

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

**SPECIAL MEETING – June 4, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:03 p.m. Monday, June 4, 2018, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Edgar presiding.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members: Chirco, Hasselbrink, Murphy, Mayor Edgar

**Absent:** Council Members: Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto

**Present:** Staff: Sean Connolly, Police Captain  
Michael Daudt, City Attorney  
Eric Nunez, Police Chief  
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Second Public Hearing of Five – Transition to District Based City Council Elections (City Clerk)**

The purpose of this public hearing was to inform the public about the districting process and to hear from the community on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district boundaries. Per Election Code 10010 (a)(1), this is second of two public hearings that will be held before draft maps or proposed district boundaries will be drawn.

Mayor Edgar opened the Public Hearing for comments.

Joel Block, Rossmoor resident, expressed support for keeping similarly situated individuals in the same district, such as single family homes, multiple family dwellings, and apartments. He stated Apartment Row was a concentrated area and suggested two representatives from that area. He suggested considering which areas historically had the least representation.

Christine Adlanta, Apartment Row resident, stated support for districting as it would allow people to be better represented, encourage candidates to run for office and be more involved in local politics. She indicated there were no Council Members from Apartment Row where 43% of the residents lived. She stated Apartment Row was distinctive community of interest with the majority of residents being renters, households with children, and more ethnically and racially diverse. She strongly supported two representatives from Apartment Row and discouraged breaking up the area. Representation would help to focus Council on the neighborhood's parks,

parking, and crime. She requested the demographer be available to the public on weekends for working families.

Barbara Farrell, resident, believed representation would have helped with the Farquhar striping and addressing the streets flooding in heavy rains. She indicated she had met with neighbors regarding the process whom would be submitting a proposed map and was surprised the Council only represented two of the neighborhoods. She believed there were natural boundaries for districts and supported representatives from Apartment Row. She requested a meeting with the demographers on the weekend without the Council present.

Stephanie Diaz, resident, stated support for districting and believed the current council did not represent her neighborhood. She stated concern the Police Department had not addressed her concerns regarding speeding cars, bad parking situations, and lack of police presence in the neighborhood. She stated she was not happy with the current representation and wanted a Council to listen and actively engage the community. She stated support for interested people who want to run for Council to have a fair opportunity.

Philip, College Park North resident, stated support for the previous speakers. He believed in the principal of democracy and ensuring the people are represented.

Tanya, Carrier Row resident, stated support for districting and giving each neighborhood a voice. She indicated Apartment Row did not have representation and agreed two representatives should be elected from Apartment Row as it had the majority of the population and minorities.

Monica T, Apartment Row resident, did not believe her economic status was represented and her issues (i.e. traffic, tree maintenance) weren't adequately addressed. She stated support for districting.

Dean Grose, resident, stated he was familiar with the local and regional area and believed area representation was being misunderstood based on the comments he heard. He indicated it was difficult to run for office, serve on boards and commissions, and it involved a lot of time and energy to engage the community and do the job well. He referenced the City's Charter provisions for switching to districts. He stated the Council represented all of Los Alamitos and everyone's numbers were published and took calls from the public. He stated opposition to having two representatives from Apartment Row.

Mayor Edgar closed the Public Hearing for comments.

City Clerk Quintanar summarized the staff report and introduced Robert McEntire, National Demographic Corporation (NDC). Mr. McEntire gave a PowerPoint presentation.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Would take feedback from Apartment Row residents into consideration
- Brief history of candidates in the past three elections and ability to get elected to Council
- Requested residents call their Council Members with concerns so they can be addressed
- Council responds to requests from all residents throughout the City
- Budget for projects is spent throughout the City regardless of neighborhood
- Encouraged residents to run for the four seats up for the November 6, 2018 election
- Clarification that all five Council Members live in different neighborhoods throughout the City
- Council Member Murphy offered to meet with anyone interested in running for City Council
- Clarification that five districts would not represent all sixteen neighborhoods in the City
- Provided examples of various concerns that were addressed when brought to Council's attention regardless of neighborhood (i.e. resident concern about leaves in pool, Farquhar Striping, cracked alley concrete)
- Council cannot resolve concerns or issues if they are not made aware there is a problem
- Two Council Members in 2014 and 2016 were from Apartment Row
- Council's willingness to engage and learn from the process and feedback received
- Encouraged the community to go through the process with an open mind and hear what Council has to say
- Council's dedication to the community and being involved
- Legislative process that outlines the necessary steps
- \$17,000 for demographer fees only include the Council's required process
- Encouraged residents to submit the maps with contact information to the City Clerk's Office for review by the demographer
- Opposition to Council being elected by district
- Council will still be required to work as a group to get projects done even with districts

Mayor Edgar questioned Mr. Block's interest in the item. Mr. Block stated his interest was for better government and representation for the people.

The City Council:

1. Received this report on the districting process and permissible criteria to be considered to create district boundaries; and,

2. Conducted a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries.

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Daudt read the items aloud.

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Name of Case: *Los Alamitos Community United, et al. v. City of Los Alamitos, et al.* Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2018-00987018-CU-WM-CXC.

**RECESS**

City Council recessed into Closed session at 6:57 p.m.

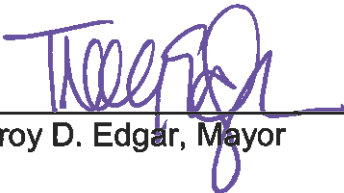
**RECONVENE**

The City Council reconvened in Special session at 7:30 p.m.

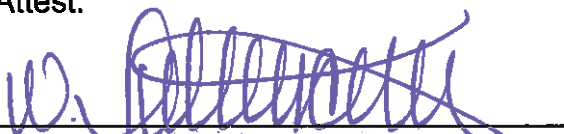
City Attorney Daudt advised there was no reportable action.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Troy D. Edgar, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk