

**City of Carpinteria  
District Elections Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
City Hall Council Chamber  
June 17, 2019**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Committee Member Clark called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Committee Members present:

Fred Shaw

Al Clark

Staff members present:

Dave Durlinger, City Manager

Fidela Garcia, City Clerk

Jena Acos, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria

Mack Carlson, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria

Public: Lisa Guravitz

**II. DISCUSS SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**III. CONSULTANTS**

**A. Redistricting Partners**

**B. National Demographics Corporation**

**C. Aptitude (Map Drawing Tool)**

**D. ESRI (Map Drawing Tool)**

Dave Durlinger, City Manager, provided an overview of the consultants who would assist with City District Elections.

Committee Member Shaw asked that staff bring back an estimated cost for map drawing tools.

A discussion ensued regarding the settlement agreement, deciding on the number of districts and whether to have an elected or appointed Mayor, and AB 849 Fair Maps Act, which would require the use of fair redistricting criteria.

Mack Carlson, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria, stated that the City Attorney's Office would bring back the status of litigation regarding the City of Poway and the City of Santa Monica related to at-large versus district-based elections.

Fidela Garcia, City Clerk, provided an overview of the hearings to establish the criteria for the districting maps and sequencing of the elections, map selection, and approval of the ordinance and maps.

A discussion ensued regarding the committee members working with the consultant to create draft district maps, which would be submitted to the City Council for consideration at public meetings.

Mr. Durlinger discussed community outreach opportunities.

A discussion ensued regarding SB 139, The Peoples' Map Act, which currently does not apply to cities but would require counties with 250,000 or more residents to establish independent redistricting commissions to draw district lines using fair criteria.

Jana Acos, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria, provided an overview of the consultant assisting with drafting a draft process and timeline, assisting with outreach, establishing potential district boundaries; waiting on the 2020 Census data; being mindful of pending legislation that might affect redistricting; and working with the timeline to send the adopted district map to County Elections for the 2022 election.

Lisa Guravitz discussed the public's involvement in the District Elections Committee meetings and expressed her desire to provide input. Jana Acos, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria, noted that public participation would be included during the district mapping criteria process, map review, and final hearing prior to adoption of the ordinance.

Committee Member Shaw expressed interest in creating a working group made up of members of the community and the individuals who expressed support for district elections.

Mr. Durlinger suggested asking the consultant attend the next meeting to articulate possible decisions related to the creation of a working group of community members and the individuals who expressed support for district elections, the number of districts, appointed Mayor versus elected Mayor, outreach, etc. The Committee Members agreed.

#### **IV. SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- A. Local churches
- B. N2N
- C. Los Promotores
- D. City Communication outlets  
(E-newsletter, City scroll, Social Media, Advertising, Press Releases, City Web Page)

A discussion was held regarding venues and tools that might be used to reach the Spanish speaking community.

**V. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next District Elections Committee meeting will be scheduled in July when the consultant is available.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

  
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Fidela Garcia, City Clerk

