



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
(SPECIAL MEETING)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**  
Via Teleconference

Redistricting Commissioners: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Daniel Chesmore (Alternate), Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh (Alternate) Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 4:09 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners absent: Paul Marshall (Arrived after roll call), Tracy Richmond McKnight

Alternate Commissioners present: Daniel Chesmore

Alternate Commissioners excused: Bharat Singh

City staff present: Corey Alvin, Felicia Verdin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell seconded by Commissioner Stevens to move agenda Item No. 2 Open Forum to after Item No. 5. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

**2. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners**

Commissioner Achtenberg disclosed that he received from a community-based organization and the Alameda Labor Council regarding opinions about the draft maps and other expressed suggestions. Commissioner Achtenberg mentioned he did not respond except to let them know he would share their comments with the Commission.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Ralph Kanz

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Eden Silva  
David Peters  
Kate  
Iris Merriouns

**3. Resolution to Continue Teleconferencing Meetings**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers

Iris Merriouns  
Roger Davies  
Carla Guerra

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Gee to continue teleconferencing Redistricting Commission meetings. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

**4. Public Testimony and Commissioner Proposals Regarding Final Maps Draft F3**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Carla Guerra  
Stuart Fleishman  
Liz Zuk  
Jose Resuleo  
Roger Davies  
Sheryl Walton  
Leeane Alameda  
Kate  
Margie Lewis  
Sylvia  
Eden Silva  
Penny Righthand  
Leanna Molina  
B Boyer  
Josie Camacho  
Matt Davies  
Allan Brill  
Peter Welch  
D6 Resident  
Kenneth Tang  
James Chiong

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Graham Donavan  
Deleign Thompson  
Kate  
Valeriew  
Lisa Ray  
RJ Dyer  
Oscar Yassin  
Mary Vail  
Rickesha (Eastmount Neighborhood District)  
Art Clark  
Jean Quan  
Floyd Yuen  
Melody Davis  
Damian Scott

Commissioner McKnight entered the meeting after Item 4 began.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goode and seconded by Commissioner Miller to extend the meeting until 11:00 pm. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

Commissioner McKnight exited the meeting during live mapping.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to extend the meeting until midnight. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Janet  
Austin Tam  
Matt Hummel  
Elba Moralas  
Liz Zuk  
Jose Resuleo  
Paulette Johnson  
Roger Davies  
Keisha Henderson  
Cheryl Fabio  
Floyd Huen  
Oscar Yassin  
Evelyn

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Alex  
RJ Dyer  
D6 Resident  
Bobbie Lopez  
Cloe Leduc  
Rockridge Community Planning Council  
Kate  
Iris Merriouns  
Harlo Pippenger  
Elizabeth Stage  
Mary  
Riesa Jaffe  
Lisa Z  
Joelle Crepsac  
B Boyer  
Tony Collins  
James Chiong  
Mrs. West  
Arianna Casonova  
Kate S  
Otto  
Clarissa Doutherd  
Jasmine Avina  
Sheryl Walton  
Gwen Knighton  
Doug Blackshear

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Gee to extend the meeting until 12:30 am. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasco and seconded by Commissioner Miller to extend the meeting until 1 am. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

A motion was made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Shah to extend the meeting until 1:30 am. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco).

A motion was made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Shah to approve the changes to Draft Map F4 creating Draft Map F5 that is currently presented and that will include the Coliseum in District 6 and not District 7. The motion passed

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with 9 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and 3 noes (Blackwell, Crowell, Gangas)

**5. Open Forum**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Joelle Crepsac  
Mrs. West  
Doug Blackshear  
Oscar Yassin  
Cheryl Walton  
Lisa Z  
Riesa Jaffe  
Liz Zuk  
Cheryl Fabio  
D6 resident  
Cloe Leduc  
Kate  
Iris Merrioums  
Gwen Knighton  
MV Watson

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 am.