

Legal Action Report

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE:	Thursday, November 17, 2022
TIME:	5:30 p.m.
LOCATION:	City Hall
	255 W. Alameda Street
	Mayor and Council Chambers, 1 st floor
	Tucson, Arizona

1. Roll Call

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Mark Crum.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Appointor:
Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent: None

Staff Present: Suzanne Mesich, 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 Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office Angelica Cota, City Clerk's Office Rene Figueroa, City Clerk's Office Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

2. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2022

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2022.

3. Public Hearing on Redistricting Proposal(s)

Information was provided by Chair Crum on the history, purpose, and objectives of redistricting. He provided a summary of proposals 2-a and 2-b and the protocol for speakers.

Comments were made by Jonathan Savatierra, Pedro Gonzales, Colette Altaffer, Katherine Weasel, Angie Quiroz, Patrick McKenna, Trish Muir, Ernie Lujan, Miguel Ortega, Glenda Avalos, Betsy Larson, Nikki Brown, Brian Flagg, Cesar Aguirre, Alexandro Salomon Escamilla, Cecilia Cruz Baldenegro, Salomon Baldenegro, Grace Soto, and Diana Lett.

4. Discussion of Redistricting Proposal(s)

Discussion ensued on Proposals #2-a and #2-b, considerations related to the public comments, and the constraints posed by the current timeframe for the RAC to complete its work.

It was moved by Committee Member Hendel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to eliminate #2-b as an option and that Precinct 37 be excluded from redistricting consideration.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and discussion ensued related to retaining Precinct 47 and Precinct 244 in Ward 5, and moving Precinct 45 from Ward 6 to Ward 5. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, to create Proposal #2-c, that leaves Precinct 37 in Ward 1, leaves Precincts 47 and 244 in Ward 5, splits Precinct 45 moving the western portion to Ward 1, splits Precinct 275 moving the portion north of Hermans Road to Ward 5 and retains the move of Precinct 11 to Ward 5 as reflected in Proposal #2-a.

Committee Member Hendel clarified that, compared to the Base Map, this new Proposal #2-c moves Precinct 11 from Ward 4 to Ward 5, splits Precinct 275 between Ward 4 and Ward 5, and splits Precinct 45 between Ward 1 and Ward 6.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 2 (Committee Members Robles and Darland dissenting).

5. Discussion of Recommendation to Mayor and Council

Discussion ensued about the timeframe to provide a proposal to the Mayor and Council and that the final proposal be accompanied by recommendations for long term community engagement in advance of the next redistricting.

It was moved by Committee Member Hendel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to inform the public in advance of the Public Hearing on November 29, 2022, that the only maps currently being considered are #2-a and #2-c.

6. Future Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the next meeting agenda:

- Public hearing at November 29, 2022 meeting
- Post-hearing review of Proposals #2-a and #2-c
- Recommendation of Proposal(s) to Mayor and Council

7. Next Meeting Date(s)/Time(s)

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.