



# REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference  
(Remote access provided via teleconference)  
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October 22, 2021 – 1:00 PM

## Special Meeting

**Members:** Jeremy Lee, Jose Maria (Chema) Hernández Gil, J. Michelle Pierce, Matthew Castillon, Arnold Townsend, Lily Ho, Raynell Cooper, Chasel Lee, Ditka Reiner

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

*The Redistricting Task Force met in special session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Friday, October 22, 2021. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.*

*On the call of the roll, Member Jeremy Lee, Member Hernández Gil, Member Pierce, Member Castillon, Chair Townsend, Member Ho, Member Cooper, Member Chasel Lee, and Vice Chair Reiner were noted present. A quorum was present.*

### 2. Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2021, Special Meeting

*Speakers: None.*

**Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved to amend the October 4, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes to make small textual corrections in Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 9. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 9**

**Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner**

**The October 4, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes were approved as amended by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 9**

**Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner**

### 3. Data Sources and Criteria for District Boundaries

*Karin Mac Donald (Redistricting Consultant, Q2 Data and Research); provided a presentation summarizing the data sources and documents utilized in the redistricting process; Andrew Shen (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*Speakers: David Pilpel; Marc Powell; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the data sources and criteria for future district boundaries.*

*At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend requested that this discussion be filed.*

### 4. Legal Duties and Obligations for the Redistricting Task Force

*Gus Guibert, Andrew Shen, and Ana Flores (Office of the City Attorney); provided a summary of the legal obligations and deadlines in effect for the Redistricting Task Force; Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters of San Francisco); Speaker; Cheryl Thornton; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters of San Francisco); David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the legal duties and obligations of the Redistricting Task Force.*

*At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend requested that this discussion be filed.*

Vice Chair Reiner was noted absent at 3:50 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

### 5. Broadcasting and Platforms for Future Remote Meetings

*Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, and Wilson Ng (Board of Supervisors); Ana Flores (Office of the City Attorney); shared a presentation on the teleconferencing options available for future Task Force meetings, and invited the Task Force to consider moving to the WebEx suite of teleconferencing products.*

*Speaker: David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the broadcast platforms for remote meetings.*

**Member Cooper, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved that future remote meetings of the Redistricting Task Force be conducted via teleconference utilizing the WebEx suite of teleconferencing products, beginning with the November 1, 2021, regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 8**

**Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee**

**Absent: 1**

**Reiner**

## **6. Translation of Documents into Multiple Languages**

*John Arntz, Director (Department of Elections); provided a summary of the translation services coordinated through the Department of Elections for Redistricting Task Force documents, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*Speaker: Jenny Tse (League of Women Voters of San Francisco); spoke on various concerns relating to the translation of Task Force documents into multiple languages.*

*At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend requested that this discussion be filed.*

## **7. General Public Comment**

*Speakers: Speaker; Lauren Girardin and Jen Tse (League of Women Voters of San Francisco); Sana Sethi (SF Rising); David Pilpel; shared various concerns with the Redistricting Task Force.*

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

*Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:*

- *An agenda item to discuss the legal definitions of ethnic and minority groups;*
- *An agenda item to review the outreach plan under development by Civic Edge Consulting;*
- *An agenda item to further consider the logistics of in-district and offsite meetings; and*
- *An agenda item to consider future meeting dates of the Redistricting Task Force.*

*Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*Speaker: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

## **9. Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Chair Townsend adjourned the Redistricting Task Force meeting at the hour of 4:19 p.m.*

*N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Redistricting Task Force on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.*

**APPROVED: November 1, 2021**  
**Redistricting Task Force**