PIMA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
4:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

Committee Members Present
Steve Lynn, Chair, District 1
Dr. Augustine Romero, Vice Chair, District 5
Dr. Sylvia Lee, District 2
Larry Hecker, District 3
Frank Antenori, District 4

Committee Members Absent
None

1. Roll Call

Nicole Fyffe, County Administrator’s Office, called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm with all members present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Purpose of the Committee and Introduction of Committee Members and County Staff

Ms. Fyffe summarized the purpose of the Committee, which is to hold at least five public meetings to develop a revised district map or maps to be recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the end of April.

Diana Durazo, County Administrator’s office, read a statement in Spanish informing Spanish speakers how to provide input and participate in future Committee meetings.

Committee members introduced themselves. Ms. Fyffe introduced County staff that will be available to assist the Committee.

4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

MOTION: Mr. Hecker moved, seconded by Dr. Lee, to appoint Mr. Lynn as Committee Chair. Motion approved 4-0, with Mr. Lynn abstaining.

MOTION: Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Hecker, to appoint Dr. Romero as Committee Vice Chair. Motion approved 3-1, with Mr. Romero abstaining.

5. Committee Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Training

Deputy County Attorney Bobby Yu provided the committee with the open meeting
law and conflict of interest training.

6. Overview of Redistricting Requirements and Resources

Ms. Fyffe and Erik Glenn, County GIS Analyst, presented an overview of County-level redistricting requirements, considerations, resources available to the Committee, and public input opportunities. Mr. Glenn briefly demonstrated a mapping tool called DistrictR, which he will use during Committee meetings to show map alternatives and make changes live during the meetings. The Pima County page on DistrictR is under development and has been delayed by the need to adjust voter precinct lines in response to the splitting of precincts by new legislative and congressional districts recently approved by the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

7. Committee Discussion and Direction to Staff

Ms. Fyffe confirmed, in response to a question from Vice Chair Romero, that additional available data can be made available to the Committee upon request.

Mr. Antenori asked if the data that Mr. Glenn is providing to DistrictR can be made available to the Committee in raw format in case anyone wanted to check the validity of the data. Mr. Glenn responded that he could provide the data in tabular form, and place it on the restricting webpage, along with a link to the Census data sources. Mr. Antenori responded that the links to the data sources would be sufficient.

Chairman Lynn commended Vice Chair Romero, who served on the 2011 County Redistricting Committee, for achieving a two percent difference in population between the districts while complying with state and federal law.

8. Committee Meeting Schedule

There was a request to find an alternative meeting date in lieu of the proposed February 14 date. Otherwise, there were no objections to the proposed meeting schedule and to publicizing it as soon as possible.

9. Public Hearing

There were no requests to speak at this time. Ms. Durazo read into the record one comment received through the County redistricting webpage, which stated that there should be no such thing as a safe district for any political party or person.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm

For a recording of the meeting, please visit the County’s redistricting webpage at www.pima.gov/CountyRedistricting for the February 2, 2022 Youtube recording link.