



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Charter Review Committee

09/21/2019

12:00 PM

Northside Branch Library, Community Room
695 Moreland Way
Santa Clara, CA 95054

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jain called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Present 7 - Member Benjamin Cooley, Vice Chair Steven Silva, Member Christine Koltermann, Member Katherine Almazol, Chair Sudhanshu Jain, Member Stephen Ricossa, and Member Richard Bonito

2. Public Presentations

Public Presentations: **Chair Jain** provided comments about the City Attorney's attendance at the Charter Review Committee meeting. Chair Jain extended the public input time per speaker from 2 minutes to 3 minutes.

City Clerk Haggag noted that the City Attorney is available by phone if needed.

Member Cooley asked if public input could be moved to the end of the agenda as no members of the public were present. **Chair Jain** agreed.

3. Approval of the August 15, 2019 Charter Review Committee meeting minutes

[19-1079](#)

Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the August 15, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting.

Chair Jain noted that the minutes were missing the discussion about creating a FAQ. **Chair Jain** noted that he, **Member Almazol** and **Member Ricossa** made this request and **City Clerk Haggag** requested that Committee Members provide questions.

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel noted that the minutes are action minutes meaning only those items where the Committee took action are recorded, but that we would make a notation in the minutes.

A motion was made by Member Almazol and seconded by Vice-Chair Silva to approve the August 15, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

4. Receive public input

Chair Jain opened the meeting for public input.

Public Speaker(s): None

5. Verbal report from City Clerk on survey results and other feedback to date

[19-1131](#)

Verbal report from City Clerk on survey results and other feedback to date Post Meeting Material

[19-1080](#)

Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date

City Clerk Haggag provided an update on the feedback received as of the day of the meeting including a brief summary of the survey results.

6. Verbal report from Committee members on public input receive to date

Committee Members provided an overview of the outreach they had conducted and summaries of the feedback they had received as of the day of the meeting.

[19-1132](#)

Verbal report from Committee members on public input receive to date Post Meeting Material

7. Discussion about the number of districts

City Clerk Haggag provided an overview of district model configurations and a discussion followed.

Public Speaker(s): Public Speakers (4)

Chair Jain polled the Committee members on the preferred number of districts.

Chair Jain asked for a straw poll in favor of 6 districts.

Those in favor: Chair Jain and Member Koltermann

Those opposed: Member Almazol, Member Bonito, Member Cooley, Member Ricossa and Vice-Chair Silva

Chair Jain asked for a straw poll in favor of 3 districts.

Those in favor: Member Almazol, Member Bonito, Member Cooley, Member Ricossa and Vice-Chair Silva

Those opposed: Chair Jain and Member Koltermann

A motion was made by Member Cooley and seconded by Member Ricossa to place an agenda item to discuss different forms of three districts and transition on the next agenda.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

8. Discussion of residency requirements for candidates in a district

City Clerk Haggag gave an overview of residency requirements and a discussion followed.

Public Speaker(s): None.

A motion was made by Member Cooley and seconded by Member Ricossa to place an agenda item to discuss residency requirements, including the effects of redistricting and relocating (inside and outside city) during the term on the next agenda.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Almazol and seconded by Member Cooley to place an agenda item to discuss possible language related to redistricting on the next agenda.

Aye: 6 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, and Member Bonito

Nay: 1 - Member Ricossa

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Bonito and seconded by Vice-Chair Silva to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito