



Legal Action Report

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 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 5:40 p.m. by Chair Mark Crum.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Appointor:</u>
Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Patrick Robles	Ward 1
Jenifer Darland	Ward 2
Ed Hendel	Ward 3
Bobby Jaramillo	Ward 5
Mark Crum, Chair	Ward 6

<u>Absent:</u>	
Jon Aitken	Ward 4

Staff Present:
Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office
Randy Hammel, City Clerk's Office
Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

2. Continued Discussion and Recommendation of Redistricting Option(s) for Mayor and Council Consideration

Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, reviewed the draft Recommendation prepared for the Committee's consideration.

Discussion ensued related to the inclusion of additional language in the Committee's Recommendation to Mayor and Council.

The Committee agreed to add the following additional language in Section III of the Recommendation:

“The purpose of this task force is to act as a study group that could help facilitate inclusiveness, transparency, common definitions and clarified values. To facilitate broad participation by holding meetings in each Ward with a meaningful approach to participation in precincts of specific or historical significance relative to previous redistricting efforts.”

The Committee agreed to add the following additional language as a stand-alone paragraph at the end of Section III of the Recommendation:

“This Committee recognizes that the population of the city will continue to grow and the establishment of one or two more Wards may be in the best interests of the City.”

The Committee agreed to the following additional language in Section IV of the Recommendation:

“The Committee feels Tucson has the opportunity for some very innovative imagining of how redistricting is approached in the future.

It was moved by Committee Member Robles, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Committee Member Aitken absent), to approve and officially recommend the Report and Recommendation to Mayor and Council.

3. Next Steps

Discussion ensued about the Committee's Report and Recommendation being considered by Mayor and Council at their afternoon Study Session and evening Public Hearing, both scheduled for December 6, 2022. Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, said she anticipated the Ordinance approving the redistricting would be scheduled for the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on December 20, 2022, with the changes taking effect on January 1, 2023. Discussion ensued regarding the parameters of allowable participation by Redistricting Advisory Committee members during those meetings.

4. Adjournment

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Committee Member Aitken absent), to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.