



Redistricting Citizens' Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes for Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Live Zoom Meeting

Meeting Participants

Committee Members

Agustin Arreola – Area 1; Joe Mota (Chair) -Area 2; Kay Hazen – Area 3; Mike Gialdini - Area 4; Ralph Reyes- Area 5

Guest(s)

Dr. Jessica Enders, Tara Bravo, Jim Priest

Recorder

Patricia Danna

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Joe Mota, at 2:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Agustin Arreola, Kay Hazen, Mike Gialdini, Joe Mota

Absent: Ralph Reyes

(Quorum Present)

1.1 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Action Items

2.1 Discussion and approval of Map Recommendations to the Desert Community College District Board of Trustees

A motion was made and seconded to start the discussion of the Map Recommendations.

The result of the 2020 census determined that the existing districts were not in population balance under the law, as there was too much of a population deviation.

- Area 2 – Over by 6,000

- Area 3 – Under by 3,300
- Area 4 – Under by 3,800

Areas 1 & 5 were not affected; each has a deviation of less than 1%.

Option A Map:

- Move 4,000 from Area 2 to Area 3
With just one shift, this is a much simpler option resulting in an approximate 6.50% deviation, which is legally compliant. Moves the least amount of people. And there is no effect on when people elect.

Option B Map:

- Areas 2, 3, and 4 would be affected. This map has a more thorough population rebalancing.
 - Move 7,000 from Area 2 to Area 3
 - Then move 3,500 from Area 3 to Area 4
 - These moves will affect when people elect.

Areas 1 & 5 remain the same.
This is the summary of the two maps.

Kay Hazen stated that it was helpful to take more time to review the maps to see if any significant neighborhoods were divided or communities of interest were impacted. It doesn't appear so in either option that it happens. Cathedral City will be divided into two trustee areas in either option.

- Option A is the simplest and moves less people and doesn't affect timing for when they elect.
- Option B results in more balancing of the areas which is the primary goal of redistricting with more people being moved and being virtually balanced within a percent or a percent and a half.

We have two good options to choose from.

Mike Gialdini agreed with how Kay summarized the maps. Option A is cleaner when it involves the downtown Cathedral City area. Option A would be his choice for simplicity.

Joe Mota agrees with Mike and Kay. Go with simplicity. We don't know what the numbers will be in 10 years. Option A Map is a cleaner option and not having to think about any issues that may arise.

No comments from Agustin Arreola.

Mr. Priest stated that both maps will be sent to the Board of Trustees along with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Priest stated: "Let's place this Motion into the record: Mr. Chair if you are OK with this motion please let me know."

A Motion to recommend the Board of Trustees adopt Map Option A as the redistricting map for College of the Desert for 2022 and going forward.

Chair, Joe Mota, approved the Motion and it was seconded.

Roll call vote: Mota, yes, Hazen, aye, Arreola, aye, Gialdini, aye
Ralph Reyes, absent. A 4 to 1 recommendation with one member absent.

2.2 Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2022.

Kay Hazen made a motion to approve.

Joe Mota seconded the motion.

All members approved.

Mr. Priest will prepare a resolution for the Board of Trustees for Option A, which can be changed to Option B if necessary.

3. Good of the Order

Dr. Garcia expressed gratitude for everyone's service. Thankful to all of you, especially grateful to the committee members.

4. Adjournment

Chair, Joe Mota called for the adjournment of the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Mike Gialdini seconded the Motion.