

County of Santa Clara  
2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission



**DATE:** October 23, 2021, Regular Meeting  
**TIME:** 2:00 PM  
**PLACE:** By Virtual Teleconference Only

**MINUTES**

**Opening**

**1. Roll Call.**

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present via virtual teleconference pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nancy Smith	Chairperson, Seat No. 8	Remote	
Bob Staedler	Vice Chairperson, Seat No. 2	Remote	
Cynthia Cooper	Commissioner, Seat No. 1	Remote	
Mario Burnias	Commissioner, Seat No. 3	Late	3:54 PM
Juan Velazquez	Commissioner, Seat No. 4	Remote	
Dana Tom	Commissioner, Seat No. 5	Remote	
Dolores Alvarado	Commissioner, Seat No. 6	Remote	
Peter Pham	Commissioner, Seat No. 7	Remote	
Laura McAllister	Commissioner, Seat No. 9	Remote	
Katie Zoglin	Commissioner, Seat No. 10	Remote	
Maria Pineda	Commissioner, Seat No. 11	Remote	
Zhaohui Hong	Commissioner, Seat No. 12	Remote	
Edwin Tony Tan	Commissioner, Seat No. 13	Remote	
Daniel Nguyen	Commissioner, Seat No. 14	Remote	
Raven Malone	Commissioner, Seat No. 15	Remote	

**2. Public Comment.**

No public comments were received.

**3. Approve Consent Calendar and changes to the Commission's Agenda.**

Item No. 8 was held to October 27, 2021.

<b>3 RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [14 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Katie Zoglin, Commissioner, Seat No. 10
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dana Tom, Commissioner, Seat No. 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Smith, Staedler, Cooper, Velazquez, Tom, Alvarado, Pham, McAllister, Zoglin, Pineda, Hong, Tan, Nguyen, Malone
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Burnias

### Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

**4. Receive report from the Office of the County Executive and Office of the County Counsel relating to an overview of the 2021 redistricting process and related activities. (ID# 108103)**

Danielle Christian, Legislative Manager, Office of the County Executive; Mary Hanna-Weir, Deputy County Counsel; and, Melanie Jimenez Perez, Program Manager II, Office of the County Executive, provided a presentation relating to an overview of the 2021 redistricting process, including the importance of and timeline for redistricting; legal criteria; purpose and role of the Commission and the Board of Supervisors in the redistricting process; 2020 United States Census data for current Supervisorial District lines; Communities of Interest testimony; and, information available on the County 2021 Redistricting website.

<b>4 RESULT: RECEIVED</b>
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**5. Receive report from the Office of the County Executive, Office of the County Counsel, and Redistricting Partners relating to draft Supervisorial District maps, and discuss and approve recommendations regarding mapping, if any. (ID# 108178)**

Chairperson Smith stated that the Commission is shifting focus from testimony to maps, and the goal of the meeting is to identify maps for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Smith noted that DistrictR is a public-facing mapping tool, and that maps forwarded to the Board must be converted and finalized in Maptitude by Redistricting Partners.

Paul Mitchell, Owner, Redistricting Partners, provided a presentation relating to the commission-based redistricting process and an overview of five maps for consideration by the Commission, including Plan X2a, Plan X3, Equal and Equitable for All (EEF) map, Unity Table map, and Plan Y2.

Mr. Mitchell next provided information relating to Plan X2a. He stated that the map maintains all city boundaries, excluding Santa Clara and San José; creates a majority-minority Asian Pacific Islander (API) district in District Three and a Latino influential district in District Two; unites Koreatown in District Four; creates a western cities district in District Five; and, has a total deviation of 7.4 percent and an API Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of 50.1 percent in District Three. Mr. Mitchell noted

that material for all five maps includes overlays of current Supervisorial District and city lines and 2020 United Status Census population and CVAP data.

Mr. Mitchell next provided information relating to Plan X3, and stated that it is similar to Plan X2a, splitting only San José, and has a total plan deviation of 8.3 percent.

Mr. Mitchell next provided information relating to the EEF map. He noted that it was drawn by a Commissioner in DistrictR, and that the conversion to Maptitude resulted in nominal population changes. Mr. Mitchell stated that the map has an Asian CVAP of 49.9 percent in District Three, creates a Latino influential district in District Two and a western cities district in District Five, and has a total plan deviation of 2.9 percent.

Mr. Mitchell next provided information relating to the Unity Table map, and noted that it has a total plan deviation of 7.2 percent. He stated that the primary structural difference between the Unity Table map and Plan X3 is that the Unity Table map adds population to District One from southern District Five rather than southern District Four.

Finally, Mr. Mitchell provided information relating to Plan Y2. He stated that the map splits only San José; creates a majority-minority API district in District Three by uniting South San José and Berryessa; unites Santa Clara, Cupertino, Saratoga, and Campbell in District Four; unites Palo Alto, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale in District Five; maintains Morgan Hill and Gilroy in District One; has a total plan deviation of 8.5 percent that could be reduced by changing lines that split San José; and, has an Asian CVAP district of 55.7 percent. Mr. Mitchell noted that San José neighborhood lines were followed in determining where to split San José, and that the map represents different Supervisorial District lines than currently exist, including all of Sunnyvale in District Five, which has an Asian CVAP of 29 percent.

Commissioner Nguyen provided a presentation relating to the Nguyen map, Version 3 (Community of Interest [COI] No. 125, DistrictR No. 68547), including a summary of criteria considered in preparing the map. He noted that lines may require nominal adjustment to recreate an Asian majority-minority district lost in the conversion to Maptitude, and that the map has a total plan deviation of 2.32 percent in DistrictR. Commissioner Nguyen next provided information relating to the origin and revision history of a series of Commissioner maps that preceded the Nguyen map, Version 3, including the original VRA Compliant Under 5 Percent map drawn by Vice Chairperson Staedler (COI No. 43, DistrictR No. 62105) and subsequently revised by Commissioner Nguyen as Edit of 62105 (COI No. 57, DistrictR No. 63774), the EEF map (COI No. 114, DistrictR No.67699), and the Nguyen map, Version 2 (COI No. 118, DistrictR 68044). Commissioner Nguyen noted that he changed the name of the map from EEF to Nguyen to avoid confusion with later maps created by the public that include Equal and Equitable in the title. Finally, Commissioner Nguyen identified key changes to the different versions of the map, Communities of Interest analysis considered in preparing the final map, and areas of potential change.

Ms. Hanna-Weir noted that Plan Y2 is a new option not previously considered by the Commission.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Malone, Commissioner Nguyen stated that San José is in all five districts in the Nguyen map, Version 3, including a small population in west of Saratoga Avenue in District Five.

In response to inquiries by Commissioner Tom, Mr. Mitchell stated that Plan Y2 was designed to provide a different architectural option for Board consideration. He stated that the map limits city splits; creates a different Asian majority-minority district; provides options to maintain Communities of Interest for Asian and hillside communities; and, includes San José in all five districts, including a small population in District Five.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Tom, Commissioner Nguyen stated that he was unable to keep whole Koreatown, Los Gatos Union School District, and Downtown San José Communities of Interest in the Nguyen map, Version 3 (COI No. 125, DistrictR No. 68547).

In response to a further inquiry by Commissioner Tom, Mr. Mitchell stated that Redistricting Partners can identify options for moving Almaden Valley to District One in the Unity Table map.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Malone, Mr. Mitchell provided a density overlay for Plan X2a.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Pham, Mr. Mitchell stated that Redistricting Partners can attempt to identify a neighborhood to achieve a 50.1 percent Asian CVAP district in the Nguyen map, Version 3 (COI No. 125, DistrictR No. 68547).

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Smith, Mr. Mitchell stated that Plan Y2 has a total plan deviation of 8.5 percent, Latino CVAP of approximately 37 percent in District Two, Asian CVAP of 55.7 percent in District Three, and no significant Black population in any district.

In response to the earlier inquiry by Commissioner Tom relating to Almaden Valley, Mr. Mitchell stated that the arm in District One near District Four in the Unity Table Map has a 13 percent deviation positive in District Four and negative in District One, the area is relatively dense, and a population of approximately 50,000 would have to be shifted to balance moving Almaden Valley.

Chairperson Smith invited members of the public to provide testimony relating to the draft maps. Sixteen individuals addressed the Commission.

Chairperson Smith recessed the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Chairperson Smith reconvened the meeting at 3:54 p.m. with all members present, including Commissioner Burnias who joined the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Chairperson Smith stated that the Commission is required to forward maps to the Board of Supervisors in Maptitude; and, the goal of the meeting is to identify maps that can be timely converted to Maptitude, where necessary, for final approval by the Commission on October 27, 2021.

On motion of Vice Chairperson Staedler, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, the Commission voted 13-2, with Commissioners Pham and Hong voting no, to approve the Unity Table map and the Nguyen map, subject to minor modifications as necessary to balance Maptitude conversion and ensure an Asian majority-minority CVAP district; and, forward final maps to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Commissioner Nguyen suggested that the Commission consider a map submitted by Commissioner Pham (COI No. 130, DistrictR No. 68920), and noted that it improves the Unity Table map by preserving a majority-minority Latino CVAP district, has a total plan deviation of 1.15 percent, and is more compact.

On motion of Commissioner Tom, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Commission voted 13-1, with Commissioner Malone voting no and Commissioner Alvarado absent, to consider Plan Y2 and the Pham map (COI No. 130; DistrictR No. 68920) on October 27, 2021; and, potentially forward the maps to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Ms. Hanna-Weir noted that it is logistically important for the Commission to identify during the meeting all of the maps it wishes to consider on October 27, 2021 and potentially forward to the Board, and that Commissioner consideration of newly identified maps on October 27, 2021 presents significant challenges to meeting redistricting deadlines.

Vice Chairperson Staedler requested that Administration provide the Commission by October 26, 2021 the Equal and Equitable 2.0 map (COI No. 102; DistrictR No. 66950) converted to Maptitude, including corresponding tables.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to further consider the Equal and Equitable 2.0 map (COI No. 102; DistrictR No. 66950) on October 27, 2021. Commissioner Pineda seconded the motion. Discussion ensued relating to the revision history of the map. Commissioner Malone withdrew the motion.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Zoglin, Mr. Mitchell stated that Los Gatos is in District Five in the EEF map, Unity Table map, and Pham map), and in District Four in Plan X3.

Commissioner Nguyen suggested that the EEF map be designated the Nguyen map or DistrictR No. 69094 to avoid confusion with similarly named maps.

On motion of Commissioner McAllister, seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, the Commission voted 11-3, with Commissioners Cooper, Pineda, and Malone abstaining and Commissioner Alvarado absent, to further consider Plan X3a on October 27, 2021; and, potentially forward the maps to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Chairperson Smith made a motion to further consider Margaret Okuzumi map No. 3 (COI No. 81) on October 27, 2021. Commissioner Pham seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 7-7 with Vice Chairperson Staedler and Commissioners Velazquez, Tom, McAllister, Zoglin, Pineda, and Tan voting no and Commissioner Alvarado absent.

Chairperson Smith stated that new maps for Commission consideration on October 27, 2021 must be submitted by October 25, 2021. Ms. Melanie Jimenez Perez clarified that maps submitted on or after October 25, 2021 cannot be converted to Maptitude by October 27, 2021; they can be converted before Board consideration; and, the Commission will be limited to approval of DistrictR maps that may change during conversion to Maptitude.

On motion of Chairperson Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pham, the Commission voted 8-6, with Chairperson Smith and Commissioners Cooper, Burnias, Velazquez, Pham, McAllister, Pineda, and Hong voting yes and Commissioner Alvarado absent, to consider the Equitable and Equitable 2.0 map (COI No. 102; DistrictR No. 66950) on October 27, 2021; and, potentially forward the map to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Smith, Ms. Jimenez Perez stated that Administration has noted core Commission concepts for presentation to the Board, and invited the Commissioners to provide additional concepts. Vice Chairperson Staedler suggested that the Commissioners send comments to [2021redistricting@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:2021redistricting@ceo.sccgov.org) by October 25, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. for discussion on October 27, 2021.

**5 RESULT:** APPROVED [13 TO 2]

**MOVER:** Bob Staedler, Vice Chairperson, Seat No. 2

**SECONDER:** Dolores Alvarado, Commissioner, Seat No. 6

**AYES:** Smith, Staedler, Cooper, Burnias, Velazquez, Tom, Alvarado, McAllister, Zoglin, Pineda, Tan, Nguyen, Malone

**NAYS:** Pham, Hong

## 6. Propose future agenda items.

Commissioner Tom requested that Administration provide the Commission by the morning of October 25, 2021 identifying information for the six maps selected by the Commission for further action, including two maps to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors and four maps for further consideration on October 27, 2021.

## Announcements

### 7. Announcements and correspondence:

a. Chairperson's announcements.

Chairperson Smith encouraged members of the public to provide comments relating to the two maps to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors and the four maps for further Commission consideration on October 27, 2021.

b. Commissioners' announcements.

No announcements were made.

c. The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for family care expenses incurred during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.

## Consent Calendar

### 8. Approve minutes of the October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Held to October 27, 2021 at the request of Commissioner Zoglin.

<b>8 RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD [14 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Katie Zoglin, Commissioner, Seat No. 10
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dana Tom, Commissioner, Seat No. 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Smith, Staedler, Cooper, Velazquez, Tom, Alvarado, Pham, McAllister, Zoglin, Pineda, Hong, Tan, Nguyen, Malone
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Burnias

## Adjourn

### 9. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., by virtual teleconference.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Doyle

Deputy Clerk