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MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:15 PM)

Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81662278200?pwd=5z6u7EAKTsoeDxUlpIPhcab9aoiakm.1>

Meeting ID: 816 6227 8200 **Passcode:** 670827 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View:

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.elcerrito.gov/CouncilMeetingMaterials

Public Comments:

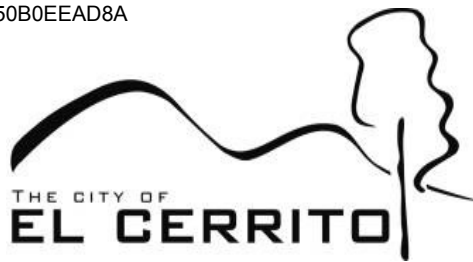
1. In-person, by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. Via Zoom, using the "[Raise Hand](#)" feature to request to speak.
3. By phone, dialing *9 to "raise your hand", and *6 to unmute.
4. Online, using the "[Submit Comments](#)" feature on the [meeting event](#).
5. Via email to cityclerk@elcerrito.gov indicating **Public Comments – Agenda Item #.**

Written comments received by **11:00 AM** the day of the meeting will be provided to the City Council and posted online in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and posted after the meeting.

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations. Closed Captions are available via zoom.

Conduct: This meeting is held pursuant to City Council [Rules of Order and Procedure](#).

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6:15 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.
Present: Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes,
Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Wysinger **Absent:** Mayor
Quinto

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A
MOMENT OF SILENCE**

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**A. Third Public Hearing on Transition to District-Based Elections –
Presentation of Initial Draft Maps and Sequence of Elections** *Notice
was published on 5/30/2026, draft maps were publicly posted 06/02/2026
at www.elcerrito.gov/districts.*

Action Proposed: Conduct a third public hearing regarding transitioning
to district-based elections for City Council members, including reviewing
draft maps, soliciting public input, and providing direction to staff on the
draft maps and sequence of elections for district-based Council elections
in accordance with Elections Code § 10010.

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney; Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City
Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to
comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding risk
of adopting a map from the public, timing of review of maps submitted,
ensuring gerrymandering does not occur, process for determination of the
sequence of elections, and option to have all terms voted on in the same
election year.

Public Hearing: Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman opened the public hearing.

Public Comments:

Neil Tsutsui - shared feedback that Map A fragments rental communities
along the San Pablo Corridor in 3 districts, Map B breaks this same
community of interest into 4 districts and splits the hilltop school zone into
3, and Map C splitting Mira Vista over 2 districts.

Michael Coan - questioned how it is determined the sequencing of
elections.

Richard Brooks - spoke on public information regarding districts,
communities of interests, and working to increase civic engagement on the
distracting process and 3-4 districts for the flat portions of the city.

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Betsy Bashor - commented on what composes the Hillside area, consideration of using Garbage routes, gerrymandering regarding incumbents

Grant Ricketts - spoke regarding the quick process to transition, questioned the identity of the individual who brought forward the allegation of violation, and consideration of splitting San Pablo Avenue in two districts, B represented a more logical

Rebecah Kenny - concern about need for additional community outreach, if not now well before the 2028 election.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Wysinger
Action: Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None **Absent:** Mayor Quinto

Action: General feedback provided by the City Council, no formal action taken.

3. **ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The special meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Signed by:

Gabe Quinto, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 9, 2026 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Signed by:

Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk