

CITY OF EL CAJON REDISTRICTING MEETING



MINUTES

EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

November 4, 2021

The Redistricting Meeting of the City of El Cajon, held Thursday, November 4, 2021, was called to order by Mayor Wells at 7:02 p.m., in the Kennedy Recreation Center, 1675 East Madison Avenue, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:	Goble, Metschel and Ortiz
Mayor Pro Tem present:	Kendrick
Mayor absent:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Mitchell, City Manager Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Cortez, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public Hearing to Receive Input from the Community Regarding Redistricting

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receives a report from staff about the redistricting process;
2. Receives an overview about federal, state and local redistricting criteria;
3. Receives an overview of El Cajon's U.S. Census Data;
4. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony; and
5. Closes the Public Hearing.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Wells introduced the Assistant to the City Manager, David Richards, who introduced Arabic translator, Zaki Slevani for those requiring live translation.

Also, in attendance were two translators: Fraidoon Hashemi, who provided Pashtoo and Farsi translations, and Mohammad Sarferaz, who provided Dari translation services.

PUBLIC HEARING: (Continued)

Mr. Richards provided detailed information of the redistricting process, and stated the public may submit maps for consideration until February 14, 2022 at noon.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Ramah Awad expressed disappointment with the Council's decision to not continue to work with the demographer to provide detailed information on maps submitted.

Mayor Wells requested that the Redistrict issue be agendized on the next City Council meeting.

City Manager Mitchell clarified that the agenda for the November 9, 2021 had been posted, but would come up with a different solution to accommodate the request.

The following people expressed gratitude for the recommendation by the Mayor, and spoke in support of a map submitted by the Majdal Center:

1. Jeanine Erikat
2. Yasmeen Obeid
3. Ahman Hussain
4. Jalal Shakir Alhasan
5. Taima Alhabban
6. Ailaa Al-Tabutabare
7. Asma Khair Allah
8. Abeer Alkasab
9. Farida Erikat
10. Nadine Hassoun
11. Lana Alany
12. Selma Hassane
13. Mohamed Erekat
14. Alena Rafo
15. Asia Areigat
16. Hadeel Kareem
17. Mumtar Mommand
18. Mohammad Anmadi
19. Alikhan Zarfarzai

The following requested housing assistance for new refugees:

1. Jalal Shakir Alhasan
2. Ehsanullah

City Manager Mitchell stated he would reach out to the Afghan Culture Community Center and the City Task Force to request assistance for those asking for housing information.

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Redistricting Meeting of the City of EI at 8:32 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk