



CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes Redistricting Advisory Committee

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10:00 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair HELLER called the Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Member Hubert Walsh, Vice Chair Cindy Morse, Member Jennifer Jones, Member Lisa Sykes, Member Janet Kasper, Member Ronnie DeAnda, Chairperson Ryan Heller, Member Sabrina Abong, and Anthony Aldana

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk's Note: The following comments were received via email:

Maria CHAVEZ
Ariana MARMOLEJO
Astrid MORALES
Irma NAVARRO
Jocelyn NGO
Christian NUNEZ
Diana ODOM GUNN
Maria SALAZAR
Casey STEED

Clerk's Note: The following comment was received via voicemail:

Ruben

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Redistricting Advisory Committee Minutes of December 1, 2021

REPORT IN BRIEF

Redistricting Advisory Committee Minutes from the meeting of December 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Redistricting Advisory Committee - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Redistricting Advisory Committee minutes of December 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Member Kasper, seconded by Member DeAnda, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: The Committee took a break at 10:11 AM to wait for the 10:15AM Public Hearing.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing (to be Heard at 10:15M) to Receive a Report from Staff on the Redistricting Process and Permissible Criteria to be Considered to Review Submitted Draft Maps and to Make a Recommendation to Council for Consideration

REPORT IN BRIEF

Public Hearing to inform the Redistricting Advisory Committee and the public on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to review submitted draft maps and to make a recommendation to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Redistricting Advisory Committee - Adopt a motion recommending a draft map(s) to the City Council for consideration.

Clerk's Note: Chair HELLER opened the Public Hearing at 10:15 AM.

National Demographics Corporation Consultant Jeff TILTON gave a slide show presentation on the Redistricting Process and Review of submitted draft maps.

Chair HELLER and City Manager Stephanie DIETZ spoke on data clarification.

Diana ODOM GUNN, Merced - spoke on the downtown area.

Nathena FLORES, Merced - spoke in support of Map 106.

Shane SMITH, Merced - spoke on the decision the Committee has to make and the weight of Public Comment.

Rosa INGUANZO, Merced - spoke in support of Map 106.

Andrew ALKEMA, Merced - read a letter from the Merced Boosters stating their support for Maps 107, 202, and 203.

Chair HELLER closed the Public Hearing at 10:52 AM.

Committee Members spoke on the draft maps that were presented to them.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morse, seconded by Member DeAnda, to eliminate Maps 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 110, and 111. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0

Committee Member WALSH and Ms. DIETZ spoke on the number of maps to recommend.

A motion was made by Member Abong, seconded by Chairperson Heller, to recommend Map 203 to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0

A motion was made by Aldana, seconded by Vice Chair Morse, to recommend Map 107 to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0

G. BUSINESS

G.1. SUBJECT: Committee Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Committee and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

Committee Member WALSH thanked staff for their work and thanked Chair HELLER for the way he ran the meetings.

Chair HELLER thanked everyone for their work and the community for their participation.

H. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Walsh, seconded by Member Abong, to adjourn the Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Member Walsh, Vice Chair Morse, Member Jones, Member Sykes, Member Kasper, Member DeAnda, Chairperson Heller, Member Abong, and Aldana

No: 0

Absent: 0