



Councilmanic Redistricting Commission 2021

Members

Donna Hill Staton, Chair
McNeal Brown
Everlene Cunningham
Mahesh S. Kukata
David Marker
Chris Oxenham
Ray Serrano

Cynthia Fikes, Alternate
Lili Shippe, Alternate

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Minutes

Work Session #5

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Hybrid – In Person and Virtually via WebEx

Commissioners Attending in Person: Donna Hill Staton, Chair, McNeal Brown, Everlene Cunningham, Mahesh S. Kukata, Chris Oxenham, and Ray Serrano

Commissioners Attending Virtually: David Marker and Cynthia Fikes (Alternate)

Commissioners Absent: Lilli Shippe (Alternate)

Staff Attending: Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Lynne Rosen, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Rob Slivinsky, GIS Manager

Ms. Staton opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

The Commissioners approved with specified changes the minutes of the Public Hearing and Work Session on November 2, 2021.

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Serrano introduced Map F and responded to questions from Commission members regarding its details. Following the discussion, Mr. Marker was asked to review Map E which had been presented at the November 2nd meeting.

In the ensuing discussion, the Commission debated the merits of the various maps, focusing on elements such as: the number of persons impacted; physical boundaries; the percent deviation from census ideal population for each district; and, the manner in which particular maps address concerns raised by the public regarding community preferences. No objections were made that any map failed to meet the threshold requirements that it must be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population. At the conclusion of the debate, the Commission narrowed the maps to be put up for a vote to Maps A, E, and F.

The Commissioners voted as follows:



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For Map E: Ms. Staton, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cunningham, and Mr. Marker

For Map F: Mr. Kukata, Mr. Oxenham, and Mr. Serrano

For Map A: None of the Commissioners voted for Map A.

Ms. Staton thanked the Commissioners for their time and effort.

Ms. Staton reviewed remaining steps in the redistricting process, beginning with the submission of a report of the Commission's decision on November 22nd. The County Council is not bound by the Commission's recommendation and can adopt any of the proposed maps or adopt an entirely different map. However, if the Council does not act the Commission's map becomes law on January 17, 2022. The Council is required to have a public hearing.

Mr. Wimberly reviewed the process for Commission approval of the Minutes for today's meeting via email because today is the last scheduled meeting of the Commission.

Ms. Staton adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.