



City of Las Vegas

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**AGENDA
CITY OF LAS VEGAS
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA GOOGLE MEET VIDEO
NOVEMBER 15, 2021 – MONDAY – 1:30 P.M.**

The public is invited to submit written comments for public input prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on November 15, 2021, addressed via email to the City Clerk's office at cfresquez@lasvegasnm.gov or dropped off to Casandra Fresquez at 1700 N. Grand Avenue.

AGENDA

*Redistricting Committee Meetings are
Available via YouTube*

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNGDVGRRAL0qVevel5JYeRw?view_as=subscriber

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC INPUT (Public Input submitted to the City Clerk via email or fax will be read into the record).

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Redistricting Committee minutes for October 19th, 28th and November 1, 2021.

VI. ADJOURN

NOTE: A final agenda will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Agenda may be obtained from City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 1700 N. Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701 or the City's website at www.lasvegasnm.gov

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Fresquez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dale Turner
Jacob Gutierrez
Amanda Salas

Members Absent

Pete Garduno

Also Present

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dale Turner made a motion to approve the agenda. Amanda Salas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Redistricting Committee members introduced themselves.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Fresquez discussed the following:

1. Overview of Duties:

City Clerk Fresquez gave an overview regarding redistricting, stating that every ten years a Federal Census is completed and thereafter the Governing Body of a Municipality is required to redistrict (modify 4 wards). City Clerk Fresquez stated that the census was delayed by six months due to covid which caused the City to have a very short window to complete the redistricting process. She further stated that the City of Las Vegas population decreased by five hundred eighty seven since the 2010 census. City Clerk Fresquez also stated per the City Charter the Governing Body shall appoint a committee to work with a consultant with redistricting experience and hired New Mexico Demographic Research LLC and further stated that redistricting needed to be completed prior to the first regular election following the completion of a decennial census so the new election districts could be utilized and an ordinance adopted by December 1st when the Secretary of State proclaims the election.

2. Timeline for Redistricting:

City Clerk Fresquez discussed New Mexico Demographic Research LLC having one map out of three completed and possibly having the other two by October 21st.

3. Schedule future Meeting:

City Clerk Fresquez stated she had discussed scheduling the Redistricting Committee meeting with Rod Adaire from New Mexico Demographic Research LLC to review the three plans on October 26th or 27th and then having another committee meeting on November 1st or 2nd to approve one of the three redistricting plans that they would recommend to Council. City Clerk Fresquez advised the Mayor would then call a Special Council meeting for November 3rd to have a presentation given by New Mexico Demographic Research, LLC as well as a presentation from the Redistricting Committee and then Council would approve one of the three plans for publication.

City Clerk Fresquez discussed the plans for public input and the process for adopting an ordinance.

Dale Turner asked what the total population was.

City Clerk Fresquez advised it was thirteen thousand one hundred sixty six.

Discussion took place regarding where to find additional information regarding redistricting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Appointment of a Chairperson.

City Clerk Fresquez asked if there were any nominations or a volunteer for a Chairperson.

Jacob Gutierrez advised he was interested.

Amanda Salas made a motion to nominate Jacob Gutierrez as the Chairperson. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Dale Turner made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Salas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

Chairman Jacob Gutierrez

Date

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jacob Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dale Turner
Jacob Gutierrez
Amanda Salas

Members Absent

Pete Garduno

Also Present

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Rod Adiare, New Mexico Demographic Research LLC
Bobbie Shearer, New Mexico Demographic Research LLC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amanda Salas made a motion to approve the agenda. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez suggested everyone introduce themselves.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New Mexico Demographics Research will present the three (3) redistricting proposals for the four (4) city council districts.

Rod Adaire with New Mexico Demographics Research LLC discussed plans A of the redistricting proposals.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the need for transparency to help the community distinguish what changes were made per district.

Mr. Adaire advised he would provide that information and moved on to discuss plan B of the redistricting proposals.

Ms. Salas asked if the incumbent councilors were taken into consideration when developing the maps.

Mr. Adaire advised yes.

Ms. Salas advised it is necessary for the committee to see detailed information to make a recommendation to Council and also so that the community can be well informed.

Ms. Salas recommended having another meeting to see the specific changes from the current map and to see that the councilors were properly placed in their current districts. Ms. Salas asked for the possibility to have an overlay of the current map to the proposed map so it's transparent for the community to see.

Discussion took place regarding scheduling a meeting for November 1st at 2 pm.

ADJOURN

Amanda Salas made a motion to adjourn. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Chairman Jacob Gutierrez

Date

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jacob Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dale Turner
Jacob Gutierrez
Amanda Salas

Members Absent

Pete Garduno

Also Present

Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Rod Adiare, New Mexico Demographic Research LLC
Bobbie Shearer, New Mexico Demographic Research LLC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amanda Salas made a motion to approve the agenda. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gutierrez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New Mexico Demographics Research will provide additional information on the Redistricting maps showing where the changes were per district.

Discussion took place regarding plan A with changes made from wards 1 to 4, 2 to 3 and 3 to 4 and a lot of census blocks were taken out of ward 2 on plan A.

Ms. Salas advised it looked like ward 3 got the biggest increase on plan A and asked if the movements were based on wards 1 and 4 having an increase of people compared to the previous census.

Rod Adaire with New Mexico Demographics Research LLC advised wards 2 and 4 were the ones that had an increase.

Discussion took place regarding plan B being a perfect plan which would require the County Clerk and City Clerk to ensure the proper precinct parts are made.

Mr. Adaire discussed the changes made to plan B regarding deviations.

Mr. Turner asked what the extra work would entail in plan B that wouldn't be needed for plan A.

Mr. Adaire advised there would be about 30-40 precinct blocks that had been moved and he would have to provide the County Clerk and City Clerk with exact census blocks that make up new precinct parts.

Mr. Turner asked if that would need to be done for plan A.

Mr. Adaire advised it would but the difference would be a smaller amount of precinct blocks.

Ms. Salas asked how feasible it would be with plan B given the short timeframe.

Mr. Adaire advised it would be feasible.

Mr. Turner asked how many changes were made in plan C.

Mr. Adaire advised a similar number as plan A, and he made the boundaries clearly identifiable in plan C.

Ms. Salas advised plan C looked more proportionate.

Discussion took place regarding plan C, information for income ratios and if shifting issues could cause funding issues for schools.

Ms. Salas advised she did like plan C because it was more proportionate, with the wards being evened out but also has issues regarding lower income in that area which could cause road issues and other challenges.

Mr. Turner thanked Mr. Adaire for the information and explaining the changes in detail and was ready to make a decision.

Mr. Adaire advised he wanted to make sure they had all the data they needed.

Ms. Salas also thanked Mr. Adaire for making the changes clearer for them and for answering all their questions and was ready to make a decision.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and Selection of one of the three (3) redistricting proposals for the four (4) city council districts developed by New Mexico Demographics Research, LLC that will be recommended to the Mayor and Council on November 3, 2021.

Chairman Gutierrez advised he liked plan A because it had the least amount of changes.

Mr. Turner advised he liked plan C because of the way it was proportioned, pointing out that ward 4 stays on the south end of Grand Avenue instead of going towards the north end where problems would affect ward 2 more and also not having certain parts of Grand Avenue in ward 3 and ward 4.

Ms. Salas advised she liked plan C because it looked more equally proportionate with equal representation and wouldn't have as many changes as plan B would have given the short timeframe they had.

Discussion took place regarding getting the word out on the changes being made to the wards, encouraging people to vote and making sure people know who they're voting for if there are changes in their ward.

Mr. Turner asked if once they make a recommendation, would then Chairman Gutierrez take that recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

City Clerk Fresquez advised yes, either Chairman Gutierrez could or all of the committee could be there and once they make their recommendation it would still be up to Council to decide.

Mr. Turner voiced his concerns regarding not liking Council having the final decision regarding the three (3) plans and it being up to the public to decide.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the Charter was taken to the public to vote on and it's in the Charter that says Council makes the ultimate decision.

Chairman Gutierrez asked for a motion for plan C.

Amanda Salas made a motion to choose plan C as their recommendation to the City Council. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gutierrez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez thanked the Redistricting Committee, Rod Adaire and Bobbi Shearer for completing their task in such a short timeframe.

ADJOURN

Dale Turner made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Salas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gutierrez advised the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Chairman Jacob Gutierrez

Date