

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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MEETING Minutes

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Commission Business Meeting - Friday, May 5th, 2017

Meeting Location:

915 L Street, Cedar Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone and/or Video Conferencing

Public Assembly Locations:

- (1) City Hall, City of Santa Paula, 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060
- (2) 625 The City Drive South, Suite 305, Orange, CA 92868
- (3) Neighborhood House Association Corporate Headquarters, 5660 Copley Drive, San Diego, CA 92111
- (4) 308 Cherry Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010
- (5) Alexander Hughes Community Center
1700 Danbury Road, Claremont, CA 91711
- (6) The James Irvine Foundation, One Bush Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94104

Introduction

Roll Call

Blanco, DiGuilio, Malloy, Parvenu – Absent

Finance and Administration Discussion Topics

1. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - a) 7/27/2016 – Not approved, pending motion language
2. Chair's Report –
 - a) Report on IAG Site Visit
3. Staff Update
 - a) Budget – YTD Expenditures
 - b) FY17/18 Budget
 - c) FY18/19 Budget timeline – selection process, invite someone from the AG's office to next meeting. OTECH – web support.

Public Comment – Alice Smith from Palo Alto, Chair of the National Voter Core, Active member of the League of Women Voters, appalled that the commission does not get its bills paid in a timely manner. Willing to call representatives to address our operation.

Commissioner Comment - Interview with IAG asked how to break the commission – transparency saved the process. Vetting process for Commissioners really worked, and the level of transparency.

4. Innovations in American Government
 - a) Grant Application Status – Final Presentation will be in Cambridge, MA. Travel expenses will be paid for by the Ash Center. No use of public funds.
 - b) Public Comment - None

Legal Advisory Discussion Topics 10:35am

1. **CLOSED SESSION**
2. Closed Session over at 10:37am
3. Report from Closed Session from Marian Johnston – Pending litigation was discussed, no action was taken.

Public Comment – none

4. Angelo Ancheta met with Karin MacDonald, discussed AB 420 and prisoner population and concerns. Karin will put data into database. Corrective legislation

may be needed to address issues around coverage. AB 420 doesn't cover federal prisoners or local jails. Any legislation affecting commission needs to be addressed prior to 9, 0, or 1 ending years.

The Commission will prepare a letter for the elections committee regarding AB 420.

5. US Census asking for hundreds of millions of dollars for new test case for census data collection. The US Census budget has been increased slightly. It needs to move more online for data collection. A new system needs a lot of testing before that can occur, the US Census may not have enough time/money to do it.

Technical Advisory Topics

As part of the required website transition, CRC will need to move archive videos to YouTube.

Public Information Discussion Topics

1. Articles written/responded to

Stan Forbes – spoke to a church in Sacramento about independent redistricting.

Public Comment – Alice Smith: National Voter Core is very interested in voting rights. Public meeting with Stanford's Professor Fodor expert in SCOTUS on racial and political gerrymandering. She invited Commissioners to attend a meeting sometime in the next month. Would be very interested in having a Commissioner attend.

New Business

The Commission has been invited to file an amicus brief in Gill v Whitford (Wisconsin). Citizens challenged maps drawn that were the result of political gerrymander. Pro Bono law firm would right the brief.

Subcommittee to look into this will consist of Jodie Filkins Weber and Maria Blanco per Chair and Vice Chair.

Subcommittee will recommend whether or not the Commission should move forward with involvement – Stan and Jeanne.

Public Comment - Alice Smith: University of Chicago's professor came up with a methodology of non-partisan redistricting. She is very happy the Commission is looking into it.

New Business Continued:

Personnel – “Senior Operations Manager” title is limiting Christina’s effectiveness in dealing with other agencies, inside and outside the state. Budgetary impact is undetermined. Policy influence is not accurately reflected in her title. The Chair and Vice Chair will review title in relation to similar roles and make a recommendation.

As part of a website transition, CRC videos will need to be moved to YouTube for hosting. This is in line with other agencies. The Commission does not have budget or staff resources for this project.

Public Comment – Alice Smith: Will write a letter to the Sacramento Bee in support of the Commission’s budget.

Meeting Adjourned 11:07am.

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