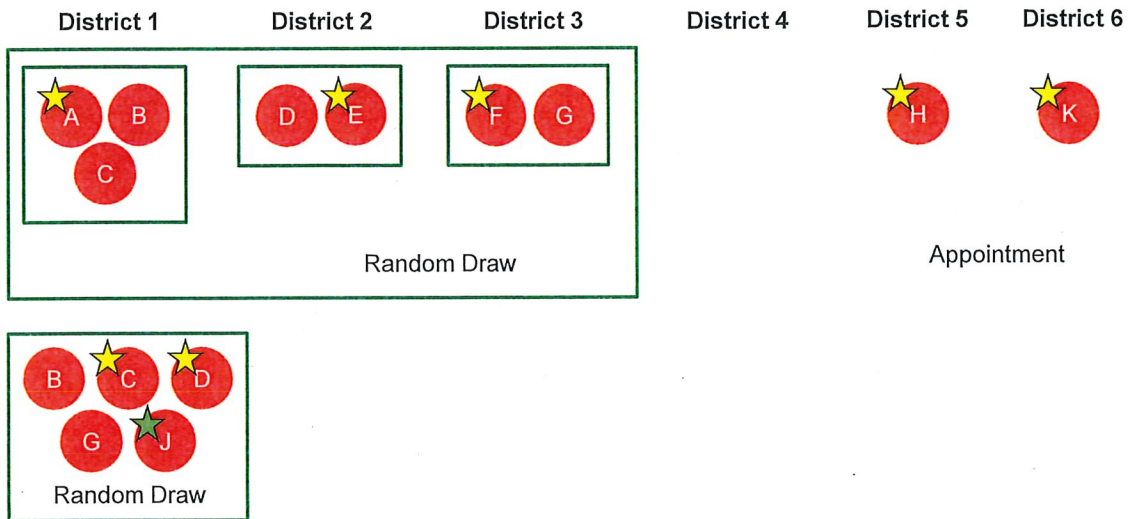
- If there are any districts with no eligible applicants, but still at least 8 eligible applicants, then the same process will be followed above for each district that has at least one eligible applicant, and the remainder of the committee members will be selected by random drawing.

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Hypothetical Example



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Applicant Recruitment and Selection

- If there are fewer than 8 eligible applicants, then 5 committee members will be selected by random drawing, in addition to a 6th randomly selected individual as an alternate.
- If there are fewer than 6 eligible applicants, then 3 committee members will be selected by random drawing, in addition to a 4th randomly selected individual as an alternate.

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Tentative Timeline

DATE	ACTION
July 6, 2021	Council adopts Resolution on redistricting process
~July 23, 2021	Release application packet
~August 13, 2021	Applications Due* <i>*Date can be extended if needed</i>
End of August 2021	Commission selection & On-boarding* <i>* Drawing will be open to the public via Zoom</i>
End of August 2021	U.S. Census Data Released (not adjusted)
Mid/End of September 2021	State Population Adjustment Released
September - October 2021	Initial Community of Interest Meetings
November 2021 - March 2022	Public Hearings/Outreach (4 required)
April 17, 2022	Final District Map Approval (205 days before election)
November 8, 2022	Statewide General Election

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