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The Marina Community Association has been following the Redistricting Task Force closely. We've voiced our own opinions and listened to hours of public comment from our friends and neighbors about the draft maps. We've watched as the Task Force has worked, over days, nights, weekends, and early mornings, to try and draft maps that are fair, equitable, and represent the needs of their community. It's been hard work, but the process has remained mostly civil - until now.

The recent turn towards name - calling and baseless accusations has been disappointing, to say the least, but that doesn't come close to our concerns about the Elections Commission meeting on Wednesday night. There, what we saw was an attempt to influence the final maps by threatening the positions of Task Force members in ways not dissimilar to what we saw happening to election officials in 2020. Those actions, and the resulting special meeting happening on April 8th, are why we're writing to you today.

We believe that removing the three Elections Commission appointees to the Redistricting Task Force would be a dire mistake. It would represent a stunning breaking of norms that would completely taint the redistricting process in the public imagination, and make it unlikely that average citizens will be willing to volunteer themselves for important civic duties in the future. It would make a mockery of democracy in San Francisco, at a time when it's already under assault across the nation.

As such, we ask that the Elections Commission stand strong and allow the Task Force members to complete the work they were selected to do.

Sincerely,

Jason Pellegrini

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