



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 739
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

3:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Andrade, Commissioner Reyes, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Ollague, Vice Chair Holoman, Commissioner Choi, Commissioner Escandon, Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Friedman, Commissioner Acebo, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Hollister, Commissioner Hatanaka, Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Napolitano, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Hoffenblum, Commissioner Sun, Commissioner Mejia and Commissioner Tse

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Introductions by the Chief Executive Office. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0704)

Chief Executive Officer, William T Fujioka called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

- **Mr. Fujioka welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and addressed the purpose of the Supervisorial Redistricting Boundary Review Committee (BRC);**
- **BRC members, Alternates and staff introduced themselves;**
- **Called up Item 4 of the agenda and invited motions to nominate the Chair and Vice-Chair.**

2. Adoption of Procedural Rules (abridged version of Robert's Rules of Order). (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0705)

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel, gave a brief summary of Robert's Rules of Order and responded to questions posed by the Committee.

After discussion, the Committee, by common consent, their being no objection, the Committee adopted the Procedural Rules.

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3. Presentation by County Counsel on the Brown Act. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0706)

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel, gave an overview of the Brown Act and responded to questions posed by the Committee. The following items were highlighted in the report:

- **The 72 hour timeframe for posting of an Agenda;**
- **The 20-Word requirement for an agenda item;**
- **Special meeting 24-Hour Notice;**
- **What constitutes a quorum (6 members);**
- **Supporting Documents;**
- **Public Access;**
- **Public Comment; and**
- **Use of a Sign-in Sheet**

After discussion, the Committee, by common consent, their being no objection, received and filed the report.

4. Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0707)

Commissioner Hoffenblum nominated Commissioner Curt Pedersen to serve as Chair.

There being no additional nominations, William T Fujioka declared the nominations for Chair closed.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Hoffenblum, seconded by Commissioner Friedman, unanimously carried, Commissioner Curt Pedersen was appointed as Chair of the Committee.

Commissioner Sun nominated, Commissioner Teresa Holoman to serve as Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Reyes nominated, Commissioner Sean Andrade to serve as Vice-Chair. The nomination failed for lack of a second.

There being no additional nominations for Vice-Chair, William T Fujioka declared the nominations closed.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Sun, seconded by Commissioner Mejia, unanimously carried, Commissioner Holoman was appointed as Vice-Chair.

5. Discussion of Proposed Time Line and meeting Schedule. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0709)

Martin Zimmerman, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, submitted the Proposed Timeline, Meeting Schedule and responded to questions posed by the Committee. The following items were highlighted in the report:

- **Website - 03/11//11**
- **Census Date - 04/01/11, if not earlier**
- **Last day for submittal of Plans for consideration – 05/27/11**
- **Review of Plans and developing recommended plan**
- **Early July, Committee must recommended and submit a plan for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, no later than August 1 to be in compliance with State Law**
- **Meetings will be conducted generally every other Wednesday at the same location and time, with the exception of Community meetings in each District, which will be held during the evenings.**

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Acebo, seconded by Commissioner Sun, the Committee received and filed the report and approved the meeting scheduled with an option amend dates at a future time.

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6. Presentation by County Counsel on Legal Issues concerning Redistricting and Policies and Procedures of the Boundary Review Committee. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0710)

Nancy Takade, Principal Deputy County Counsel, presented a PowerPoint overview of the Legal Issues concerning Redistricting and Policies and Procedures of the Boundary Review Committee and responded to questions posed by the Committee. The following items were highlighted in the report:

- Population equality as mandated by the 14th Amendment
- Population deviation is permissible to achieve a rational state policy
- The Voting Rights Act
- County Charter and State Elections Code

Following County Counsel's presentation, Alan Clayton addressed the Committee.

Following discussion, the Committee by common consent, there being no objection, received and filed the report.

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7. Refinement of Public Access Plan. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0711)

Martin Zimmerman, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, gave an overview of the Public Assess Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors in concept. The following items were highlighted in the report.

- **The means of notifying the public of Committee meetings and information:**
 - Mailing Lists maintained by the Executive Office and newsblasts
 - Twitter and FaceBook through Board Offices
 - Website maintained by the Chief Executive Office
- **Information contained on Website will be:**
 - For use by the public
 - Process Analysis
 - Bios
 - Meeting agendas and minutes
- **Plan submissions and review process**

Frank Cheng, Manager, Chief Executive Office, made a presentation on software and all data being made available to members of the public to utilize for preparing plans, outside of the free software being offered.

After the presentations, on motion of Commissioner Acebo, seconded by Commissioner Hatanaka, the Committee approved the Public Access Plan.

In addition, the Committee by Common Consent, there being no objection, approved the inclusion of a subheader relating to alternative language accessibility.

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- 8.** Presentation on the Web Site. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0712)

Susan Herman, Senior Manager, Chief Executive Office, made a presentation on the Supervisory District Boundary Review Website which is expected to be launched toward the end of March and responded to questions.

In addition, the Committee requested that an investigation be conducted into the feasibility of translating the information on the website into other languages and the possibility of holding Community Meetings at facilities with video broadcasting capabilities.

After discussion, Marge Nichols, League of Women Voters requested that minutes be posted on the website and made available to the public in draft form. Alan Clayton asked why a location where computers and technical support could be made available to members of the public was not included as in 2001.

Martin Zimmerman responded that the Redistricting Website provided greater and more facilitated access by the public to the redistricting process.

- 9.** Presentation on Plan Submission and Analysis. (Rescheduled from the meeting of February 23, 2011.) (11-0713)

Martin Zimmerman, Assistant Chief Executive Officer made a presentation on Plan Submission and Analysis and responded to questions posed by the Committee.

During the presentation, Mr. Zimmerman informed the Committee that the standard analytical format will need to be placed on a future Committee meeting for approval.

Following discussion, the Committee by common consent, there being no objection, received and filed the report.

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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 10. Items not posted on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission.**

Public Comment

- 11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-1146)**

Marge Nichols League of Women Voters urged the Committee to increase public outreach by considering maximizing the number of public meetings held within the County to enhance public confidence in the redistricting process.

Luz Castillo of the U.S. Census Bureau announced that a press release was issued informing the public that the redistricting data for California will be released next week. The data will become available within 24 hours of receipt of confirmation that the Governor, Minority and Majority, and legislative leaders has received the data.

Alan Clayton discussed the issue of local ordinance versus federal law. Mr. Clayton mentioned the Bartlett case in which there was an issue of keeping the counties whole versus breaking up counties to create a voting rights district. Mr. Clayton stated that the Committee should keep in mind that there might be instances where federal law could trump state statues (such as the protection of incumbency of supervisors), if consistent with the guidelines set by the Supreme Court following the United States Constitution, the Voting Rights Act and other criteria.

After discussion, County Counsel indicated that they would report back to the Committee.

Adjournment

- 12. Adjournment for the meeting of March 2, 2011. (11-1147)**

By Common consent, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.