



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2025  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which normally meet at 12:00 p.m., did not meet on this day.)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rowse.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Kristen W. Sneddon.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, Assistant City Attorney John Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

**1. Subject: Recognition of Outgoing Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez**

Action: Mayor Rowse recognized Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez.

**2. Subject: Comments by Outgoing Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez**

Action: Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez made comments.

**3. Subject: Comments by the Public Relating to Outgoing Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez**

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Mark Alvarado; Mario Gutierrez; Loy Beardsmore; Elizabeth Adams.
- Mayor and Councilmembers made statements of appreciation.

**4. Subject: Affirmation of Allegiance by Councilmembers-Elect Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez**

Action: City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman administered the Affirmation of Allegiance to Councilmembers-Elect Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez.

**5. Subject: Presentation of Certificates of Election**

Action: City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman presented the Certificates of Election to Councilmembers-Elect Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez.

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2:31 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

**6. Subject: Seating of Newly-Installed Councilmembers**

Action: Councilmembers Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez were seated.

**7. Subject: Comments by Councilmembers Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez**

Action: Councilmembers Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez made comments.

**8. Subject: Comments by the Public to Councilmembers Wendy Santamaria, Mike Jordan, and Oscar Gutierrez**

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Lee Heller; Jacqueline Inda; Jose Arturo Gallegos; Estela Montono; Miguel Avila; Kristen Miller; Elizabeth Adams; Aruni Boteju; Kathy Janega-Dykes.
- Mayor and Councilmembers made statements of appreciation.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Jose Arturo Gallegos; Helen Larsen.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

## CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**9. Subject: Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore, Ordinance Committee, and Finance Committee (140.07)**

Recommendation: That Council consider the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore, and Chairs and Members of the Ordinance and Finance Committees.

Documents:

- January 7, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers;

- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to appoint Eric Friedman as Mayor Pro Tem.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Sneddon).

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Gutierrez to appoint Eric Friedman as Finance Committee Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Sneddon).

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Jordan to appoint Kristen Sneddon as Ordinance Committee Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Sneddon).

**10. Subject: Advisory Groups and Council Liaisons Appointments (140.07)**

Recommendation: That Council consider the appointments of Council Liaisons to Advisory Groups and Boards and Commissions.

Documents:

- January 7, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Discussion:

The following changes were made to the Council Liaison Appointments list:

1. Mayor Pro Tem changed to Friedman;
2. Finance Committee Chair changed to Friedman;
3. Ordinance Committee Chair changed to Sneddon;
4. Architectural Board of Review Liaison changed Santamaria; alternate changed to Harmon;
5. Citizens' Oversight Committee to Santamaria;
6. Civil Service Commission to Santamaria;
7. Housing Authority Commission Alternate to Santamaria;
8. Living Wage Authority Commission deleted;
9. Parks and Recreation changed to Santamaria;
10. Rental Housing Primary changed to Harmon; Alternate changed to Santamaria;
11. Youth Council Alternate changed to Harmon;
12. Single Family Design Board alternate changed to Santamaria;
13. Transportation and Circulation Committee changed to Santamaria;
14. Housing Crisis Task Force sunsetted and removed from list;
15. Land Development Team Oversight Committee A. Gutierrez member changed to Santamaria;
16. Path Alternative changed to Santamaria;
17. Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts alternate changed to Santamaria;
18. PARC Foundation changed to Jordan;
19. City/County Affordable Housing Task Group A. Gutierrez changed to Santamaria;
20. CommUnity Alternate changed to Santamaria;
21. South Coast Youth Safety Partnership member changed to O. Gutierrez; alternate Sneddon
22. United Way Brighter Future Childcare Coalition Alternate O. Gutierrez added.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Friedman to approve the changes as follows:

1. Mayor Pro Tem changed to Friedman;
2. Finance Committee Chair changed to Friedman;
3. Ordinance Committee Chair changed to Sneddon;
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Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Sneddon).

## COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

### COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Holiday events.
- Mayor Rowse reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Rescue Mission Christmas dinner service.

### PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m. in the memory of President Jimmy Carter and Gary Fruin.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 4, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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