



MINUTES Yolo County Advisory Redistricting Commission

October 18, 2021

The Yolo County Advisory Redistricting Commission met on the 18th day of October, 2021, via teleconference at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to the Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(as amended by Assembly Bill 361), available at the following [link](#).

Members Present: Skip Davies, Yaminah (Mia) Durham, Vanessa Errecarte (arrived late), Matthew Hargrove, Marco Lizarraga, Arina Ushakova, Bapu Vaitla

Staff Present: Alexander Tengolics, Ron Martinez and Clerk Lupita Ramirez

Consultants: Chris Chaffee

1. Call to Order

Roll call was conducted by the Clerk.

2. Public Statements and Comments

There was no public statements or comments.

3. Correspondence

Alexander Tengolics, staff to the Commission, mentioned that all correspondence has been shared on the Redistricting webpage and shared with the Commissioners. Additionally, an item of correspondence was received with questions about the voting acts right and racially polarized voting.

4. Approve September 20, 2021 meeting minutes*

Minute Order No. 21-22: Approved September 20, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted.

MOVED BY: Errecarte / SECONDED BY: Vaitla

AYES: Davies, Durham, Errecarte, Hargrove, Lizarraga, Ushakova, Vaitla.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

5. Receive presentation of initial draft supervisorial district maps, provide feedback, and solicit public comment*

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item: Lauren Ayers, Noel Rodriguez, Antonio De Loera, Bill Biasi, Kate Laddish, Jesse Ortiz, Sheila Allen, Rachel Long, Jack Vickrey, Victoria Fernandez, Carol Souza Cole, Tim's iPhone, Michael Hick, Tim Kay, Cirenio Rodriguez, Mike Campbell, Kyle, Omar Carillo, Corinne Martinez, Mayra Vega, Rich Miller, Trini Campbell, Alfred Melbourne, Eileen Samitz, Chris Torkovich and Pam Welch.

Received presentation on initial draft supervisorial district maps as provided by Chris Chafee, Consultant. Mr. Chafee noted that the State's Fair Maps Act Criteria is used to create relatively equal districts based on people, not citizens, that all districts should be contiguous, maintain communities of interest that have been discussed through the public process, follow city and census designated place boundaries and keep districts compact. He also reminded the Commissioners they have to be in compliance with the Constitution and Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) in specific Section 2, which triggers the need to have a protective class that is concentrated enough to comprise 50 + 1% of a district according to the citizens voting age population. He also reminded them they do not use the census designated racial data for the VRA compliance.

Mr. Chafee went over the current map for the Board of Supervisors, which has a 13% deviation, with District 1 having a population of 46,164, District 2 with a population of 44,330, District 3 with a population of 44,230, District 4 with a population of 41,686 and District 5 with a population of 40,504. He mentioned there has been ample public comment regarding the following: Winters being incorporated into current District 5 with the rural unincorporated areas of the County; Winters should not be included in District 5; unifying all of West Sacramento into one District; unifying Clarksburg, Knights Landing, Winters, and the Capay Valley into one District, and unifying the rural areas together into one district.

Mr. Chafee went over the draft maps. He explained that **Draft Map 1** unifies Winters with the rural district in District 5, it splits Davis in half, takes the Northern part of West Sacramento to balance District 4, and includes Woodland split in an East - West basis with Western Woodland in part of District 5 and Eastern Woodland with the outskirts of the City Davis included as well. This draft map has a total deviation of 5.71%. **Draft Map 2** - the biggest difference from draft map 1 is the split of West Sacramento. Eastern Davis goes more with Central and Southern West Sacramento with the Northern part of West Sacramento connected South to Clarksburg. This draft map has a total deviation of 8.4%. **Draft Map 3** is much closer to the current district lines. District 2 includes Western Davis and Winters and goes farther East and is much less compact. It still contains a split in Woodland going in an East – West basis rather than North – South basis. District 4 includes Davis and the rural areas, but District 3 has the West Sacramento split and uses the causeway as the dividing line to divide West Sacramento. This draft map has a total deviation of 3.2%. **Draft Map 4** is very similar to the current lines and the only difference is some of the rural balancing of populations because it cannot be a 13% total deviation, so some of the rural areas have shifted. District 3 got smaller and taken less of Woodland in the rural areas with a division on a North – South basis with North Woodland in District 5 and South Woodland in District 3. District 2 expanded slightly to include Winters and some unincorporated county to the East of its current configuration. There was also a split of Davis between District 2 and District 4, so part of the current District 2 east of downtown has been moved to District 4. This draft map has a total deviation of 3.2%.

The Commission expressed their gratitude towards staff for all their work and also thanked everyone who participated in public comment. They directed staff to conduct more public outreach as the end of the redistricting process is wrapping up soon. As for the draft maps, there was a general interest by the Commission on Draft Maps 3 and 4 with revisions and they would also like to review the map created by the Concilio.

6. Adjournment

Minute Order No. 21-23: Adjourned to the next meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MOVED BY: Davies / SECONDED BY: Vaitla

AYES: Davies, Durham, Errecarte, Hargrove, Lizarraga, Ushakova, Vaitla.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Minutes prepared by: Lupita Ramirez, Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors