



## Legal Action Report

### City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: **Wednesday, August 28, 2024**  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall  
255 W. Alameda Street  
Mayor and Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Tucson, Arizona

#### 1. Roll Call

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Appointor:</u>
Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Vanessa Gallego	Ward 1
Tre'Davon Rhodes	Ward 2
Ed Hendel	Ward 3
John Aitken	Ward 4
Robert Jaramillo	Ward 5
Raquel Abel	Ward 6

Absent:  
None

Staff Present:  
Yolanda Lozano, Chief Deputy City Clerk  
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk  
Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office  
Jesus Acedo, City Clerk's Office  
Danny Garcia, 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. Introduction of Members and Staff**

Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office, introduced herself and invited staff in attendance from the City Clerk's Office and the City Attorney's Office to also introduce themselves.

## **3. Open Meeting Law Highlights**

Information and presentation were provided by Danny Garcia, City Clerk's Office, regarding key points of the Arizona Open Meeting Law.

## **4. Overview of Committee's Responsibilities, Legal Requirements, and Policy Objectives**

Information was provided by Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney, regarding the roles and responsibilities of the RAC. Mr. McLaughlin explained the legal requirements for redistricting as outlined by the United States Constitution, the Tucson City Charter, and the Tucson City Code. He stated that per the current Maximum Population Deviation (MPD), of 2.9%, redistricting was not required, but with it being a potential redistricting year, the Committee would still meet to review the MPD and demographic data to formulate a report to the Mayor and Council relating to any comments or recommendations they might have about that data and the redistricting process.

Discussion ensued; Mr. McLaughlin fielded and answered questions from the Committee.

## **5. Discussion of Redistricting Timelines**

Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office, reviewed the timelines for the Committee. She explained the Committee's written recommendation was due by November 30, 2024. However, to allow Mayor and Council the opportunity to provide feedback on potential revisions to the recommendation, the Committee may wish to provide it by October 30, 2024.

## **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 Monday, September 9, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., to include discussions on subsequent meeting dates.

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the next meeting agenda:

- Election of Officers
- Schedule for Future Meetings
- Call to the Audience
- Discussion of Requested Information Regarding:
  - o Total Minority Population that is Voting Age for the City and each Ward

- Adopted Ordinance for 2020 Redistricting
- Past Memorandums Regarding Rough Proportionality

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.