

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
(Redistricting)**

**AUGUST 14, 1991**

The special meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Anne Rudin at 7:40 p.m. on the above date at the Woodlake Elementary School, 700 Southgate Road for the purpose of conducting a Community Meeting for Districts 1, 2, and 3 to include the areas of North Sacramento, South Natomas, Woodlake, and Gardenland to address the subject of Council Redistricting.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Fargo, \*Pane and Mayor Rudin

**ABSENT:** Chinn, Ferris, Kastanis, Mueller, Robie and Serna

**STAFF:** David Martinez, Deputy City Manager  
Gary Ziegenfuss, Associate Planner  
Ted Kobey, Assistant City Attorney  
Barbara Weaver, Director of Data Management  
Virginia Henry, Assistant City Clerk

\* Councilman Pane arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Rudin welcomed everyone to the community meeting and thanked them for their interest and time in attending this evening. She gave a brief description of the process as it would be followed noting that Mr. Martinez would present an outline of what the overall redistricting process will entail and how everyone can participate and have input to the process. Mr. Ziegenfuss will explain the Redistricting Kit, the schedule for the process and description of how redistricting works.

The Mayor introduced staff followed by Councilmember Heather Fargo representing District 1.

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Councilwoman Fargo, added her welcome to those present commenting that this was their opportunity to gather information, express their opinions and if interested, there is the availability of submitting ideas in the proper format to be heard about later. She thanked everyone for coming.

David Martinez, Deputy City Manager advised that this is the eighth in a series of nine meetings being held around the city in order to explore and visit the needs for redrawing the boundary lines. He noted that this process must be revisited every ten years following the U.S., Census. Due to the importance of this subject matter, the City Council decided to make the hearing process as open as possible and very accessible to City residents by taking the hearings out into the community such as this evening to encourage a high level of citizen participation. During this time period a total of nine public hearings will be held and every effort will be made to keep the process open and responsive to the opinions of concerned citizens who will have the opportunity to help decide how they should be represented. Mr. Martinez advised that there is no consideration of adding any new Council District; by law of our City Charter, there are eight districts which cannot be changed without a vote of the people.

Gary Ziegenfuss, Associate Planner, reviewed the Redistricting Kit which is being provided to all attendees at the community meetings. He advised that the Kit is easy to follow and will allow anyone the opportunity to submit formal comments and boundary proposals. An important element in the process is the opportunity for people to submit their own ideas; the kit has been designed to enable community groups and individuals to be part of the process and to easily develop their own boundary plans, or to simply comment on which criteria are the most important to use when evaluating boundary changes.

Comments and plans must be submitted prior to August 24th, as on August 28th, City staff will summarize all information gathered at the community meetings and submitted. All public comments and proposals will be reviewed by staff and submitted to the City Council on September 11th with a list of alternative boundary plans. At that time the City Council will be requested to choose those plans which should be analyzed in greater detail.

City Staff will present a recommended redistricting plan to the City Council on October 14th as well as an analysis of alternatives. The Council will then be able to review various redistricting concepts and choose an alternative which can best satisfy redistricting criteria.

Mayor Rudin introduced Councilman Pane (arrived at 7:50 p.m.) She requested that speakers keep their remarks to redistricting issues only and other items for the regular neighborhood meetings.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mr. James W. Reede, Jr., Co-Chair of the 1991 Redistricting Project has several questions. (1) he inquired as to how the districts would be numbered; north to south, east to west, and requested an opinion of the attorney; also whether the City Charter cited procedure.

Mr. Ted Kobey, Assistant City Attorney responded that there is nothing in the Charter that speaks to this matter; noted that there are scheduled elections in 1992 for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 and in 1994 for District 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Mr. Reede continued by citing that there are a number of citizens who cannot vote as they are currently residents of the County jail; he feels that this throws off the population count; he offered a number of several thousand in jail who are unable to cast a vote and noted that he felt this was not fair to include them in a census count as it would offer an imbalance; doesn't feel this has been addressed before and their group needs direction on how to proceed in considering this group; if the district is to balance with 46,171, it may need to increase because of the prisoners.

Mayor Rudin responded that this would be looked into.

Mr. Reede offered as to how the Cal Expo homeless were bussed in for the count and now, they are no longer there. He also inquired as to how the "overcount" was going to be addressed and requested that the legal counsel give an opinion.

Mr. Koby stated that the Office of the City Attorney will research the questions raised by Mr. Reede and prepare opinions on the issues addressed.

Mr. Bob Slobe requested that the Woodlake area be located back into District 2 where it belongs because of historical influence, educational link, common concerns including problems of infrastructure.

Councilman Pane inquired if the population number for this area was still around 545?

Mr. Slobe responded that this would be a close approximate.

Mr. Martinez offered that a small variance would be very acceptable.

Ms. Sally Hudson spoke to District 2 noting that her map shows 46,165 already there. She offered to work with staff as she has completed a map of ethnic counts for the Hispanic, African American and Asian population.

Mayor Rudin thanked everyone for taking the time and effort to attend tonight's meeting; she noted that all comments offered this evening will be considered and invited everyone to return when the meetings return to City Hall on August 28th at 7:30. She stated that the Council will do their very best when drawing and deciding on final boundaries for the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Anne Rudin, Mayor