

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Eric Rodriguez, Mayor  
Rick Bonilla, Deputy Mayor  
Diane Papan  
Amourance Lee  
Joe Goethals

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

City Hall  
330 W. 20th Avenue  
San Mateo CA 94403  
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**Monday, September 30, 2021**  
**Remote 6:00 PM**  
**Special Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER** This meeting is being held under the provisions of State of California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20; in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to remote in due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 health emergency.

#### Roll Call

Remote: Mayor Rodriguez, Deputy Mayor Bonilla, Council Members: Papan, Lee and Goethals

#### PUBLIC HEARING

**1. Transition to District-Based Elections for Council Members – Public Hearing #3**

City Manager Drew Corbett an overview on the history, public hearings and community outreach meetings undertaken to date to move to by-district election of council members. Chris Chaffee, Redistricting Partners, consulting demographers, presented the rules around districting, summarized public input received to date, and reviewed the three official draft maps drawn by the demographer. Council asked questions of the consultant.

Public Comment: Rich Hedges stated the tightest map is Draft Map #3. Adam Loraine stated agreement with Hedges and is for Draft Map #3. Richard Neve stated a preference for Draft Map #3; Charlie Drechsler stated a need to make adjustments to Draft Map #3. Michael Weinbauer stated support of Draft Map #3. Adam Nugent stated Draft Map #3 seems to be the best of the bunch. George Derby stated Draft Map #3 keeps the downtown core intact. Mareva Godfrey, on the Marina Lagoon Committee and Los Prados stated reject Draft Map #1 and in favor of Draft Map #3. Seema Patel stated Draft Map #3 is the best option. Drew stated a concern that maps being submitted after these official versions be given input. Ellen Wang stated support for Draft Map #3 and provided some changes. Laurie Watanuki stated support for Draft Map #3. Susan Rowinski stated support for Draft Map #3.

Staff and the consultant responded to the public's questions.

Council discussion ensued with consensus to drop Draft Map #2. Discussion continued on Draft Map #1 and Draft Map #3; with the majority of Council supporting bringing Draft Map #3 forward to the next hearing with the following modifications: 1) Move the Foothill Terrace Neighborhood into District C; 2) Move more of the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood into District B; 3) Extend the eastern boundary of North Central to North San Mateo Drive; and 4) Fix one of the census blocks along the northern boundary of District D.

It was noted the fourth public hearing on this item is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Eric Rodriguez Mayor

SUBMITTED BY:

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk