



# INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Sept. 23, 2021, 6 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

City Hall  
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Virtual Meeting

## Welcome to Your Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting

We welcome your interest and involvement in the city's legislative process. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Independent Redistricting Commission and the actions recommended by city staff. You can read about each topic in the staff reports, which are available on the city website and in the City Clerk's Office. The City Clerk's Office is also available to answer any questions you have about Independent Redistricting Commission meeting procedures.

### How to watch



#### City cable channel

Charter Spectrum channel 24  
AT&T U-verse channel 99.



#### City website

[carlsbadca.gov/news/citytv.asp](https://carlsbadca.gov/news/citytv.asp)

### Virtual meeting format

- Per California Executive Order N-29-20, and in the interest of public health and safety, we are temporarily taking actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by holding Independent Redistricting Commission and other public meetings online only.
- All public meetings will comply with public noticing requirements in the Brown Act and will be made accessible electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and address the Commission.

### How to participate

- **Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:** <https://carlsbadca.zoom.us/j/93451412042>
  - **Join** using "Computer Audio"
  - **Raise your hand** when the Clerk calls for speakers for the item you wish to comment on.
  - **Unmute** yourself when called on by the Clerk.
- **By phone:** Call: (213) 338 – 8477 and enter Meeting ID: 934 5141 2042. Press # for Participant ID.
  - **Press \*9** when the Clerk calls for speakers for the item you wish to comment on.
  - The Clerk will then call on the last four numbers of your telephone number.
  - **Press \*6** to unmute yourself to speak.
- **In writing:** Email comments to [redistricting@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:redistricting@carlsbadca.gov). Comments received by 2 p.m. the day of the meeting will be shared with the Independent Redistricting Commission prior to the meeting. When e-mailing comments, please identify in the subject line the agenda item to which your comments relate. All comments received will be included as part of the official record. **Written comments will not be read out loud.**
- These procedures shall remain in place during the period in which state or local health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

### Reasonable accommodations

Persons with a disability may request an agenda packet in appropriate alternative formats as require by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids will be provided to effectively allow participation in the meeting. Please contact the City Manager's Office at 760-434-2821 (voice), 711 (free relay service for TTY users), 760-720-9461 (fax) or [manager@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:manager@carlsbadca.gov) by noon on the Monday before the meeting to decide.

*IN THE EVENT A QUORUM OF THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION LOSES ELECTRICAL POWER OR SUFFERS AN INTERNET CONNECTION OUTAGE THAT IS NOT CORRECTED WITHIN 15 MINUTES, THE MEETING WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ADJOURNED. ANY ITEMS NOTICED AS PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE CONTINUED TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEMS THE COMMISSION HAS NOT TAKEN ACTION ON WILL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.*

More information about Independent Redistricting Commission meeting procedures can be found at the end of this agenda and in Carlsbad Municipal Code Chapters 1.20 and 2.15. PLEASE NOTE: AS A RESULT OF THE WAIVERS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, THE BROWN ACT PERMITS FULL PARTICIPATION BY OFFICIALS IN MEETINGS THROUGH VIDEO OR AUDIO TELECONFERENCE.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE COMPOSITION AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY’S DISTRICTS** – That the Independent Redistricting Commission hold a public hearing and receive public comment regarding the composition and boundaries of the City’s districts. (Staff Contact: Faviola Medina, City Clerk’s Office)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This section of the agenda is designated for announcements to advise the community regarding upcoming Independent Redistricting Commission meetings or events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Procedures (continued from page 1)**

**Written Materials**

Written materials related to the agenda that are submitted to the Independent Redistricting Commission after the agenda packet has been published will be available for review prior to the meeting during normal business hours at the City Clerk’s Office, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive and on the city website. To review these materials during the meeting, please see the City Clerk.

**Visual Materials**

Visual materials, such as pictures, charts, maps or slides, are allowed for comments on agenda items, not general public comment. Please contact the City Manager’s Office at 760-434-2820 or [manager@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:manager@carlsbadca.gov) to make arrangements in advance. All materials must be received by the City Manager’s Office no later than noon the day before the meeting. The time spent presenting visual materials is included in the maximum time limit provided to speakers. All materials exhibited to the Independent Redistricting Commission during the meeting are part of the public record. **Please note that video presentations during public comment are not allowed.**

**Decorum**

All participants are expected to conduct themselves with mutual respect. Loud, boisterous and unruly behavior can interfere with the ability of the Independent Redistricting Commission to conduct the people’s business. That’s why it is illegal to disrupt an Independent Redistricting Commission meeting. Following a warning from the presiding officer, those engaging in disruptive behavior are subject to law enforcement action.

**Independent Redistricting Commission Agenda**

The Independent Redistricting Commission follows a regular order of business that is specified in the Carlsbad Municipal Code. The Commission may only make decisions about topics listed on the agenda.

### **Public Comment**

Members of the public may speak on any redistricting related item that does not appear on the agenda. State law prohibits the Independent Redistricting Commission from taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Comments requiring follow up will be referred to staff and, if appropriate, considered at a future Independent Redistricting Commission meeting. Members of the public are also welcome to provide comments on agenda items during the portions of the meeting when those items are being discussed. In both cases, a request to speak form must be submitted to the clerk in advance of that portion of the meeting beginning.

### **New Business**

This part of the agenda is for items presented to the Independent Redistricting Commission by city staff and can be informational in nature or require action. The staff report about each item indicates the purpose of the item and whether or not action is requested.

### **Other Reports**

At the end of each meeting, Independent Redistricting Commission members and the city attorney and city clerk are given an opportunity to share information. This usually includes information about upcoming meetings and events.

### **Independent Redistricting Commission Actions**

#### **Motion**

A motion is used to propose Independent Redistricting Commission direction related to an item on the agenda. Any Independent Redistricting Commission member may make a motion. A motion must receive a "second" from another Independent Redistricting Commission member to be eligible for a vote.



## INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

**Meeting Date:** Sept. 23, 2021

**To:** Independent Redistricting Commission

**Staff Contact:** Faviola Medina, City Clerk Services Manager  
faviola.medina@carlsbadca.gov, 760-434-5989

**Subject:** Public Hearing Regarding the Composition and Boundaries of the City's Districts

### Recommended Action

That the Independent Redistricting Commission hold a public hearing and receive public comment regarding the composition and boundaries of the city's districts.

### Discussion

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 21627.1, before adopting a final map in the redistricting process, the commission must hold at least four public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of one or more districts. At least one public hearing must be held before draft maps are drawn. This public hearing fulfills this requirement.

The intention of this public hearing is to identify the neighborhoods, communities of interest, and other local factors that should be considered or used as building blocks when the drawing of draft maps begins. While all public input concerning the composition of the city's districts should be considered, all maps must meet the following federal requirements:

1. Population equality across districts.
2. Race cannot be the predominant factor or criteria when drawing districts.
3. Compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which, among other things, prohibits districts that dilute minority voting rights, and encourages a majority-minority district, if the minority group is sufficiently large, and such a district can be drawn without race being the predominant factor.

Additionally, the maps must also meet the following state requirements:

- Maps must be drawn using the following criteria in prioritized order:
  - District boundaries must be geographically contiguous
  - Districts boundaries must minimize the division of neighborhoods and communities of interest
  - Districts boundaries must be easily identifiable and understandable by residents
  - District boundaries must be geographically compact
- Maps must not favor or discriminate against a political party

- Maps must be accompanied by information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population.
- Maps prepared by the city or city contractors may not be released earlier than three weeks after the state redistricting database is publicly available.

### **Fiscal Analysis**

This action has no fiscal impact.

### **Next Steps**

Additional public hearings concerning the proposed city district boundaries will be held on Nov. 13, 2021; Jan. 13, 2022; and Feb. 17, 2022. At the conclusion of the final public hearing on Feb. 17, 2022, the Independent Redistricting Commission may adopt a resolution approving the final map.

### **Environmental Evaluation**

In keeping with California Public Resources Code Section 21065, this action does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act in that it has no potential to cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, it does not require environmental review.

### **Public Notification and Outreach**

This item was noticed in keeping with the Ralph M. Brown Act and California Elections Code Section 21628(c) and it was available for public viewing and review at least 5 days before the scheduled public hearing date.

Prior to this public hearing, the city conducted outreach in both English and Spanish to encourage public participation in both the redistricting process in general, and this public hearing in particular. A press release was issued and posted on the city's website on Sept. 16, 2021. In addition, notice of this public hearing was published in English in the Sept. 17, 2021, edition of the San Diego Union-Tribune and in Spanish in the Sept. 17, 2021, edition of El Latino Newspaper.

### **Exhibits**

1. Current map of City Council districts



# City Council *District Map*

