

**2016 Redistricting Advisory Committee
Report and Recommendation to Mayor and Council**

Pursuant to Tucson Charter Chapter XVI, §§ 8 and 8.1, and Tucson Code § 10A-45, the 2016 Redistricting Advisory Committee ("Committee") presents its report and recommendation to the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson.

I. The Committee's Proceedings

At its first meeting on August 23, 2016, the Committee elected Luke Knipe as its Chairperson and Patrick Burns as its Vice Chair. The committee met four times: August 23, August 29, September 13, and September 19, 2016 and held one public hearing on September 29, 2016 ("Public Hearing").

As required by Tucson Code § 10A-44(b)(1), the Committee has carefully reviewed, considered, and discussed the following material:

- A. Relevant data pertaining to the redistricting process, including 2010 U.S. census population and demographic totals and 2014 precinct boundaries adopted by Pima County as of November 13, 2013;
- B. Public Comment received at the September 29, 2016 Public Hearing;
- C. The City Clerk's transcribed meeting minutes, requested supplemental information and preliminary redistricting maps; and
- D. The various legal and policy considerations presented by the City Attorney's Office and City Clerk's Office, and reflected in the Committee's written submittals to Mayor and Council.

II. Findings of the Committee

During the City of Tucson Redistricting process, the Redistricting Advisory Committee focused primarily on precincts that are split between Wards as a result of the latest precinct boundaries adopted by the Pima County Board of Supervisors. There are currently six split precincts.

Precinct 153 is split between Wards 1 and 3
Precinct 42 is split between Wards 3 and 6
Precinct 72 is split between Wards 3 and 6
Precinct 82 is split between Wards 5 and 6
Precinct 98 is split between Wards 5 and 6
Precinct 113 is split between Wards 4 and 6

One factor that the Committee had to consider was the size of the precincts. In 2008 there were 247 City precincts. During the last two precinct changes the County reduced the number of City precincts to 135. This resulted in larger populations within each precinct and therefore fewer choices for precinct movement between wards.

Additionally, the Committee considered the possibility of voter confusion and election administration costs associated with split precincts.

III. The Committee's Initial Recommendation

The Committee worked with City Clerk staff to develop several redistricting options. An initial motion was made to forward a recommendation that no ward boundary changes be made this year. The motion failed by a vote of 1 to 5 (Mr. Crum in favor).

After further review and discussion the Committee made an initial recommendation that was approved by a vote of 6 to 0 (Commissioner Mohur Sidhwa, absent/excused). This recommendation was submitted to the public for review prior to the Public Hearing.

The committee selected this option primarily due to its reduction of four of the six split precincts and the least movement of population overall.

Precinct 72 was moved from Ward 3 to Ward 6 to mitigate the Maximum Population Deviation (MPD).

Precinct 82 was moved from Ward 6 to Ward 5 because the precinct was split between the two wards.

Precinct 98 was moved from Ward 5 to Ward 6 to mitigate the MPD.

Precinct 113 was moved from Ward 6 to Ward 4 because the precinct was split between the two wards.

Precincts 42 remains split between Wards 3 and Ward 6.

Precinct 153 remains split between Wards 1 and Ward 3.

Precinct Changes by Ward

Ward	From W1	From W2	From W3	From W4	From W5	From W6	Population	Total Population
1								
2								
3								
4						113*	3,447	3,447
5						82*	1,163	1,163
6			72*		98*		4,699	9,878

This recommendation changes the overall MPD from 5.66% to 7.49%.

IV. Reasons for the Committee's Initial Recommendation

Tucson Code § 10A-44(b)(1), provides that the Committee is to determine if redistricting is necessary. The Committee made that determination regarding this Option because six precincts are split amongst two (2) or more wards.

The Committee majority unanimously believed that this option is viable because:

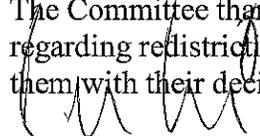
- Total City population is within the MPD of 10%.
- Ward populations are within the MPD of 10%.
- Ethnic balance is maintained among the wards so that dilution of minority voting does not occur.

V. Final Recommendation

The Committee considered comments presented both in writing and those made during the Public Hearing. Additionally, the Committee received comments from their respective Mayor and Council offices. These comments focused primarily on the impact the changes would have to the existing neighborhoods. Although neither the Tucson Charter nor the Tucson Code provide for a review of this type of impact, the Committee felt that it was an important consideration in maintaining the established and recognizable ward boundaries with a minimum of disruption. The Committee determined that the splits between the precincts could be handled administratively and at little additional cost to the City. Based on the public input and further deliberations held by the Committee during their review, the Committee voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to the Mayor and Council that no ward boundary changes be made this year.

VI. Conclusion

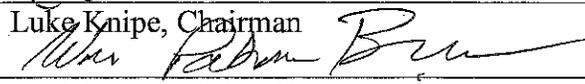
The Committee thanks the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to advise them regarding redistricting and hopes its recommendation and statement of reasons will assist them with their decision regarding redistricting in 2016.



Luke Knipe, Chairman

9/29/16

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Patrick Burns, Vice Chairman

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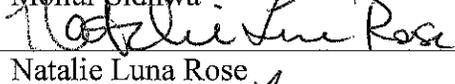
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Mohur Sidhwa

September 29, 2016

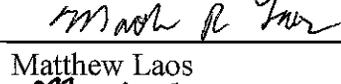
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Attachments:

1. City Charter, Chapter XVI, §§ 8 and 8.1
2. Tucson Code, Chapter 10A, Article V.
3. Legal Requirements and Policy Guidelines
4. Option Map
5. Base Map