

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
October 2, 2017
Conference Room, 525 Veterans Boulevard
Redwood City, CA 94063**

Directors Present

Director Griffin
Director Hickey
Director Shefren

Directors Excused

Director Faro
Director Kane

Also Present

Mr. Michelson, CEO
Mr. Hudak, Legal Counsel
Ms. Kurtzman, Recorder on
behalf of Ms. Stamper,
Recorder

1. Call to Order

Vice-President Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. Public Comment/Non-Agenda Items

Vice-President Griffin asked if there was public comment on non-agenda items. There was none.

3. Discussion With Demographer Paul Mitchell About The Process Of Establishing Zones For Upcoming Board Of Director Elections

Mr. Paul Mitchell, Demographer from Redistricting Partners gave a presentation on how to establish zones, also known as “districts”, within the Sequoia Healthcare District solely for the purposes of the healthcare district Board elections. The term “districting” refers to creating election boundaries within the District. Those districts within the SHD will then be re-evaluated every 10 years to recalibrate boundaries to keep a population balance.

There are 5 traditional criteria for redistricting:

1. The districts must be **equal size** based on entire population (voters, noncitizens, etc.) with only a 5% deviation between districts.
2. The districts shall **follow natural geographic boundaries**, like freeways, a river, etc. and may follow precinct boundaries if desired.
3. The districts must be **contiguous**. The area of the district must be all connected. The district must not have any detached parts.
4. The districts must be **geographically compact** such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant population. No snaking or elongated districts.
5. The district must **preserve communities of interest**. A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest are also defined as geographical areas, such as neighborhoods of a city or regions of a county, where the residents have common political interests that do not necessarily coincide with the boundaries of a political subdivision, such as a city or county. An example of a community of interest could be a hillside, an aerospace community, or a religious or ethnic group.

The SHD contains a population of approximately 230,000 people. Therefore, districts would be about 45,000 to 48,000 people.

There will be 3 more meetings to inform and educate the public, as well as gain input on what communities of interest should be included. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th at the North Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City at 7:00PM.

4. Public Input On Drawing of The Five (5) Zones Within Sequoia Healthcare District.

Karen Routt of Magnolia of Millbrae would like to see if African American population could be a community of interest.

5. Adjourn

Motion: At 7:30PM adjourn meeting.

By: Director Shefren

Seconded by: Director Hickey

All in favor

Motion Passed

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sequoia Healthcare District is scheduled for 4:30PM, Wednesday, December 6, 2017, District Conference Room, 525 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jerry Shefren
Secretary