



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

SPECIAL MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Directors DeMarco, Nitikman (Absent/Excused), Rips (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Searles
President Barke
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Searles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. PRESENTATIONS: None
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Barke provided background noting there are maps being drawn that puts the Rossmoor Community Services District (RCSD), and the cities of Cypress and Los Alamitos, with the City of Long Beach for legislative representation; stressed the Redistricting Committee needs to hear from Rossmoor residents; reported the maps are specifically for State Assembly and State Senate and invited public comments.

Marita Swanson expressed concerns that the notice for this meeting reflected an incorrect start time and omitted the discussion regarding street sweeping services; suggested providing a link to the agenda with the distribution of notices and noted the need to upgrade the RCSD website.

Dean Gross, Los Alamitos, commented on redistricting and provided a brief history on the subject; noted the need to get the word out to as many residents, businesses, and groups as possible urging them to write letters to the redistricting commission; referenced a flyer from the Keep Long Beach Together Coalition promoting inclusion of Rossmoor, Cypress and Los Alamitos into Long Beach; stated Rossmoor has nothing in common with Long Beach and urged residents to get involved.

Diane Rush thanked the Board and General Manager Mendoza for the resolution; opined redistricting is a blatant attempt to gerrymander a conservative enclave to neutralize its votes on

the part of Long Beach; stated Long Beach has a history of encroaching on public rights and urged residents to voice their concerns.

Angie Epstein stated that never should an elected official representing the Rossmoor community also represent a completely different city and county; emphasized representation should be reflective of the community in Orange County; pointed out the San Gabriel River and 605 Freeway function as a physical barrier between the cities and that Rossmoor, and the cities of Los Alamitos and Cypress should remain with appropriate Orange County representation.

Kimberly McGee, Los Alamitos, noted the community is Orange County based and encouraged residents to get together, send emails and let family and friends know about the issue in order to provide feedback.

Emily Hibard, Los Alamitos, spoke in opposition to being included in Long Beach and Los Angeles County instead of Orange County and volunteered to produce short videos of residents stating their concerns.

Herumi, Cypress, noted the communities of Cypress, Los Alamitos and Rossmoor have nothing to do with Long Beach and spoke in opposition to being included in Long Beach and Los Angeles County instead of Orange County.

Donna, via Zoom, spoke about fighting the initiative to include Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Cypress in Long Beach.

President Barke addressed the importance of residents and groups making their opinions known to the redistricting committee with phone calls and emails and reported appropriate links will be posted in the RCSD website.

Second Vice President Rips arrived at this juncture (8:00 p.m.).

First Vice President DeMarco reported the maps are dynamic and constantly changing and noted the lines change, based on the number of emails, and spoke about wanting representation with like interests.

Dr. Bobby Populious, Seal Beach, referenced a flyer from the Keep Long Beach Together Coalition and rebutted a claim that Long Beach and Rossmoor, Cypress, Seal Beach and Los Alamitos share the same interests; spoke about opening restaurants in Orange County and voiced opposition to the redistricting efforts.

Cheri Hurst, via Zoom, spoke in opposition to redistricting efforts to include Rossmoor, Cypress and Los Alamitos in Long Beach.

Nadia Fabre reported moving from Los Angeles County to protect her children and spoke in opposition to redistricting efforts to include Rossmoor, Cypress and Los Alamitos in Long Beach.

General Manager Mendoza read an email from Cherol Katz regarding her family's experience living in Rossmoor and stating opposition of any annexation of Rossmoor and Los Alamitos to Long Beach.

General Manager Mendoza reported receiving many phone calls during the last few days and noted this is not an attempt at annexation or taxation, but a redistricting of representation.

First Vice President DeMarco read an email from Dr. Maureen Wauters indicating support of a resolution that would keep Rossmoor in Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District in Orange County as opposed to a district shared with Long Beach.

In response to an inquiry from Chad, President Barke reported he is unsure as to the motivation behind this and spoke about the importance of maintaining Orange County representation and activating the community to make their voices heard. Chad spoke about the importance of residents becoming involved.

Betty Chang spoke about her, and her family's experience living in Rossmoor and spoke against redistricting Rossmoor into Long Beach.

President Barke stressed this is about who will represent Rossmoor.

Dean Gross reported the census is done every ten years; stated that all seats are redistricted; noted that because of the census count, Long Beach lost people and they are determining where they can get additional people to be part of their districts. He listed important deadlines; reported the Redistricting Commission is currently holding public hearings and urged the public to visit www.wedrawthelines.org for additional information.

Director Searles added that population has moved inland.

Tracy Sterm spoke about moving to Rossmoor because she did not want to live in Los Angeles County; reported that L.A. County and Orange County have different goals and opposed redistricting Rossmoor into Long Beach.

Laura Tanner suggested displaying a table during FNL events as well in area schools informing residents about this issue and helping them to send their emails to the Redistricting Commission; urged residents to go door-to-door on their streets to inform their neighbors and get signatures opposing the proposed redistricting.

Jack Tanner spoke about his intentional decision to move from Long Beach to Rossmoor; believed it is a power grab on the part of Long Beach and urged residents to get involved.

Bob Sokol spoke about the differences between Long Beach and Rossmoor, including school districts and law enforcement, transit systems, sales tax rates and utility providers; noted that Rossmoor deserves representation and discussed the need to be specific in terms of socially and the kinds of systems supporting the community. He reported purchasing

www.saverossmoor.com and www.saverossmoor.net where he will place relevant information for residents.

Paul Fabre spoke about his experience living in Orange County and urged residents to fight this initiative.

There were no other public comments.

Director Searles thanked residents for participating; urged residents to remember that what is important is to have representatives that look out for the interests of Rossmoor; expressed concerns regarding homelessness and freeway noise; spoke about the importance of maintaining a relationship with Long Beach and Los Angeles County and commented positively on the proposed resolution.

First Vice President DeMarco spoke about needing a united front; noted the need to have representatives who look out for the interests of Rossmoor; agreed this is a power grab; advised residents not to be political in their emails and voiced support for the resolution.

President Barke reported that Rossmoor Homeowners Association is involved in the fight, as well.

Second Vice President Rips agreed with his fellow Board Members and noted his support of the resolution.

President Barke expanded on the differences between Long Beach/Los Angeles County and Rossmoor/Orange County and stressed that now is the time for residents to make their voices heard.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-10-19-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REQUESTING THAT THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REMAIN IN AN ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT SHARED WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, AND INSTEAD IN ORANGE COUNTY BASED DISTRICTS SO THAT THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ELECTORATE CAN BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED

Motion by President Barke, seconded by First Vice President DeMarco to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-10-19-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REQUESTING THAT THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REMAIN IN AN ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT SHARED WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, AND INSTEAD IN ORANGE COUNTY BASED DISTRICTS SO THAT THE

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Substitute Motion by President Barke seconded by First Vice President DeMarco to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-10-19-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REQUESTING THAT THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REMAIN IN AN ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT SHARED WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH/LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND INSTEAD IN ORANGE COUNTY BASED DISTRICTS SO THAT THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ELECTORATE CAN BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED and including Long Beach/Los Angeles County throughout the body of the resolution.

The motion carried 4-0, with the following vote:

AYES:	Director Searles, Second Vice President Rips, First Vice President DeMarco, and President Barke
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Director Nitikman

D. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 TO COOPERATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT MA-080-19011372 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report.

Discussion followed regarding whether \$80,000 will be enough, steps moving forward, the goal of starting the new street-sweeping schedule in January, proposed marketing efforts, and enforcement.

Director Rips expressed concerns with financial "unknowns"; felt this change improves the quality of life for Rossmoor residents and spoke about the need to be cautious in terms of ensuring RCSD is fiscally sound.

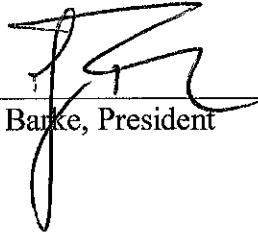
Motion by President Barke, seconded by First Vice President DeMarco to approve Amendment 1 to Cooperative Services Agreement MA-080-19011372 between the County of Orange and the Rossmoor Community Services District for Street Sweeping Services and authorize the General Manager and General Counsel to make any non-substantial changes necessary. Motion passed 4-0 with Director Nitikman, absent.

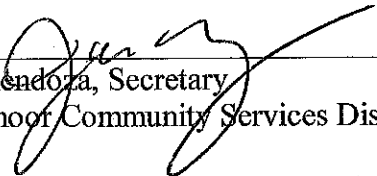
E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Searles to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.
Motion passed 4-0 with Director Nitikman, absent.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Jeffrey Barke, President

Joe Mendoza, Secretary
Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED: November 9, 2021