



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Independent Redistricting Commission

12/09/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

VIA ZOOM

- Meeting Link: <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/86076788750>
- Meeting ID: 860 7678 8750
- Dial-in #: 669-900-6833

- Public Comments may be submitted via email to Redistricting@SantaClaraCA.gov before and during the meeting

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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

Vice Chair Agrawal called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Alternate Commissioner Haug was present.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Agrawal provided information to highlight public outreach efforts that have taken place to advertise the Independent Redistricting Commission meetings.

A motion was made by Commissioner McElherne, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Baldwin to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

- 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

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Diane Harrison spoke and asked if maps that have been submitted would be discussed at tonight's meeting or not. **City Clerk Haggag** confirmed that the public may present maps at this meeting as well as subsequent meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

City Clerk Haggag provided a presentation on Why Redistricting Matters. **Demographer Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D** provided a PowerPoint on Population Balancing.

Demographers Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D and Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D provided a PowerPoint presentation on Tutorial of Drawing of Plans using Pieces Tool.

The meeting went into recess at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

GIS Specialist Robin Merrill provided an overview of Maptitude Online Redistricting (MORE) Tool.

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot provided information that the cost to purchase the Maptitude Online Redistricting Tool would be \$35,000.

Commissioners inquired on the cost of the tool, how many user accounts could be set up, if there would be a trial period, how many jurisdictions use the MORE mapping tool, and other clarifying questions.

Public Comments:

Diane Harrison spoke regarding census data and commented that the City used Pieces Tool in 2018 and provided input on the Pieces Tool and inquired on if the tools would provide ethnic breakdowns for each census block.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner McElherne Jr. to purchase the Maptitude Online Redistricting (MORE) Tool.

The Motion failed 5-2.

Aye: 2 - McElherne Jr., and Commissioner Baldwin

Nay: 5 - Morris, Jensen, Agrawal, Mirashi, and Aker

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot provided information on the upcoming Redistricting Meeting schedule and asked if the Commission would like to have the upcoming meeting taking place on January 13, 2022 be a virtual or hybrid meeting and commented that the City's Emergency Operating Officer has advised to refrain from having in person meetings due to COVID concerns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Aker, seconded by Chair Mirashi to have the January 13, 2022 IRC meeting be virtual.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

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