### CITY OF PASADENA REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

#### **MINUTES**

#### CALTECH CAHILL ASTROPHYSICS BUILDING 1216 EAST CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD, PASADENA, CA HAMEETMAN AUDITORIUM

## **DECEMBER 10, 2011**

SPECIAL PUBLIC FORUM MEETING

**OPENING** 

The Chair called the meeting of the Redistricting Task Force to order at

10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** 

William A. Crowfoot, Chair

Richard A. McDonald, Vice Chair

R. Michael Alvarez Alan Caldwell Wendelin Donahue

Alex Guerrero (10:08 a.m.)

James Marlatt

Mary Machado Schammel Elizabeth S. Trussell

Staff:

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney Sandra Robles, Recording Secretary Doug Johnson, Redistricting Consultant David Ely, Redistricting Consultant Sara Larson, Redistricting Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was moved by Member Schammel, seconded by Member Alvarez, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2011, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent Member Guerrero)

INTRODUCTION

Councilmember Tornek thanked the Task Force Members for their participation in the redistricting process and CALTECH for the use of Hameetman Auditorium for the meeting.

The Chair stated that the two samples maps created by the Consultants are not endorsed by the Task Force, but rather are provided as examples to elicit public feedback on the approaches the Task Force might consider going forward in the redistricting process.

CITY PROCESS, REDISTRICTING PRESENTATION ON AND SAMPLE PLANS, PREPARED BY DEMOGRAPHICS. REDISTRICTING CONSULTANT

Alex Guerrero (Arrived 10:08 a.m.)

Douglas Johnson, and Sara Larson, Redistricting Consultants, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the illustrative maps providing conceptual approaches to redistricting, including populace information from the City's 2010 consensus data, legalities of redistricting considerations, populace requirements for proposed redistricting maps, directions for the public to submit proposed redistricting maps, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Task Force, the information was received and filed.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE CONSULTANT'S PRESENTATION, CITY DEMOGRAPHICS, SAMPLE PLANS, AND/OR THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

The following individuals provided comments, stated concerns, and/or provided input to the Task Force on the redistricting process and the Consultant's presentation:

Robert Tait, El Rio/Lake Neighborhood Association, stated that his Neighborhood Association prefers the current District 5 configuration but would support a minimal change to the northern boundary of the district to include two blocks north of Rio Grande Street (up to East Howard Street), in between El Molino and Lake.

Marsha Rood, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association, provided comments on why she believes the needs of residents living in the area of the Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association are being ignored due ineffective and/or disinterested representation.

Chris Fedukowski, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association, commented on the need for better representation in the Central District, with a focus on seeking growth and development that is environmentally and economically sustainable.

Pat Roughan, De Lacy Green Condominium Association, commented on the need for better Central District representation.

Julianne Worrell, Pasadena Resident, commented on the lack of representation for property renters in the Central District.

Andy Zartarian, Armenian Community Coalition, spoke on the interests of the Armenian community.

Khatchik "Chris" Chahinian, Armenian Community Coalition, spoke in support of having the Armenian community interests properly represented.

Jonathan Edewards, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association, distributed a handout and commented on the need for reducing the number of Council districts representing the Central District in order to create more effective representation. Joao Huang-Anacleto, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association, commented on the need for a Central District and stated his concerns with the practice of dividing districts along main streets rather than property lines.

It was suggested by members of the Task Force that the Consultants explore the possibility of drawing districting lines not in the middle of streets, but rather utilizing property lines.

Task Force Member Guerrero suggested that the Armenian Community Coalition representatives provide more information on why they believe their voices are not being heard, and examples of what the City is not providing to the Armenian community.

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# DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING THE NEED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FORUM MEETING

Following discussion, the Task Force determined it was not necessary to take an action to add additional public forum meetings to the process.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reviewed the Redistricting Task Force schedule for the next few months.

Task Force Member Marlatt, requested that staff provide copies of all proposed redistricting maps submitted by the public/community organizations.

On the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Task Force, the information was received and filed

**ADJOURNMENT:** 

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

**ATTEST** 

Mark Jomsky City Clerk William Crowfoot, Chair Redistricting Task Force