

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

"Fair Representation—Democracy At Work!"



Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2017

10:00AM – 3PM

915 L Street, Oak Room

Meeting Location:

Cedar Room

915 L Street, 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) 400 E Main St, Stockton CA 95202
- (3) 308 Cherry Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010
- (4) Neighborhood House Association Corporate Headquarters, 5660 Copley Drive, San Diego, CA 92111
- (5) Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, Claremont, CA 91711
- (6) Law Office of Jodie P. Filkins, A P.C., 625 The City Drive South, Suite 305, Orange, CA 92868
- (7) The James Irvine Foundation, One Bush Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94104

Call To Order: 10:02AM

Staff Present:

Christina Shupe, Senior Operations Manager

Marian Johnston, Chief Counsel

Joseph Alameida, Budget RA

Commissioner Roll Call:

Present –

Angelo Ancheta

Vincent Barabba

Cynthia Dai

Michelle DiGuilio

Stanley Forbes

Lilbert Ontai

Peter Yao

Jodie Filkins Weber

Jeanne Raya

Michael Ward

Absent –

Gabino Aguirre

Maria Blanco

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Connie Malloy
Andre Parvenu

Finance and Administration:

Meeting Minutes

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Chair's Report

Stan Forbes summarized the CRC Ash Center IAG Presentation in Cambridge, MA and thanked Gil Ontai for nominating the Commission for the Award.

Public Comment: James Wright congratulated the Commission on winning the Ash Center IAG Grant.

Update Approve Staff Job Descriptions:

Public Comment: Chris Wagaman, Legislative Staff – How will the Commission hire interns without suitable office space?

After discussion and public comment, the Commission voted to approve both job descriptions as presented.

Motion: V. Barabba – Move to accept the Intern and Budget Officer job descriptions.

2nd

Roll Call Vote:

Aye –

Angelo Ancheta
Vincent Barabba
Cynthia Dai
Michelle DiGuilio
Stanley Forbes
Lilbert Ontai
Peter Yao
Jodie Filkins Weber
Jeanne Raya
Michael Ward

No –

N/A

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Motion Passes

Staff Report:

The Operations Manager presented a FY 17/18 budget with an anticipated shortfall due to legal costs and increased interagency agreement costs for mission critical services. Additionally, the Secretary of State (SOS) has notified the Commission they will no longer be able to host the Commission's website. The budget anticipates a shortfall for the cost to have the California Technology Agency (CTA) transfer the website to a standardized and supported platform. SOS has offered to assist CRC staff with the transition to CTA and with the subsequent augmentation request for this item. The Ash Center Grant is excluded from CRC's operating budget as it is subject to a proposal, use restrictions, and final approval.

Innovations in American Government Award

Discussion - Bagley Keene will apply to CRC's grant activities. Stan Forbes and Jeanne Raya will serve as a sub-committee to gather information about the grant proposal process and encourage input. The rest of the Commission will send one way communication to the sub-committee. Once a draft proposal has tentative approval from the Ash Center, it will be submitted at a meeting for full Commission discussion and final changes.

The sub-committee will request an application from the Ash Center that can be posted in accordance with the Commission's transparency policies. Stan and Jeanne will report back to the Commission on required deliverables and possible grant activities once they have that information from the Ash Center.

Grant Activities Planning Session –

Ideas Presented: Consider partnering with 3rd party with Common Cause or League of Women Voters in states where they have a presence. Film a TedX talk. Attend or host conferences in states that do not have an independent commission, but do have an initiative process. Partner with Harvard Clubs for outreach. Court case in Texas, racial gerrymander case. Possible concept for conference – Robert Reich, board member for Common Cause – Keynote speaker, Panel Discussion (CRC Commissioner, CC, LWWV), Breakout sessions to include "How To" classes. Consider the role of statisticians in redistricting. Create an educational video by partnering with ATTN; partner with former Governor Schwarzenegger and the Schwarzenegger Institute at USC.

After discussion the Commission agreed they will not schedule appearances until they agree on a defined message.

Public Comment: Dan Vicuna, Common Cause - Common Cause has 20 staffed organizations, and 10 additional volunteer organizations available to partner with.

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Legal Advisory Discussion Topics:

Gill v. Whitford – Discussion and public comment on whether or not the Commission should file a non-partisan, rules based amicus brief.

Motion – Stan Forbes: The Commission will proceed with an amicus brief Gill v. Whitford, subject to final Commission approval.

2nd – Michelle DiGuilio

Roll Call Vote:

Aye –

Angelo Ancheta

Vincent Barabba

Cynthia Dai

Michelle DiGuilio

Stanley Forbes

Lilbert Ontai

Peter Yao

Jodie Filkins Weber

Jeanne Raya

Michael Ward

No –

N/A

Motion Passes

Public Comment: Ken Waldon, resident of North Carolina, is impressed with the Commission's bi-partisan co-operation.

Connerly v. State of California and DeWitt v. Secretary of State/Citizens Redistricting Commission – No current activity in either of these cases.

Public Comment

The Commission reviewed its Communication policy. There is an active document Commissioners can update with their public engagement activities. Responses on behalf of the Commission should go out to the Commission for comment prior to sending.

Michelle DiGuilio participated in a 538 podcast interview.

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Stan Forbes was interviewed by The New York Times' San Francisco bureau chief.

Public Comment: Chris Wagaman, Legislative Staff – CRC correspondence should be posted on the website.

New Business:

CRC Outreach ideas –

Make a video for the application process. Draft language to allow Commission to raise money. Possibly create an independent foundation for raising funds for outreach.

Next Meeting: Place item on agenda for Outreach role for 2020 redistricting Commission, invite public suggestions and presentations.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:35AM