



**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
Friday, May 31, 2013**

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission convened in a regularly called meeting on Friday, May 31, 2013 6:00 p.m. at City Hall's Board and Commissioner's Room #1101, 301 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

Initial Eight Members:

Magdalena Blanco
Marano Diaz-Miranda
Rachel Farris
William Hewitt

Carmen Llanes Pulido
Arthur Lopez
Anna Saenz
Maria Solis

Oath of Office: Administration of the Oath of Office to initial eight ICRC members: *Jannette Goodall, City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Jawana "JJ" Gutierrez, ICRC Staff Liaison.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Guadalupe Sosa, Roger Borgelt, Nelson Linda, Frances McIntyre, Peck Young, Brad Parsons

2. NEW BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

A. Introductions of ICRC members and city staff

The initial 8 ICRC members provided brief introductions.

B. Discuss ICRC's mission and purpose: *Sabine Romero, City Law Department*

The City Attorney discussed the ICRC's mission and purpose.

C. Discuss ICRC legal considerations

i. Voting Rights Act: *Syd Falk, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP*

ii. Texas Open Meetings Act, Public Information Act, and City Charter No-Contact Period: *Sabine Romero, City Law Department*

iii. Records Management: *Jannette Goodall, City Clerk*

Discussion from the City Attorney on what ICRC's legal obligations are, as well as a brief discussion on the Texas Open Meetings Act, Public Information Act, and the City Charter No-Contact Period. City Clerk Jannette Goodall discussed the records management process to include retention periods and what the ICRC's role is as it relates to documentation.

- D. Discuss contents of ICRC member binder: *Sabine Romero, City Law Department*
City Attorney discussed the content of the ICRC member resource binder.
- E. Discuss approach for reviewing remaining names in the pool of applicants recommended by the Applicant Review Panel and considerations for choosing final six ICRC members: *ICRC Members*
Liaison Gutierrez led discussion on the approach for selection of the remaining six Commission members. Members requested a detailed map outlining the demographics of the remaining applicants; specifically broken down by race and gender. Liaison Gutierrez will provide the data before the next meeting.
- F. Housekeeping matters, including resources on the City of Austin website, ICRC member contact information, staff support, and scheduling future meetings
City Attorney discussed the ICRC website and the resources that are available on the website, to include back up materials and future agendas. ICRC members requested to have the next two Friday meetings (6/7 and 6/14) begin at 6:30 pm rather than 6 pm; For the next meeting's agenda, ICRC members said they will discuss the 52 applications, and will discuss choosing a chair and co-chair.

There were no motions made during this first ICRC meeting.

Staff Liaison Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm without objection