

2010 Redistricting Committee

Task of the Committee

per R-10-109, the Committee Formation Resolution

To use the population data from the official 2010 U.S. Census along with any other pertinent information to make a report recommending changes in the Council District boundaries that the Committee decides are necessary based on constitutional principals governing voting rights, population, compactness and other related factors.



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Committee Membership & Structure

- The Committee is made up of 18 members - one voting member and one alternate member from each Council District.
- Alternates members may attend and participate in all meetings and functions of the Committee, but may only vote on a question if that District's voting member is "absent at the time of the vote."
- For that reason, it is important that each District's voting and alternate members communicate well, work as a team, and do their best to coordinate schedules so that at least one member from each District attends each meeting. *(We know that will be impossible in some instances, but at least that's the ideal scenario.)*
- The members of the Committee will select a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members.



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Meetings and Milestone Dates

- Per the resolution, November and December are set aside for training and the receipt of background information on any issues the Committee feels will be important in its deliberations.
- Recommended topics include:
 - Local and federal timelines for redistricting;
 - The requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act;
 - Relevant federal and state court decisions;
 - The data available from the U.S Census Bureau;
 - Growth trends and population shifts in Albuquerque in the last 10 years;
 - Any other topic the Committee feels is important to its work.
- In January and February, the Committee is charged with meeting as many times as is necessary to make recommendations to the Council by March 1, 2011.
- If the final census data is available, these will be final recommendations. If the final census data is not available, then these will be preliminary recommendations based on the best estimated population data, and then once final data is received the Committee will have 15 days to revise and finalize its recommendations and submit them to Council.

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General Process Requirements

- All meetings are subject to the State Open Meetings Act
- Five members constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.
- Meetings will generally be conducted in accordance with City Council Rules of Procedure (A copy of these rules has been provided to each member).
- For all motions except the Committee's final recommendation(s), a majority vote of the members present is sufficient (could be as few as 3 members)
- For the Committee's final recommendation(s) to Council, a majority vote of all members is required (must have at least 5 votes).
- The Committee may submit a minority report to the Council.



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Any Questions?

