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**ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY
SUITE B
PALMDALE, CA 93550
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
5:30 PM
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WELCOME

In accordance with the current guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, the Council Chamber is open for in-person public comment and seating. Masks are required to be worn by all persons in attendance. It is recommended that all citizens practice social distancing to the extent possible while in attendance. Commissioners may choose to participate via conference call.

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Webinar attendee link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84902295580?pwd=NWZOU0ErMWVjMHVvdHpYK2ZlVkJpZz09>.

Verbal comments must be limited to three (3) minutes. Public comments submitted will become part of the official meeting record.

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Please refrain from public displays or outbursts, such as unsolicited applause, comments, cheering, foul language or obscenities.

Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the Advisory Redistricting Commission to carry out its meeting will not be permitted and offenders will be asked to leave the meeting.

Please turn off/mute your cell phones and mobile devices.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS ANDRE, BUTLER, COULSON, HARRIS, ORTEGA, REILY,
REINA, THEDFORD, THORNTON

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Now is the time for public participation for any person wishing to speak to the Advisory Redistricting Commission on matters listed or not listed on the agenda, within the jurisdiction of the Commission. If you are attending the meeting by phone, please press *9 to "raise your hand." If attending by personal computer, please click the "raise your hand" button. Press *6 to un-mute yourself, state your name and begin speaking.

PLEASE NOTE: A three-minute limit is imposed on each speaker.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5.1 Approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on November 9, 2021. (Staff Reference: City Clerk Smith)
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6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Presentation of the redistricting process and update and analysis of draft maps submitted by the public.

7. **ADJOURN** meeting to January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber located at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, California.

**MINUTES
ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY, SUITE B
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reina called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Suzann Reina, Antonio Ortega, Shameka Andre, Rochelle Butler, Patrick Coulson, Avrum Harris, Phyliss Reily, Engel Thedford.

ABSENT: Bennie Thornton.

Motion: Excuse absence of Bennie Thornton.

Moved by Avrum Harris, seconded by Antonio Ortega.

Vote: Motion carried (8-0)

Yes: Suzann Reina, Antonio Ortega, Shameka Andre, Rochelle Butler, Patrick Coulson, Avrum Harris, Phyliss Reily, Engel Thedford.

Absent: Bennie Thornton.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1) Approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021, Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting. (Staff Reference: City Clerk Smith)

Motion: Approve minutes for the meeting held on September 14, 2021.

Moved by Avrum Harris, seconded by Shameka Andre.

Vote: Motion carried (8-0)

Yes: Suzann Reina, Antonio Ortega, Shameka Andre, Rochelle Butler, Patrick Coulson, Avrum Harris, Phyliss Reily, Engel Thedford.

Absent: Bennie Thornton.

6) WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

6.1) Presentation by National Demographics Corporation regarding public map submissions received to date.

Kristen Parks, representative of National Demographics Corporation, described the three (3) public maps received from the following individuals: O'Sullivan, Zink, and Martinez. Ms. Parks announced NDC will process paper maps, digitize them to follow census block boundaries, and post them to the interactive review map. She also reported that all community workshops and two public hearing meetings have been completed and that on December 14th, NDC would be presenting draft maps created by the public, as well as NDC. Discussion ensued regarding the presentation and the three (3) public draft maps submitted. Commissioners Ortega, Reily, Harris, and Thedford posed questions regarding district lines and the online mapping tool.

7) DISCUSSION

7.1) Demonstration and discussion of new mapping tool and drawing of draft maps.

Kristen Parks from National Demographics Corporation ("NDC") demonstrated and provided instruction on the new mapping tool found on drawpalmdale.org.

Commissioners Ortega and Thedford asked questions regarding NDC's presentation, and whether there is a way to avoid the account creation to submit a map. Discussion ensued regarding whether the site is compatible with mobile devices, and whether NDC can resolve issues that could possibly go wrong with the application.

Following discussion, Ms. Parks clarified that individuals accessing the system are required to create an account for maps not to be modified or manipulated by someone else, and that the template can only be edited by NDC. Ms. Parks stated that she would research the numbers being skewed when creating draft maps.

Commissioner Ortega questioned if the maps needed to be named Palmdale in order to populate when conducting a search. Ms. Parks replied when Palmdale draft maps are searched, the map needs to have Palmdale in the title. Commissioner Ortega. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Thedford asked if individuals could collaborate on a map by sharing it with others and if they can choose with whom to share it with in order to collaborate on a map. Ms. Parks responded there is a way to collaborate on a map and offered another option which will not allow edits on original map but to duplicate the map and use it as the baseline.

8) ADJOURN

Chair Reina adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Motion: Adjourn meeting.

Moved by Avrum Harris, seconded by Antonio Ortega.

Vote: Motion carried (8-0)

Yes: Suzann Reina, Antonio Ortega, Shameka Andre, Rochelle Butler, Patrick Coulson, Avrum Harris, Phyliss Reily, Engel Thedford.

Absent: Bennie Thornton.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December 2021.

Suzann Reina, Chair

ATTEST:

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk