



CITY OF MONTEBELLO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

**MONTEBELLO SENIOR CENTER
115 S. TAYLOR AVENUE
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA 90640**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL – Members present were Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, Councilmember Torres, Councilmember Melendez, and Councilmember Peralta; City Clerk Jimenez was also present. Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez arrived at 10:14 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT – City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager René Bobadilla, Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez, Assistant to Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, and Records Coordinator Angelina Padilla.

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC HEARING

1. CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (“CVRA”) PUBLIC HEARING 2

City Attorney, Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, presented a PowerPoint on CVRA.

Demographer, Claudio Gallegos, presented a PowerPoint on the districting process.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman acknowledged one (1) public comment submitted to the City’s public comment email address. Said comments are on file at the City Clerk’s office. Deputy Director Michael Chee walked around the room as various members of the Public requested to comment and address the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Torres expressed his concerns in moving forward with the districting process without an outside committee. He also stated that he personally is not in support of districting but as a Councilmember he would rather the City use money, which would be used if challenging the CVRA lawsuit, to benefit the City and community; however, if the City's legal counsel believes the City can challenge the lawsuit he is open to consider litigation.

Councilmember Peralta stated that as a resident she is opposed for districting because as a Councilmember she wants to help the entire community, but understands that the law is not on the City's side and is in support of moving forward with a fair and equitable process. She stated that she is opposed to rushing through the district process and doesn't feel that a district map should be adopted by March of 2022.

Councilmember Jimenez stated that she cannot state whether she is in support or opposed to districting process as it's a learning process for everyone and there is a lot of missing information.

Councilmember Melendez stated that unfortunately the law is not in the City's favor and the City has to provide the burden of truth that it's not discriminating against the Asian community and if the City challenges this litigation it could cost millions of dollars. He stated that if the community would like to challenge the lawsuit and spend those millions of dollars then Council can make that consideration. Councilmember Melendez stated that he welcomes the feedback from the public as we have future Public Hearings.

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne stated that a ping was sent out to thousands of members of the community through the My Montebello application and only a room filled of people attended the hearing. She also stated that she prefers the districting process continues until after the state and county re-districting process is completed in order to save money.

After City Council discussion, a motion was not made on this matter.

City Clerk Jimenez asked for the public to submit their email information to receive information about future Public Hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Melendez motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2021 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.



Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

Angelina Padilla

From: William Moreno <billmoreno@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:02 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Fwd: REDISTRICTING
Attachments: MONTEBELLO DISTRICTS PROPOSAL.Moreno11.8.21.pdf

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Melendez, Salvador <SMelendez@cityofmontebello.com>, Scarlet Peralta <speralta@cityofmontebello.com>, René Bobadilla <rbobadilla@cityofmontebello.com>, David Torres <dtorres@cityofmontebello.com>, Angie Jimenez <ajimenez@cityofmontebello.com>

Greetings: I won't be in town for the meeting so here is my stab at 4 Districts (and one at-large).

I don't support adding more council members since we're small and it can make consensus more difficult.

Thank you.

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2. East to BLUFF ROAD
3. West to CITY LIMITS

District 2 South Montebello

- South of WASHINGTON to the 5 Freeway
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- West to CITY LIMITS

District 3 Historic North Montebello

- South of BEVERLY BLVD (inclusive) to WHITTIER BLVD (inclusive)
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- West to GARFIELD/CITY LIMITS

District 4 North Montebello Hills

- North of BEVERLY to the 60 (and adjacent)

- East to CITY LIMITS
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