



Legal Action Report

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: **Monday, September 23, 2024**
TIME: 5:00 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 5:02 p.m. by Chair Ed Hendel.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Appointor:</u>
Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Vanessa Gallego	Ward 1
Ed Hendel, Chair	Ward 3
Robert Jaramillo	Ward 5
Raquel Abel	Ward 6

<u>Absent:</u>	
Tre'Davon Rhodes, Vice Chair	Ward 2
Jon Aitken	Ward 4

Staff Present:
Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk
Jesus Acedo, City Clerk's Office
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

2. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2004 and September 9, 2024

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Vice Chair Rhodes and Committee Member Aitken absent), to approve the Minutes from the meetings of August 28, 2024, and September 9, 2024.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Consideration and Discussion regarding the History of Redistricting, Demographic and Population Data, and the Process and Related Information for Formulating RAC's Recommendation to Mayor and Council

Information and presentation were provided by Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office, on the history of Redistricting as it pertains to the City of Tucson.

Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney, added three points in regards to the presentation:

1. When the City had quadrennial Redistricting, the City maintained the voter registry rather than the county,
2. In the 1960s, the use of registered voters as opposed to total population began being challenged,
3. At this same time (1960's) the concept of Maximum Population Density (MPD) was established.

Discussion ensued regarding demographic and population data and the process for formulating the RAC's recommendation to Mayor and Council.

Chair Hendel stated that the recommendation to Mayor and Council will not include any maps for redistricting but will include recommendations regarding the process and timelines for 2028.

Committee Member Alvarez asked for clarification from the 2020 RAC proposal. Chair Hendel stated that there were two options, Option A and Option B, presented to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council chose one option but received protests at the public hearing and Mayor and Council then chose the other option.

Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk, stated that was possibly correct, but would provide supporting material to the RAC.

Chair Hendel advocated for community education and listening sessions in which the public can engage the Mayor and Council and be part of the process.

Discussion ensued; additional comments and questions were made by Committee members Alvarez, Gallego, Jaramillo, and Abel.

No formal action was taken.

5. Future Agenda Items

The following agenda items were identified for the Study Session to be held on September 30, 2024:

- Call to the Audience
- Draft recommendation letter to Mayor and Council

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.