CITY OF ESCONDIDO MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE INDEPENDENT DISTRICTING COMMISSION

July 18, 2013

The meeting of the Selection Panel for the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Honorable Millken in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Members Present: Honorable Patricia Cowett, Honorable James Millken, and Honorable William Pate.

Staff Present: Diane Halverson, City Clerk; Megan Grimm, Executive Office Coordinator; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

Oral Communications: None.

Discussion and Communication by Applicants/Nominees

The following applicants and nominees provided an overview of their qualifications (application and statements attached):

- 1. Abshire, Harley, "Les"
- 2. Anderson, Jack
- 3. Avendano-Enciso, Alma Not Present
- 4. Cafaro, Robert L.
- 5. Carey, Andrew Powers
- 6. Crusing, Kathleen
- 7. Cruz, Doris Not Present
- 8. Darrough, Joseph
- 9. Dijak, Mary Anne Not Present. Statement read by City Clerk.
- 10. Eichler, Cynthia
- 11. Eichler, William
- 12. Fawley, Robert W.
- 13. Flores, William D.
- 14. Fraker, Jim
- 15. Friedrichs, Michael A. Not Present. Statement read by City Clerk.
- 16. Hundley, James Not Present. Statement read by City Clerk.
- 17. Johnson, Darren
- 18. Lefberg, Irving Withdrew
- 19. Moore, Richard S.
- 20. Moreno, Rolando R.
- 21. Morse, Jeffrey

- 22. Nuesca, Dana L.
- 23. Owen, Charles T.
- 24. Proffitt, Shawn W.
- 25. Ramirez Roberto Not Present. Statement read by City Clerk.
- 26. Savo, Paul J. Withdrew
- 27. Sims, Bruce D. Not Present. Statement read by City Clerk.
- 28. Skaja Carl, J. Not Present. Statement read by City Clerk.
- 29. Southwell, Suzanne R.
- 30. Telles, Armando
- 31. Valdez, John

William Eichler, Escondido, questioned whether legal counsel would be provided for the commission by the City. Attorney Frost replied in the affirmative.

Robroy Fawcett, Escondido, noted that he was involved in the districting process as a member of the public for the schools, noting during this process he learned that Hispanics could be of any race. He stated that this panel was to appoint individuals to give the Commission racial, social, geographic, and ethnic diversity. He felt it would be irrational not to ask the applicant's about their language skills. He indicated that he had asked the City to change the nomination form because it failed to specify race and language, noting race was added but language was not. Mr. Fawcett questioned how it could be known the Commission would represent the protected group if there were no representation from a language minority group. He then volunteered to act as an expert consultant to the Commission at no charge. He stated that he had acquired all of the relevant data from public databases, which was available at www.ipresss.info.

Donald Burgett, Escondido, stated that the decision being made by the panel was economic. He indicated that the City was now financially secure. He concurred with the City conducting police checks, noting his view that this might go away if the wrong people were elected. He felt that the district should encompass a north and south and east and west line with said line intersecting in the center of Escondido. He also felt that social justice and political practice destroy the concept of one man and one vote.

Derrick Roach, Chula Vista, requested to speak.

Honorable Millken asked Mr. Roach if he was a citizen of Escondido. Mr. Roach replied in the negative. Honorable Millken asked Attorney Frost if the Panel was subject to hear Mr. Roach's comments. Attorney Frost noted that the Districting Commission would be subject to the Brown Act, however, it was not determined whether the Selection Panel would be subject to the Brown Act. As such it was up to the panel whether or not to hear the comments from Mr. Roach. Honorable Millken chose not to hear from Mr. Roach given he was not a citizen of Escondido.

Nicole Downey, Escondido, expressed her view that Harley Abshire, Carl Skaja,

and Suzanne Southwell were incapable of making sound and fair decisions for the City. She also stated that she endorsed Richard Moore and Jack Anderson for the District Commission.

Carmen Romo, Escondido, stated she was opposed to splitting the districts. She also indicated that if the districts were split they should be split based on geographics.

Recess: Honorable Millken recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Discussion and Possible Action or Appointment of Commissioners:

The following individuals were selected by the Panel to the District Commission: Jack Anderson, Andrew Carey, Doris Cruz, William Flores, Dana Nuesca, Robert Ramirez and John Valdez.

Honorable Millken asked City Clerk Halverson to contact the Panel if an alternate was needed.

Selection of Temporary Chair for first redistricting Commission: Tabled to next meeting.

Adjournment: Honorable James Millken adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Honorable James Miliken

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk