



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

### Summary of Proceedings Initial Five Commissioners of the 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Date: **Monday, December 14, 2020**  
Time: **11:00 AM – 12:49 PM**  
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

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#### BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

##### 1. Commission Convened

###### Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Katz, McClintock, Bradley, Gray, Morris

##### 2. Public Comment

The Public Comment period is reserved for comments on items not on the Agenda and for matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. The Commission may adopt reasonable regulations, including time limits, on public comments. The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the public comment section, except to decide whether to place a matter on the agenda of a future meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, HEARD REGARDING COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY SENT VIA EMAIL, CAUTIONED AGAINST USING THE GRID PRESENTED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS A FORMULA, AND COMMENTED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC INPUT.

SPENCER BRANDT, HEARD REGARDING POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION, AND USING THE MOST CURRENT CERTIFIED NUMBERS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

NANCY EMERSON, SOLVANG, HEARD REGARDING COMMENTS THAT OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES ARE NOT ON THE LIST, DON'T NEED REPRESENTATION, AND SUPPORTS RACIAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

CONNIE ALEXANDER, SANTA BARBARA, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY, AND SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY AND JAMES HUDLEY.

JANET BLEVINS, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS AND DR. LATA MURTI.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

BEN OAKLEY, COMMENTED REGARDING ELIMINATION OF BENJAMIN OLMEDO.

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LEE HELLER, SHARED INFORMATION REGARDING SELECTING FINAL SIX.

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MICHAEL GARCIA, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

MONIQUE COLINS, COMMENTED REGARDING A PARTISAN POLITICAL OPERATIVE INFLUENCING THE SELECTION PROCESS.

BRENDA CARILLO, COMMENTED REGARDING UCSB BEING OVERREPRESENTED IN THE APPLICANT POOL.

BENJAMIN OLMEDO, CANDIDATE, EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING A BIASED SELECTION PROCESS, AND SUPPORTS JAMES HUDLEY.

KEN MASUDO, CANDIDATE, CLARIFIED HIS COMMENTS ABOUT AGRICULTURE.

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LEE HELLER, COMMENTED REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS.

CONRAD TORRES, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

ANTONIO RAMIREZ, CITY OF GUADALUPE MAYOR PRO TEM, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS AND LUPE ALVAREZ.

MIREYA PINA, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

ROSIE OJEDO, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

SAMUEL DUARTE, COMMENTED REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES.

TONYA DIAS, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

YARELI CRUZ-ARREOLA, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

CANDICE JOY CORPUZ, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

RHETT CARTER, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

FRANCESCA CARRILLO-DIAZ, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

ANDREW CARDENAS, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

OSCAR VELASCO, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

KENDELL KLINE, IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN ILAC.

YESENIA BEAS, IN SUPPORT OF JANNET RIOS.

DAISY BASULTO, COMMENTED REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES.

LUPE ALVAREZ (1), SUBMITTED GUADALUPE RESOLUTION AND CITIZEN PETITION.

LUPE ALVAREZ (2), SUBMITTED RESOLUTION PAGE 1.

LUPE ALVAREZ (3), SUBMITTED RESOLUTION PAGE 2.

LUPE ALVAREZ (4), SUBMITTED PETITION.

3. Commissioner disclosure of ex parte communications pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h).

NO COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS COMMENTED ON A PREVIOUS STATEMENT, AND CLARIFIED THAT CANDIDATE BENJAMIN OLMEDO HAS NOT BEEN DISQUALIFIED, THAT FINAL SELECTION REQUIRES A 4/5 VOTE, AND APOLOGIZED FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDING.

4. Commission applicant interviews (Continued from meetings of December 8 and 9).

COMMISSIONER MORRIS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

QUESTION #1 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER KATZ (DISTRICT 1):

- WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION?

QUESTION #2 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK (DISTRICT 2):

- GIVEN THE COMMISSION’S INITIAL FIVE MEMBERS, AND WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUNDS AND SKILL SETS, COULD YOU HIGHLIGHT ELEMENTS OF YOUR PERSONAL BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND KNOWLEDGE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY THAT YOU THINK WILL ADD TO THE OVERALL DIVERSITY OF THE COMMISSION?

QUESTION #3 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER BRADLEY (DISTRICT 3):

- HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE COMMISSION TO DRAW LINES THAT PROMOTE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?”

QUESTION #4 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER GRAY (DISTRICT 4):

- COULD YOU DESCRIBE A PROJECT OR OTHER EXPERIENCE IN WHICH YOU HAD TO COLLABORATE WITH A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO REACH A COMMON GOAL? WHEN YOU DISAGREED WITH OTHERS, HOW DID YOU HANDLE THOSE DISAGREEMENTS?

QUESTION #5 – ASKED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS (DISTRICT 5):

- HOW DO YOU THINK THE COMMISSION SHOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON REDISTRICTING TO HELP ENCOURAGE BROAD PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMISSION’S WORK? WHAT ARE SOME IDEAS YOU HAVE FOR THE COMMISSION TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND METHODS OF PUBLIC OUTREACH TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY?

THE COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEWED APPLICANT KAREN TWIBELL.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

LINDA HONIKMAN, HEARD REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF AGE, RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY, SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY, AND CONCERNS ABOUT KEN MASUDA.

LEE HELLER, HEARD IN SUPPORT OF MS. RIOS, DR. MURTI, MR. HUDLEY, MR. OLMEDO, AND MS. KNUDSON, CONSIDERATION OF MR. ILAC OR MS. RIOS FOR AT-LARGE SEAT, AND CONCERNS ABOUT MR. MASUDA, AND MR. MONTELLO.

MR. MONTELLO, CANDIDATE, HEARD IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ABOUT HIS APPLICATION, POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND COMMENTED ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL.

WILLIAM CONLIN, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICANT DANIEL MONTELLO, AND SUPPORTS DR. LATA MURTI, AND JENNIFER HARDIN FOR THE AT-LARGE SEAT.

LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT, NAACP, HEARD REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND EQUITY, SUPPORTS MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, DR. LATA MURTI, JANNET RIOS, AND JENNIFER HARDIN FOR AT-LARGE SEAT.

NADIA LEE ABUSHANAB, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ACTION NETWORK, HEARD IN OPPOSITION OF APPLICANT DANIEL MONTELLO, RECOMMENDS MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, DR. LATA MURTI, AMANDA OCHOA, JANNET RIOS, JENNIFER HARDIN FOR THE AT-LARGE SEAT, AND COMMENTED THAT DIVERSITY SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS ETHNIC BACKGROUND.

MARC CHYTILO, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT DANIEL MONTELLO, SUPPORTS MS. KNUDSON, MS. TURLEY, MR. HUDLEY, DR. MURTI, MS. RIOS, AND MS. HARDIN, AND MR. ILAC, OR MR. OLMEDO FOR THE AT-LARGE SEAT.

NANCY EMERSON (AUDIO DIFFICULTIES)

SPENCER BRANDT, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT MR. MONTELLO, AND SUPPORTS MS. KNUDSON, AND DR. LATA MURTI.

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the selection of the additional six commissioners.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER GRAY COMMENTED ABOUT THE CHALLENGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.

THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE TABLE PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER GRAY, AND MR. JOHNSON INTRODUCED A SPREADSHEET THAT ALLOWS A REAL TIME SELECTION TALLY.

MR. CHURCHWELL AND MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED ABOUT THINGS TO CONSIDER, AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS COMMENTED THAT FINAL SELECTION IS BASED ON A 4/5 VOTE.

THE COMMISSIONERS PRESENTED THEIR INITIAL SLATES AS FOLLOWS:

COMMISSIONER GRAY: 1-TWIBELL, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI AND HARDIN, 5-RIOS

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: 1-KNUDSON, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI, 5-RIOS, AT-LARGE-ILAC

COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK: 1-KNUDSON, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI, 5-RIOS, AT-LARGE-ILAC

COMMISSIONER KATZ: 1-TWIBELL, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-MURTI, 5-RIOS, AT-LARGE-ILAC

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: 1-TWIBELL, 2-TURLEY, 3-HUDLEY, 4-HARDIN, 5-ILAC, AT-LARGE-MURTI

THE INITIAL SLATE CONSENSUS WAS UNANIMOUS FOR DISTRICT 2, MEGAN TURLEY, AND DISTRICT 3, JAMES HUDLEY.

UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER BRADLEY AND MCCLINTOCK CHANGED THEIR SELECTION FOR DISTRICT 1 FROM CLAUDIA KNUDSON, TO KAREN TWIBELL.

CANDIDATE LATA MURTI APPEARED ON ALL SLATES, AND HAS A 4/5 VOTE FOR DISTRICT 4.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY ENCOURAGED CANDIDATES NOT SELECTED TO STAY INVOLVED AND CONSIDER FUTURE AD-HOC COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES.

MR. JOHNSON AND MR. CHURCHWELL CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN A DISTRICT OR AN AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT, AND ALL POSITIONS ARE EQUAL.

MOTION TO NOMINATE JANNET RIOS AND KEVIN ILAC.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES 1 NO 1 ABSTAIN

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SLATE AND APPOINT KAREN TWIBELL, MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, LATA MURTI, KEVIN ILAC AND JANNET RIOS.

COMMISSIONER BRADLEY EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING LATINX UNDERREPRESENTATION, AND SUGGESTED BENJAMIN OLMEDO BE CONSIDERED.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION TO REPLACE KEVIN ILAC WITH BENJAMIN OLMEDO ON THE FINALIST SELECTION LIST.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES 1 NO

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SLATE AND APPOINT KAREN TWIBELL, MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, BENJAMIN OLMEDO, LATA MURTI, AND JANNET RIOS.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

6. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

MAPPING DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS AND OPTIONS  
LEGAL COUNSEL AND NDC CONTRACT REVIEW  
POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF HARD TO COUNT HTZ ZONES IN ALL DISTRICTS  
(PARTICULARLY FARM AND SERVICE WORKERS IN DISTRICT 3 THROUGH 5 WHO WERE POSSIBLY UNDERCOUNTED)  
TIMELINES, CADENCE OF TRAINING AND DECISION FORECASTS  
CENSUS DATA RELEASE  
BROWN ACT TRAINING, CHAIR/VICE CHAIR SELECTIONS, ORDINANCE REVIEW, BUDGET, OUTREACH AND TIMING DECISIONS (FIRST TWO MEETINGS IN JANUARY 2021)

MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT THE UCSB COMPLETE COUNT REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING A MEETING IN JANUARY.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling future meetings.

SELECTION OF TWO MEETING DATES IN JANUARY 2021

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Interview Schedule (Revised)

Item 04 Interview Questions for Finalists

Item 04 Copy of Finalists' Applications