



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Special Meeting held
April 13, 2021

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers, via Zoom video/teleconference, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers (via Zoom video/teleconference)
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood (via Zoom video/teleconference)
Council Member Steve Croft (via Zoom video/teleconference)
Council Member Ariel Pe (via Zoom video/teleconference)
Council Member Vicki Stuckey (via Zoom video/teleconference)

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PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE CREATION OF A DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION SYSTEM

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He introduced Shalice Tilton and Doug Johnson of National Demographics Corporation. Mr. Johnson displayed slides and provided an introduction to the districting process.

Lakewood residents Brian Cuaron, Kevin Davidson, Marisa Perez, Kenneth Graham, Kirk Real, Gregory Slaughter, Velia Carrillo and other unidentified speakers posed questions and voiced opinions regarding representation on the eastern portion of the City; the number of Council Member seats; neighborhoods relative to school boundaries; addresses for current Council Members; ranked choice voting; costs of the districting process; benefits of by district elections; minority representation; and the City's outreach efforts.

Mr. McCormack stated that \$100,000 had been budgeted for the process to transition from an at-large to by-district election system.

The City Council Members thanked the consultant for the presentation and encouraged residents who participated in the session to let their neighbors know of the upcoming duplicate hearing to be held on April 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk