Redistricting Commission Components

Decision Points	Current Sunnyvale Practice/Policy and/or Applicable Legal Requirements	Possible Options, Considerations, Common Components for Other Commissions	Notes, Council Comments and Direction 2/2/20
SIZE How many members should be on the redistricting commission?	Existing standing commissions: 5-7 Charter Review Comm.: 11 (Recent) up to 15	Commission size should be reasonable considering timeline and time needed to allow for public and commission comment	
SELECTION PROCESS How should members be selected?	 Council appointment process in Council Commission Policy written application eligibility determined by City Clerk voice or paper vote at a Council meeting 	 Council as a whole, individual council members? Quasi-random draw with self-selection? Selection committee? (independent or with Council) Or some combination? How much of the process should occur at a public meeting? 	
FILLING VACANCIES How should vacancies be filled?	Council appointment policy (see above)	Alternates could be chosen when members are selected and would fill in if a vacancy occurs	
ELEGIBILITY & MEMBERSHIP Should there be specific qualifications for membership?	 Council Commission Policy Registered voter of the City Several commissions have specific requirements. 	 Membership from districts, citywide, or some combination Preferred or required experience or expertise? Certain minimum residency in City Voted in 1-2 immediately preceding general elections 	
RESTRICTIONS Should there be restrictions on activity during and post service?	 Council Commission Policy No spouse, household member or relative of Council or executive staff Cannot serve on two commissions except for Board of Building Code Appeals 	 May not seek election to City Council for a period of time after redistricting Special relationships or political interests (see spreadsheet of other city redistricting commissions for examples) 	

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POWERS & DUTIES What should the specific duties of the commission be?	 Council Commission Policy Advisory to Council Some commissions have specific duties State Requirements: must follow state outreach guidelines must provide training on mapping criteria must provide training and access to mapping tools must accept and review draft map proposals from community may develop draft maps based on community input has authority to narrow and refine map options based on community input must send 2-3 viable draft maps to Council may recommend a draft map for approval by Council 	 Will the commission hold all public hearings and narrow maps? Will Council have some involvement (reports to Council or joint meeting/s)? How many maps should the commission send to the council? 	
Districting Criteria What criteria should the Commission use to develop, evaluate or refine draft maps?	Required to meet Federal and state requirements	 Additional factors important to Council in Study Session: Maintain existing district structure as much as possible Minimize disenfranchisement 	
OTHER BY-LAW PROVISIONS Should the Redistricting Commission establish its own by-laws or follow the by-laws followed by all standing Council Commissions?	 Council Commission Policy Interaction with City Council, Public, Staff, and other Board and Commission Members Sanctions, Investigations, removal 	Given short timeframe to complete 2021 redistricting, using existing city commission policy promotes efficiency	

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NOTICING Should there be longer noticing requirements for recommended map or final map before adoption?	State law requires draft maps to be available for public viewing at least 7 days before a hearing (per state law)	 14 day viewing period before final selection and/or adoption 	
COUNCIL AUTHORITY AND DUTIES	No policy or requirement- depends on authority given to commission	 Hybrid-format options Council must adopt a single draft map recommended by the Redistricting Commission Council may veto commission's draft map and return it to commission with comments; commission considers and makes final decision Council must choose from maps recommended by commission without modification Advisory format options Council considers narrowed number of maps recommended by commission, may modify and adopt 	
TIMELINES Should there be a deadline for the Redistricting Commission to submit draft maps to Council?	State law: ROV: Process must be complete by December 3	Establish a deadline for commission to submit map/s to Council	