

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

**SPECIAL MEETING – March 7, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council met in Special Session at 6:01 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2022, in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Mayor Hasselbrink presiding.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members: Bates, Chirco, Nefulda,  
Mayor Pro Tem Doby, Mayor Hasselbrink

**Absent:** Council Members: None

**Present:** Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager  
Michael Claborn, Police Chief  
Michael Daudt, City Attorney  
Craig Koehler, Finance Director  
Emeline Noda, Recreation and Community Services Director  
Ron Noda, Development Services Director  
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk  
Chelsi Wilson, Administrative Service Manager

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Public Hearing #4 to Receive Input on the Draft Revised City Council District Boundaries and Select a Preferred District Boundary Map (City Clerk)**

Pursuant to Elections Code section 21601, cities with by-district election systems are required to redraw their district boundary maps following each decennial federal census to ensure compliance with the California and federal Voting Rights Acts. The process to complete the redistricting requires a minimum of four public hearings and dedicated public outreach to ensure minority populations and communities of interest are aware of the redistricting effort and are provided with options to participate. The deadline for cities to complete the redistricting process is April 17, 2022.

Dr. Justin Levitt, National Demographic Corporation (NDC), gave a PowerPoint Presentation and explained that census data is provided by the Federal Government with census blocks being the smallest unit of census geography divided by jurisdictional boundaries or natural features visible on a map. Dividing a census block is feasible under very narrow sense of circumstances and/or by a court order and it leads to uncertainty regarding population.

Mayor Hasselbrink opened the Public Hearing for comments.

Maggie Marchese, resident, referred to Map 4 and stated a preference for keeping the one block on Farquhar in District 4 and keeping Carrier Row and Apartment Row together.

Mayor Hasselbrink closed the Public Hearing for comments.

Council and Staff discussed the following:

- Concern regarding Map 4 and District 1 picking up more of Apartment Row
- Use of the NDC web viewer to show the population density in each of the census blocks
- Ability for the Council and public to draw their own maps for consideration
- Dramatic changes to the boundaries in Map 2 with Apartment Row and Map 4 impacting District 1
- Proposed maps do not divide any census blocks
- Future growth can only be accounted for up to a 10% population deviation
- Concern for disjointed boundaries of District 1
- Preference for working with Map 2 as a base since it had a total population deviation of 3.05% and allowed for the most leigh way to make modifications
- Districts 4 and 5 are on the same election cycle and neither District were shown to lose any population

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Doby

Motion: Direct Staff to start with Map 2 and incorporate changes based off of comments received.

Council and Staff discussed the following:

- Population deviations between Map 2 and 3
- Approved maps are valid for 10 years regardless of population changes that occur after adoption
- Map 3 closely resembles current district boundaries
- Redistricting is triggered by release of Census data and not a deviation in population
- Preference to keep District 2 together and boundaries along the same roads

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Doby  
Carried 3/2 (Bates and Nefulda voted No): Directed Staff to start with Map 2 and incorporate changes based off of comments received.

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

City Negotiator: Michael S. Daudt, City Attorney  
Employee/Organization: Chet Simmons, City Manager  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

**B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: City Manager  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957

City Attorney Daudt read the item aloud.

**RECESS**

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 6:59 p.m.

City Attorney Daudt stated there was no reportable action.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Shelley Hasselbrink, Mayor

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Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk