

# Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves, Cherryl Jackson-Williams and Rob Saka

## **County Staff:**

Patrick Hamacher, Simon Farretta, Erin Arya, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

## **Districting Master:**

Dennis Higgins, King County GIS

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

## 2. Approval of the minutes from April 20, 2021

Member Danenberg moved approval of the minutes from April 20, 2021. Member Saka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6

There were no disclosures from committee members. Staff indicated that the Chair of the Council has invited Chair Schindler to update the Council on the process once the committee has adopted its work plan and community outreach plan, or is in a position to update on these two items.

#### 4. Districting Master introductions and discussion of role/responsibilities

King County GIS was selected to serve as the Districting Master. Dennis Higgins introduced the team that will be working on the project and discussed how members can work with the Districting Master to accomplish their work.

## 5. Presentation from King County Demographer Rebeccah Maskin

King County Demographer Rebeccah Maskin provided an overview of the growth trends in King County to the Districting Committee. The data was presented by current council district. The presentation also showed the range to which the population of each district is over or under the average district population. Members expressed interest in verification and analysis of the 2020 Census data when it becomes available.

#### 6. Initial briefing on DC Work Program and Community Outreach Plan

Staff briefed the committee on the draft work plan, broken out by activities including planning and education, outreach, data review, drafting and finalizing a plan. Staff reviewed with Committee members options and considerations for their community outreach plan. Committee members provided input on the work plan and directed staff to revise the draft work plan and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.

Members expressed interest in including public comment in the regular meeting agendas at the appropriate time as well as adding a public comment feature to the website. Member Saka requested that a dashboard be added to the website to show the public the status of the committee's work. Member Jackson-Williams expressed interest in ensuring that the committee is mindful of the need to use interpreters to reach certain communities.

# 7. Staff updates

No staff updates.

## 8. Chair updates

Chair Schindler reminded members to submit their RFP scoring sheets for the Districting Master to staff to deliver to procurement.

## 9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.