



April 7, 2022

Dear President Bernholz and Honorable Members of the Elections Commission,

In light of recent events to undermine our democracy, limit voting rights and challenge the rule of law, we write to express our grave concern about your decision to consider removing members of the Redistricting Task Force days before the Charter mandated deadline for adopting new maps. Members Cooper, Lee, and Reiner were selected and approved by this very Commission after a lengthy, open and transparent application process and they must be allowed to continue their work independently and without interruption.

All members of the task force have endured months of harassment, threats, and hostility, and have nevertheless conducted task force business professionally and respectfully. Make no mistake, this letter is not an endorsement of any proposed or potential redistricting map, but a reflection that the members of the task force have an enormously difficult and important responsibility and we must support and protect their ability to remain independent.

To remove them before any final decisions have been made is alarming, inappropriate, and an anathema to the principles of democracy. The effort to remove these members will rightfully be perceived by the public as an overt political threat to representative government.

Respectfully,

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Catherine Stefani
Supervisor, District 2

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ahsha Safai".

Ahsha Safai
Supervisor, District 11