

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
2010 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2011**

Voting Members Present:	District 2	Bernadette Miera	
	District 3	Phillip Baca	
	District 5	Sander Rue	
	District 6	Michael Montoya	
	District 9	David Harris (will be appointed at the 8/15 Council Mtg.)	
	Alternate Members Present:	District 1	Vanessa Chavez
		District 2	Susan Johnson
		District 3	Claudia Isaac
		District 4	Mary Rose Twohig
District 5		Betty Valez	
District 6		Sandra Ortsman	
District 7		Wayne Johnson	
District 8		Barbara Morgan	

Others Present: Laura Mason, Director of Council Services
Jon Zaman, Council Staff
Sandy Chavez, Council Staff
Luis Stelzner, Stelzner Law Firm
Michael Sharp, Research & Polling, Inc.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The meeting of the Redistricting Committee was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Montoya

Chairman Montoya welcomed David Harris who will be appointed to represent District 9 at the August 15th City Council Meeting.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 3, 2011 Redistricting meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment

Sterling Fluharty suggested that it would be helpful to the public if the maps were made larger so that the major street names, precincts, and neighborhood associations can be read.

Nathan Hendrix presented a map and statistics to the Committee, which basically suggested moving District 3 West of the river, moving District 2 into District 3's place, and enlarging Districts 4, 6, 7, 8, & 9.

Discussion of proposed maps

Luis Stelzner was present to answer the concerns and questions of having an even numbered district on the Westside. He stated that the motion by the ACLU is still pending before Judge Nash and although he does not believe that they will appeal the decision, the ACLU and Judge Nash are following the redistricting process.

Mr. Stelzner cited paragraphs nineteen, twenty, and thirty-one of Judge Nash's decision which are relevant and directive to the issue of having an even numbered districted on the Westside.

Paragraph 19: *"It is undisputed that the existing Council districts are mal-apportioned under the one person, one vote standard. The mal-apportionment is significant and results in a server dilution of Plaintiffs votes and representation. This under representation is not cured*

because Plaintiffs do not elect a city councilor in their district this election cycle. Allowing the election of city councilors in overrepresented districts perpetuates the harm to Plaintiffs because it perpetuates the over-representation of other city voters.”

Paragraph 20: *“The harm to Plaintiffs will continue if the October 4, 2011, election goes forward without redistricting.*

Paragraph 31: *On balance, while the process would be extremely difficult, the threatened injury to Plaintiff’s outweighs the harm it would cause the Defendants.*

Mr. Stelzner add that if an even number district is added to the Westside, the residents in that district would not be able to vote in a City Council election for four years and if an odd numbered district was added to the Westside residents in that new district could not vote in a City Council election for two years.

Neither delay is unconstitutional or illegal, but should an even numbered district be added to the Westside the probability of a law-suit is likely.

Michael Sharp, Vice President of Research and Polling presented detailed information for each of three additional proposed maps labeled G, H, & I, each was accompanied by a data table.

David Urias, of the Boyde Law Firm accompanied by Laura Ives, attorney’s spoke with the ACLU spoke with the Committee. Mr. Urias stated that the Plaintiff’s concern is under representation on the Westside and how long that under representation was going to last. He is glad that the Redistricting Committee is moving forward and hopes the results of the Committee will take affect immediately. Mr. Urias expressed concern about Mr. Stelzner’s comment regarding an even numbered district on the Westside and said that he would like to meet with Mr. Stelzner to discuss this matter. Mr. Stelzner agreed to meet with Mr. Urias.

Discussion of upcoming meetings

Jon Zaman made the recommended that the Committee study the proposed maps and data, and select four or five maps on which the Committee will concentrate on for discussion at the August 18th meeting.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Redistricting Committee will be Thursday, August 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.