

# **Legal Action Report and Minutes**

# City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: Thursday, November 3, 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 5:35 p.m. by Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:Appointor:Maribel AlvarezMayorPatrick RoblesWard 1Ed HendelWard 3Bobby JaramilloWard 5Mark Crum, ChairWard 6

Absent:

Jenifer Darland Ward 2 Alexus Kaiulani Dudoit Ward 4

#### 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

Randy Jones, City Clerk's Office

Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney

Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

### 2. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2022 and October 26, 2022

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Committee Members Dudoit and Garland Absent), to approve the Minutes from the meetings of October 20, 2022 and October 26, 2022.

#### 3. Public Hearing on Redistricting Proposal(s)

It was moved by Committee Member Hendel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Committee Members Dudoit and Garland Absent), to keep the public hearing open for continuance at a future meeting.

Information was provided by Chair Crum on the history and purpose of redistricting, the responsibilities of the committee, and the respective timeframe. He thanked the public for the submission of comments and those who were present at the meeting.

Comments were made by Debra Zelnio, Maass, Mike Weingarten, Meredith Aronson, Katherine Weasel, Kristina Scholz, Betsy Larson, John Burr, Chris Gans, David Bachman-Williams, Mary DeCamp, Martha McClements, Matthew Ostermeyer and Bonnie Poulos.

#### 4. Discussion of Potential Redistricting Proposal(s)

Information was provided on and discussion ensued on proposals 1, 2 and 3, and possible alternatives to these, taking into consideration comments received from the public and the legal requirements.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Committee Members Dudoit and Garland absent), to amend Proposal 2, with the least precinct movement possible to meet the target Maximum Population Deviation (MPD).

It was moved by Committee Member Robles, duly seconded, to create a map with a third minority-majority ward, for the Committee's review, and to help guide future conversations around redistricting.

Committee Member Hendel offered a friendly amendment to the motion, accepted by the motion-maker, that this map's MPD can exceed 10%. The motion, as amended, was carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Committee Members Dudoit and Garland absent).

It was moved by Committee Member Robles, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Committee Members Dudoit and Garland absent), that future meetings be live streamed.

### 5. Future Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the next meeting agenda:

- Consideration of amended Proposal 2 redistricting map
- Review of proposed redistricting map, if available, that creates a third minority-majority Ward.
- Add Call to the Audience

#### 6. Next Meeting Date/Time

Discussion ensued about the next meeting and future meeting dates.

A consensus was reached that the next meeting of the RAC would be Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

It was moved by Committee Member Hendel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Committee Members Dudoit and Garland absent) to continue the public hearing to the Thursday, November 17, 2022 meeting.

An apparent consensus was reached, to schedule a meeting for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 and for staff to communicate with the members to ascertain their availability for this or a date between Monday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

## 7. Adjournment

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Committee Member Dudoit and Garland absent) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.