

**CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA**



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, August 14, 2023**

**5:30 PM – Special Meeting  
David B. Roberts Council Chambers**

**City Hall  
2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**

**Auburn City Hall - Rose Room  
1225 Lincoln Way,  
Auburn, CA 95603**

**MINUTES**

**1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Budge called the Special meeting to order in the David B. Roberts Council Chambers at 5:41 p.m.

Council Members Present: Garrett Gatewood (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Siri Pulipati, David Sander, and Mayor Linda Budge

Council Members Absent: Donald Terry

Staff Members Present: Stacy Leitner, Adam Lindgren, Persephonie Riley, and Micah Runner

Michael Yearwood led the pledge.

There was a moment of silence for the people of Maui that are struggling with wildfires.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The City Clerk stated that public comment would be taken at the time each matter on the agenda is discussed.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

3.1. **Subject:** Public Hearing Requesting Public Input Regarding the Composition of Potential Council Election Districts as the City is Working to Transition from At-large to District-based Elections for City Council Members, and

Possible Continued Discussion With and Direction to Staff and Consultants Regarding the Number of Districts Including Whether or Not to Transition from an Appointed Mayor to a Directly Elected Mayor.

**Recommendation:** 1. To provide education and to receive public input regarding the composition of potential Council election districts as the City is working to transition from at-large to district-based elections for City Council Members pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

2. Possible further discussion and direction to staff and consultants about the number of districts including whether or not to transition from an appointed Mayor to a directly elected Mayor.

Mayor Budge opened the public comment period. The following individuals addressed the Council or submitted public comment via email:

1. Joyce Rosenberg
2. Lisa LeGare
3. Fayzah Mughal
4. Joanne Arillones
5. Derald Langwell
6. James Garcia
7. Sue Garcia
8. Scott Rafferty
9. Sam Bhakta
10. Lupe Hernandez
11. Helen Whelan-Bashaw
12. Doniell Cummings
13. Matt Cummings
14. Sara Malone
15. Anil Reddy
16. Jennifer Garcia
17. Andrew Rush
18. James Garcia
19. Jim Garcia
20. Lisa LeGare
21. Sara Malone
22. Marilyn Metzger
23. Belinda Rianda

Mayor Budge closed the public comment period.

**ACTION:** Input was received regarding the Composition of Potential Council Election Districts as the City is Working to Transition from At-large to District-based Elections for City Council Members.

4. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Budge adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:04 p.m.

5. **CLOSED SESSION - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Budge called closed session to order at 8:04 p.m.

Council Members Present: Garrett Gatewood, Siri Pulipati, David Sander, and Mayor Linda Budge

Council Members Absent: Donald Terry

Staff Members Present: Stacy Leitner, Adam Lindgren, Persephonie Riley, and Micah Runner

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Budge opened the public comment period. The following individuals addressed the Council or submitted public comment via email:

1. Scott Rafferty
2. James Garcia
3. Fayzah Mughal
4. Matt Cummings
5. Helen Whelan-Bashaw
6. Lupe Hernandez

Mayor Budge closed the public comment period.

Council met in closed session to discuss the following item:

- 6.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(One Case relating to a letter from Scott J. Rafferty on behalf of Neighborhood Elections Now received on June 7, 2023 petitioning the City to comply with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) by beginning the process of transitioning from at-large to single-member district City Council elections for the November 2024 Election or potentially be sued under the CVRA).

**7. OPEN SESSION - REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Adam Lindgren reported that staff was given direction and no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Budge adjourned the meeting in memory of the people of Maui that are struggling at 8:41 p.m.

  
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Stacy Leitner, CMC  
City Clerk