

# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Special Meeting Minutes

### INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION



*Commissioner Aldo Yañez-Ruiz  
Vice-Chair Leticia Casillas-Sanchez  
Commissioner Natalie Chaidez  
Commissioner Timmy Luong  
Commissioner Ruth Alvarez  
Commissioner Nancy Diaz  
Commissioner John Mendoza*

#### VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful  
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of  
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

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Wednesday, December 15, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Teleconference via Zoom

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Yañez Ruiz called the Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Yañez Ruiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present via Zoom: Chair Aldo Yañez Ruiz  
Vice-Chair Leticia Casillas-Sanchez  
Commissioner Natalie Chaidez  
Commissioner Timmy Luong  
Commissioner Nancy Diaz  
Commissioner John Mendoza

Absent: Commissioner Ruth Alvarez

#### **STAFF PRESENT via Zoom**

Rosalia Butler, City Clerk  
Mark Gluba, Deputy City Manager  
Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk/Commission Secretary

Maria Arellano, Administrative Clerk, City Clerk's Office  
Karla Shipman, Deputy City Clerk II  
Scott Smith, Attorney, Best, Best and Krieger (BBK)

Hilda Estrada, contracted by the City to provide translation services via Zoom.

Staff from Tripepi Smith, an organization contracted by the City to provide marketing and outreach for the redistricting process.

Staff from National Demographics Corporation (NDC), an organization contracted by the City to provide demography services for the redistricting process.

Five members of the public attended the meeting.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

1. **Consultant led Discussion and Workshop on Online Mapping Tools, Communities of Interest, and Overview of the Redistricting Process**
  - A. Overview of Outreach Efforts
  - B. Overview of Goals, Timeline and Redistricting Process
  - C. Discussion on Legislative Process, Requirements for Redistricting, and Communities of Interest
  - D. Overview and Demonstration of Online Mapping Tools and Review of Submitted Maps

Commission Secretary Glynn explained the process for public participation in the workshop setting.

Chair Yañez Ruiz introduced the workshop and turned the meeting over to staff from Tripepi Smith and NDC.

Jennifer Nentwig from Tripepi Smith facilitated the workshop and encouraged the community to get involved. She indicated the intent of the meeting was to be an informal conversational session geared towards community members.

She shared the objectives of the workshop and provided an update on the outreach and engagement efforts conducted by Tripepi Smith.

Jeff Simonetti from NDC gave an overview of the redistricting process and indicated the next two meetings in January and February of 2022 would include discussion and review of the submitted draft maps. He explained the Commission would consider and approve the map in March and that the deadline to submit the adopted map would be April 17, 2022. He outlined the rules and goals involved in the redistricting process.

Mr. Simonetti continued the presentation on defining neighborhoods and communities of interest. He shared some of the demographic data available on the District R website and gave an overview of how to define neighborhoods and communities of interest. He



demonstrated how to access the mapping tool, communities of interest maps, and submitted draft maps on the District R website.

He asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation thus far.

Eunice Russell asked why the southwest portion of Ganesha Park was omitted from the "Ganesha Park & Areas Around Fairplex" community of interest map. Mr. Simonetti thanked her for the feedback and indicated he would add that portion into the final map.

Commissioner Mendoza asked why the section referenced by Ms. Russell was omitted in the first place and mentioned an area south of 10 freeway that could be included.

Commissioner Diaz asked about the omissions in the Phillips Ranch communities of interest map.

Eunice Russell said she did not understand Commissioner Mendoza's comment stating the section southeast of Ganesha Park could be included in another district.

Chair Yañez Ruiz pointed out the Commission was not determining what constitutes the different communities of interest like Phillips Ranch or Ganesha Park. He said the maps were just points of interest for the community and the Commission to consider in the map drawing process.

Jennifer Nentwig encouraged members of communities to submit their own community of interest maps for consideration.

She read a comment from the Q&A from Anne Tomkins stating she believed the historic districts were each their own communities of interest.

Anne Tomkins asked about the process of submitting maps and if the draft maps on the map page were official or just drafts.

Jeff Simonetti explained the process and indicated the map had to be shared to the gallery to be considered final.

He went through a few examples of the 19 maps that had been submitted thus far.

Anne Tomkins asked about the process to submit paper maps.

Mr. Simonetti said he would draw the paper maps received on District R so they could be viewed in the gallery.

Jennifer Nentwig explained the paper map kits could be found on the Draw Pomona website.

She invited participants to engage in Q&A with the hosts of the workshop.

Commissioner Diaz asked about the demographic breakdown on the submitted maps.

Jeff Simonetti demonstrated how to access the demographic sets for each map on the District R website.

Jennifer Nentwig pointed out that the Commission would receive a demographic summary of each map when it was time to review the submitted maps.

Chair Yañez Ruiz asked if the summary would also include other variables like median age, median income, and the education information of the voters.

Mr. Simonetti said it would be included and demonstrated how to access the data on the District R website.

Jennifer Nentwig reminded everyone that the Draw Pomona website was an invaluable resource for redistricting in Pomona and demonstrated a few of the resources available on the website.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In the Q&A section, the following questions were asked:

**Eunice Russell:**

"Why did you eliminate the south east portion of the homes in Ganesha Park?"

(This question was answered live in the meeting)

**Eunice Russell:**

"How do you figure that Commissioner Mendoza?"

(This question was answered live in the meeting)

**Ann Tomkins:**

"I believe that the historic districts are separate communities of interest?"

(This question was answered live in the meeting)

**Ann Tomkins:**

"How are you defining the downtown area?"

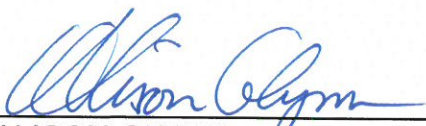
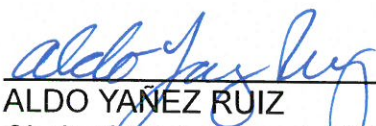
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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yañez Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

  
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ALISON GLYNN  
Deputy City Clerk /Commission  
Secretary to the Independent  
Redistricting Commission  
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ALDO YANEZ RUIZ  
Chair of the Independent Redistricting  
Commission

