



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Independent Redistricting Commission

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10/23/2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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Pursuant to California Government Code section 54953(e) and City of Santa Clara Resolution 21-9013, the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting will be held by teleconference only. No physical location will be available for this meeting; however, the City of Santa Clara continues to provide methods for the public to participate remotely:

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- Meeting ID: 860 7678 8750
- Dial-in #: 669-900-6833

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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 (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**     [21-1517](#)     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. [21-1514](#)

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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