

**JOHN F. COOK**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**  
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1  
SUSANNAH M. BYRD, DISTRICT 2  
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3  
CARL ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4  
MICHEL NOE, DISTRICT 5  
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6  
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7  
CORTNEY NILAND, DISTRICT 8

**SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
July 23, 2012

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Eddie Holguin, Jr. and Cortney Carlisle Niland. Late arrivals: Susie Byrd at 6:10 p.m., Michiel Noe at 6:20 p.m. and Steve Ortega at 6:10 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Discussion and action on a Resolution adopting a districting plan which establishes new district boundary lines based on the 2010 U.S. Census data, to become effective immediately upon preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice; authorizing the City Attorney to submit the adopted districting plan to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act; and dissolving of the Districting Commission, as they have completed their duties in the redistricting process as identified in the City Charter. [City Attorney's Office, Marie Taylor, (915) 541-4550]

Mr. David Coronado, City Development, went over the time line for the redistricting process and the various maps being considered by City Council.

Representative Ortega questioned David Coronado on the maps.

Representative Acosta asked Mr. Coronado to show the precincts in Districts 3 and 8. She explained that her intent is to keep Precincts 81 and 82 together and the San Juan neighborhood together. She had worked on this with Representative Ortega.

Representative Byrd questioned the maps and the 10 percent cap.

Mayor Cook stated that all maps, A through F, reflect the City's demographics.

Mr. David Coronado stated that they all comply.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Lilly; seconded by Representative Niland and carried to approve Map F.

AYES; Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Byrd, Robinson, Noe, Ortega and Niland  
NAYS: Representative Holguin

The following members of the public commented.

1. Dr. Carina Ramirez
2. Mr. George Ybarra

3. Ms. Carol Miller (Comments read)
4. Ms. Alisa Jorgensen
5. Ms. Rose Cabrera
6. Ms. Alicia Ibarra
7. Ms. Maria Gamboa
8. Ms. Edodia Tejeda
9. Mr. Ed Talamontes
10. Ms. Ana M. Humphries
11. Ms. Elvia Hernandez
12. Mr. Paul Moreno
13. Mr. Ray Mancera
14. Mr. Alejandra Martinez
15. Mr. Fred Borrego
16. Mr. Chester Bryant
17. Dr. Gene Finke

Mayor Cook addressed Ms. Elvia Hernandez comments about a Hispanic representative for District 8.

Representative Ortega commented he respects legitimate appeals, but not appeals based on race or ethnicity. He quoted Martin Luther King. He asked the audience to refrain from those references.

Representative Acosta restated that she wanted and wants to keep the San Juan Neighborhood intact – the concern was not to keep Hispanics together, but to keep the neighborhood intact. The Neighborhood Association asked not to split them in half.

Dr. Carina Ramirez asked Council to consider adding one or two more districts in the next few years.

Dr. Gene Finke, Chair of the Districting Commission, acknowledged and thanked the Districting Commission members and City staff members, especially Mr. David Coronado, City Development and Ms. Marie Taylor, Assistant City Attorney.

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 Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lilly, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 7:16 p.m.  
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk