

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THE INDEPENDENT
DISTRICTING COMMISSION**

October 17, 2013

The meeting of the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Nuesca at the Church of the Resurrection, 1445 Conway Drive, Escondido, California.

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Nuesca, Commissioner Cruz, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Flores, Vice-Chairperson Valdez, and Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Carey (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Diane Halverson, City Clerk; Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk; Eva Heter, Assistant City Clerk; Megan Grimm, City Clerk Staff; and Livier Valenzuela, Interpretation Services.

Workshop by Q2 – Workshop by Expert Consultant, Q2, regarding districting process and public input.

Chairperson Nuesca provided an overview of protocol for the meeting.

Karin MacDonald and Jamie Clark, Q2 Data & Research, LLC, provided the presentation. (Presentation available at City Clerk's Office.)

Commissioner Carey entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Chairperson Nuesca recessed the meeting at 6:49 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the maps with the public.

Public Hearing – Public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines; Public input regarding their Community of Interest (COI).

Jim Ahler, Escondido, Member of the Escondido Community Country Club Homeowners Association, noted that when Escondido Country Club was threatened by an outside developer over 9,000 votes were collected by volunteers from the area for an initiative that was provided to City Council and then passed. He stated that his community of interest (COI) dealt with the most northern boundary of Escondido, down Highway 78 from north to south, and from the westerly boundary of Escondido to Ash Avenue. He stated that the first COI had to do with the National Little League, which had Escondido High School as its central

point, which included Rock Springs Elementary and Rincon Middle School. The area was comprised of modest middle class homes, restaurants, and grocery stores. (Provided map to staff)

Don Greene, Escondido, president of the Coalition of Escondido Mobile Home Voters, noted that his focus was on the mobile home parks in the east and west areas of the City. He asked that the districts take into consideration the six (6) mobile home parks in east part of the City and the seven (7) mobile home parks in the west side of the City. (Provided map to staff)

Luis Romero, Escondido, Country Club, noted that his community of interest was the Country Club area of which the western boundary was the City of San Marcos, eastern boundary being the City limits, and southern boundary being El Norte Parkway as well as a small area off North Broadway and Interstate 15. He stated that his neighborhood was comprised of working class and retired middle class residents.

Laurie Resendiz, Escondido, noted she lived off of El Norte Parkway on the east side of Escondido. She stated that her entire family lived on the east side of Escondido with her parents originating from Mexico. She stated that the area was family oriented due to the number of schools, residences, stores, restaurants, and mobile home parks. She felt the east side of Escondido was being neglected and asked that this area be kept together as one district.

Jose Castro, Escondido, noted that he had drawn maps that he felt would preserve open space and be fair to the citizens. He noted that the maps were developed out of talking to the community. He indicated that everyone wanted equal and fair representation and a voice to be heard. (Provided maps to staff)

Deloris McQuiston, Escondido, stated that her COI started at East Valley Parkway and Ash to Grand Avenue, east on Grand Avenue to Bear Valley Parkway and Citrus, across Citrus to East Valley Parkway and Valley Parkway to El Norte Parkway, down El Norte Parkway to Washington and west from Washington back to Ash. She noted that this area included six mobile home parks. She also stated that the area had stores, mobile home parks, medical services, and grocery stores and was very diverse.

Patricia Borchmann, Escondido, noted that her neighborhood was near Rock Springs, which included multi-family apartments and condominiums with a mixture of income groups. She felt these neighborhoods were underserved and deserved more funding. She felt having a voting support base would help the population in the subject areas.

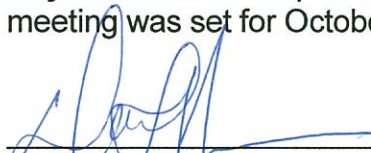
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Robroy Fawcett, Escondido, stated that he wanted to discuss the protected class

who this process was about. He stated that the statute in codes mentioned Spanish Heritage as a language minority group, noting it did not mention Hispanic, Latino, nation of origin, or ethnicity. He referenced California Election Code 14026 and the Federal Voting Rights Act, and 1970 census data. He noted that the Register of Voters had a list of all the voters registered in the City but did not include non-registered voters. He also stated that the 2010 census data did have a question on citizenship, noting that the margin of error had to be taken into consideration.

Diana Bailon, ALCU, noted that they were holding office hours on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the 260 South Orange Street, Escondido, to answer questions about districting.

Adjournment: Chairperson Nuesca adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting was set for October 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Mission Middle School.



Chairman Nuesca



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk