

DRAFT Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council City of Santa Ana, California



March 07, 2022

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

22 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA 92701

SPECIAL OPEN MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

Council Members

Johnathan Ryan Hernandez

Jessie Lopez

Nelida Mendoza

David Penaloza

Thai Viet Phan

Mayor Pro Tem

Phil Bacerra

Mayor

Vicente Sarmiento

City Manager

Kristine Ridge

City Attorney

Sonia R. Carvalho

Clerk of the Council

Daisy Gomez

MINUTES: Mayor Sarmiento called the Special Open meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MINUTES: Clerk of the Council Daisy Gomez conducted roll call. All councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sarmiento

MINUTES: Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public may address the City Council only on items listed on the Special Meeting Agenda.

MINUTES: Carl Benninger spoke in support of maps F and K.

Jeffry Katz spoke on the process of selecting a map.

Clerk of the Council, Daisy Gomez, reported out on correspondence received.

Biff Baker member of Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO) spoke in support of maps SARC1 and SARC2.

Araceli Robles spoke in support of the coalition map.

Fatima Paque member of OCCCO spoke in support of maps SARC1 and SARC2.

Ana Charco, on behalf of Latino Health Access and with Santa Ana Redistricting, spoke in support of map SARC1A. Asked council to vote on SARC1A.

Dale Helvig spoke in opposition of SARC1 and SARC2. Spoke in support of map 115467.

Daisy Cruz with the Kennedy Commission urged council to adopt one the maps submitted by the Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition.

Karen Alvarado with Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO) thanked council for holding the meetings. Urged council to support updated maps SARC1A or SARC2A. Spoke in opposition of maps F and K.

Patricia De Santos spoke on safety and in support of map F.

Angel Sanchez spoke in support of maps submitted by Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition (SARC).

Hilda Ortiz with Latino Health Access, spoke in support of maps submitted by Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition and spoke in opposition of map F and K.

Kayla Asato with Orange County Environmental Justice and partner of Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition spoke on the outreach performed that resulted in the SARC maps. Spoke in support of maps SARC1A and SARC2A.

Irene Bautista member of OCCCO spoke in support of maps SARC1 and SARC2. Spoke in opposition of map F.

Michael Nguyen spoke in support of maps SARC1 and SARC2 submitted by the Santa Ana

Redistricting Coalition.

Veronica Garcia spoke in support of maps submitted by Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition. Spoke in opposition of map F.

Cesar Medina spoke in support of maps SARC1A and SARC2A.

Vincent Tran community leader with VietRise spoke in support of maps SARC1 and SARC2. Urged council to pass SARC1 or SARC2.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Presentation of Public Testimony and Draft Maps, City Council Consideration and Direction Regarding Draft Maps

Department(s): Clerk of the Council Office

Recommended Action: Seeking input regarding the content of the draft map(s).

MINUTES: Council discussion ensued and input provided to staff and Redistricting Partners consultant Paul Mitchell.

Councilmember Mendoza spoke in support of map F and moved to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra.

Councilmember Phan spoke in support of map K and moved a substitute motion to adopt map K. Seconded by Councilmember Penaloza.

Paul Mitchell inquired for a starting point and some direction to assist council in selecting a map from eligible maps including SARC1, SARC1A, SARC2, and SARC2A. Noted that he can make changes to the maps council just voted on or make changes to the SARC maps.

Councilmember Penaloza requested that all maps be labeled with letters and drop the acronyms to be consistent.

Paul Mitchell in support of creating maps with next alpha letter such as: F, K, L and M.

Councilmember Lopez motioned to bring back map J and seconded by Mayor Sarmiento. Consultant Paul Mitchell noted it's technically map J2.

Mayor Sarmiento requested from the Chief Assistant City Attorney to circulate Rules of Decorum to council.

Clerk of the Council Daisy Gomez inquired if council is interested in bringing in the maps along with the tool to change the boundaries of individual maps.

Councilmember Lopez motioned to approve SARC2. Seconded by Councilmember Hernandez.

Council provided direction to consultant and staff to bring back maps with updated numerations and in alpha order.

Clerk of the Council Daisy Gomez asked council to email her council's available time to allow her to schedule another special meeting this week.

Moved by Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember Bacerra, Mayor Pro Tem to Approve map F.

YES: 4 – Mendoza, Councilmember, – Penaloza, Councilmember, – Phan, Councilmember, – Bacerra, Mayor Pro Tem

NO: 3 – Hernandez, Councilmember, – Lopez, Councilmember, – Sarmiento, Mayor

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Status: 4 – 3 – 0 – 0 – **Fail**

Moved by Councilmember Penaloza, Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember Bacerra, Mayor Pro Tem to Substitute motion to adopt map K.

YES: 4 – Mendoza, Councilmember, – Penaloza, Councilmember, – Phan, Councilmember, – Bacerra, Mayor Pro Tem

NO: 3 – Hernandez, Councilmember, – Lopez, Councilmember, – Sarmiento, Mayor

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Status: 4 – 3 – 0 – 0 – **Fail**

Moved by Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember Sarmiento, Mayor to Approve to bring back map J2.

YES: 4 – Hernandez, Councilmember, – Lopez, Councilmember, – Phan, Councilmember, – Sarmiento, Mayor

NO: 3 – Mendoza, Councilmember, – Penaloza, Councilmember, – Bacerra, Mayor Pro Tem

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Status: 4 – 3 – 0 – 0 – **Pass**

Moved by Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, Councilmember to Approve SARC2 map.

YES: 4 – Hernandez, Councilmember, – Lopez, Councilmember, – Phan, Councilmember, – Sarmiento, Mayor

NO: 3 – Mendoza, Councilmember, – Penaloza, Councilmember, – Bacerra, Mayor Pro Tem

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Status: 4 – 3 – 0 – 0 – **Fail**

Adjournment – Adjourn the Special City Council meeting.

MINUTES: Mayor Sarmiento adjourned the City Council meeting on at 10:17 p.m.