



Legal Action Report and Minutes

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2022
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
255 W. Alameda Street
Mayor and Council Chambers, 1st floor
Tucson, Arizona

1. Roll Call

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Appointor:</u>
Patrick Robles	Ward 1
Jenifer Darland	Ward 2
Bobby Jaramillo	Ward 5
Mark Crum	Ward 6

<u>Absent:</u>	
Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Ed Hendel	Ward 3
Alexus Kaiulani Dudoit	Ward 4

Staff Present:
Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk
Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office
Jesus Acedo, City Clerk's Office
Randy Hammel, City Clerk's Office
Randy Jones, City Clerk's Office
Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Peter Johnson, Information Technology
Cait Boyer, Information Technology
Laura Sharp, Information Technology

2. Introduction of Members and Staff

Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, introduced herself and staff in attendance from the City Clerk’s Office, and the City Attorney’s Office.

3. Open Meeting Law Highlights

Information and presentation was provided by Yolanda Lozano, Chief Deputy City Clerk, regarding key points of the Arizona Open Meeting Law.

4. Overview of Committee’s Responsibilities

Information and presentation was provided by Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, regarding the roles and responsibilities of the RAC. She explained the population information the RAC would need to consider as it formulates its recommendation.

5. Election of Officers

It was moved by Committee Member Crum, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Committee Members Alvarez, Hendel and Dudoit absent) to postpone the election of officers to the next meeting.

6. Discussion of Redistricting Timelines

Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, reviewed the timelines for the Committee. She said a written recommendation from the RAC was due to Mayor and Council by November 30, 2022. She noted that at least one public hearing on the RAC’s recommendation would need to take place prior to making final recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

7. Review of Base Map and Discussion of Options

Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, provided a description of the components of the base map, the corresponding population and demographic data, and calculation of the Maximum Population Deviation (MPD). She also explained the precincts that were split between Wards, and the efforts to minimize or eliminate such splits, as shown on a proposed map offered for consideration.

8. Meeting Schedule for Future Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding members’ availability to meet the following week.

An apparent consensus was reached that the next meeting of the RAC would be Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., and that subsequent meetings would be held on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

9. Future Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the next meeting agenda:

- Election of Officers
- Discussion of Potential Redistricting Proposal(s)
- Call to the Audience

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.