



Fresno County Advisory Redistricting Commission Summary of Proceedings

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 6:05 p.m.
Fresno County Health and Wellness Center
1925 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726
(In-Person and Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Commission Members

District 1:	<u>Katherine Burrows</u>	<u>Ken Abrahamian</u>
District 2:	<u>Elizabeth Kolstad</u>	<u>Lawrence Garcia</u>
District 3:	<u>Patience Milrod</u>	<u>Hugo Morales</u>
District 4:	<u>James Petty Jr.</u>	<u>Glenda Hill</u>
District 5:	<u>Suzanne Motte</u>	<u>Richard Gallegos</u>
CAO:	<u>Jeff Cardell</u>	

1. Call to Order

Commission convened at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Burrows, Abrahamian, Garcia, Milrod, Morales, Motte, Gallegos, Cardell

Commissioners Absent: Hill, Kolstad, Petty

3. Action and Discussion Items

a) Approval of Minutes of the Commission's July 7, 2021 meeting (Action)

Motion and second to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2021.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes 0 Noes 3 Absent

b) Discuss and Approve Commission hearing schedule for October 2021 meeting (Discussion and Action)

Public Comment:

Mr. Guyona – Ensure the meeting date/time/place is announced to the public.

Motion and second to change meeting date to Friday, October 22, 2021, 6:05 pm, and Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Failed: 3 Ayes 5 Noes 3 Absent

c) Discuss and provide direction to staff on recommendation to add one (1) "Virtual" Workshop in September (Discussion and Action)

Discussion to add a virtual workshop on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 6 p.m.

Motion and second to add a virtual workshop on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 6 p.m.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes 0 Noes 3 Absent

Commissioner Discussion:

- Consider inviting Common Cause to speak at a future public meeting.

Public Comment:

- Speaker 1: Training on Voting rights act and fair maps act.
- Speaker 2: (Mr. Guyona): Recommends inviting common cause to present in person, and importance that the maps are fair and accurate district representation.
- Speaker 3: Commented about Common Cause, and accurate representation.
- Speaker 4: Demographic shift in the last 20 years, and importance of accurate district representation.

The live video portion of the meeting was interrupted for approximately 35 minutes, due to Zoom program technical difficulties. Commissioner Burrows (who attended virtually) also lost connection and left the meeting.

The Zoom connection was restored and the meeting live video resumed.

d) Receive presentation of Public Outreach Plan (Discussion)

Jennifer Fitzgerald, Tripepi Smith, presented information on the public outreach plan.

Commissioner Concern(s):

- The outreach efforts presented may not accurately reflect the community.

Public Comment:

- Speaker 1: Public outreach (Libraries).
- Speaker 2: The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, and leveraging multi-cultural media.
- Speaker 3 (Sonja, Asian American Collaborative): AAPI community outreach.

- e) Bylaws – Discuss Commissioner Milrod’s proposed amendment to Commission Bylaws, Article 2, Section J (“Communications”) and either approve amendment as requested, or with additional amendments, or maintain Article 2, Section J, without amendment (Discussion and Action)

Commissioners discussed a proposed amendment to the Bylaws to add language to address disclosure of community input, in-person contact, and written comments.

Motion and second to approve an amendment to the Commission Bylaws as proposed and presented by Commissioner Milrod.

Motion failed: 4 Ayes 3 Noes 4 Absent

4. **Public Hearing and Public Input on Redistricting Process at 6:30 p.m. – Informational presentation regarding 2021 Fresno County Supervisorial Redistricting**

Topics Include:

- Clarification for Commissioners responding to public questions and inquiries.
- Remote/virtual access availability for future public meetings.
- Concerns regarding the date of the upcoming Public Workshop on July 14, 2021, and possibility of rescheduling or adding additional public meetings and workshops.
- Accessibility to language translation at future meetings.
- Criteria for Commissioners to determine the need for additional meetings, and how the public can request a meeting.

Dr. Tilton presented information on the redistricting process.

Public Comments:

- Speaker 1 (Laurie, Delores Huerta Foundation): Commented about the map she presented.
- Speaker 2 (Mr. Sandoval, District 1): In support of the map submitted by previous speaker.
- Speaker 3 (District 1): Commented about equitable maps and District 1 challenges.
- Speaker 4 (Mr. Guyona): Voting rights act requirements, and importance of majority/minority districts.
- Speaker 5 (Norma Sandoval, District 4): Water and sewer concerns.
- Speaker 6 (Rita Flores, District 4): Water, sewer, streets, sidewalks, street light concerns.
- Speaker 7 (via translator): In favor of the District 4 map submitted.
- Speaker 8 (Alma, District 4, via translator): Concerns include, water and safety.
- Speaker 9 (Ronald Martin): In favor of the equitable coalition map.
- Speaker 10: Meeting locations.
- Speaker 11 (Jenny): In support of the equitable coalition map, and leave Clovis as a whole.
- Speaker 12 (District 1): Keep the City of Clovis together.
- Speaker 13 (Mary Ann Kass, League of Women Voters): Concerns about how the comments from the meetings are recorded.
- Speaker 14 (Michael Evans): Important that the districts represent the community, and map compliance.

- Speaker 15 (District 5): Public outreach efforts.

5. **Public Comments** *(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Advisory Redistricting Commission about matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission, but not listed on this Agenda. Matters presented during the Public Comment Period cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Commission. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker unless non-English translation is needed, in which the speaker will be limited to four (4) minutes, with a total of 20 minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period.*

Public Comment:

None.

6. **Announcements**

Upcoming Public Workshops:

- Saturday, August 21, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. – Woodward Park Regional Library – 944 E. Perrin Ave., Fresno, CA 93720 (District 2)
- Saturday, August 21, 2021 @ 2:30 p.m. – Clovis Veteran’s Memorial Center – 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612 (District 5)

Upcoming Commission Hearing:

- October 21, 2021 @ 6:05 p.m. – Fresno County Health and Wellness Center, 1925 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93704

The Commissioners may consider adding a hearing, on October 5, 2021, 1 p.m., at the Fresno County Health and Wellness Center, 1925 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. The meeting can be used to look at the data, but not for map consideration.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting:

Motion carried: 7 Ayes 0 Noes 4 Absent

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 21, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. (workshop), at Woodward Park Regional Library, 944 E. Perrin Avenue, Fresno.