



Public Hearing of March 6, 2023

**Santa Cruz Port Commission
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present:

Darren Gertler	Chair (via Zoom)
Stephen Reed	Vice-chair
Dennis Smith	Commissioner
Toby Goddard	Commissioner
Reed Geisreiter	Commissioner

PUBLIC HEARING – 5:30 PM

Chair Gertler convened the public hearing at 5:30 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA (hybrid meeting platform).

1. Public Hearing to Receive Public Input on the Port District's Transition to District-Based Elections for its Commissioners Pursuant to Elections Code §10010

Administrative Services Manager (ASM) Bouchard stated that this is the first of four public hearings required as part of the Port District's redistricting process. She stated that the public hearing schedule is as follows:

- Two Initial Hearings (March 6, 2023, March 28, 2023)
 - Held prior to the release of draft maps.
 - Purpose: education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
- Release draft maps
 - Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to the 3rd hearing.
- Two hearings on draft maps (April 25, 2023, May 23, 2023)
 - Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
 - Final map may be adopted May 23.
- Map adoption (Possibly May 23, 2023)
 - Final map may be adopted.
 - If needed, an additional meeting will be scheduled to allow for further review.
 - Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

ASM Bouchard introduced the District's contracted demographer, Douglas Johnson, President of the National Demographics Corporation. Mr. Johnson provided a comprehensive overview of the districting process.

The following community feedback was received at the public hearing:

- Support for shaping districts by watersheds.
- Support for neighborhoods surrounding the harbor to be considered a community of interest.

Chair Gertler adjourned the public hearing at 6:24 PM.


Darren Gertler, Chair