



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
(Remote access provided via teleconference)
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December 6, 2021 – 5:30 PM

Regular 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 regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Monday, December 6, 2021. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021, Regular Meeting

Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Redistricting Task Force. There were no corrections.

Speakers: None.

Member Hernández Gil, seconded by Member Pierce, moved that the November 17, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

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

3. Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code, Section 54953(e)

Chair Townsend read into the record the findings that must be made to continue allowing teleconferenced meetings under Government Code, Section 54953(e).

Speaker: David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin People's Congress); spoke in support of the resolution.

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

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

4. Mapping Update

Seth Neill, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the rollout of the San Francisco Redistricting Tool, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); Ana Flores, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Eileen Boken, President (SPEAK: Sunset Parkside Education & Action Committee); provided details about SPEAK's draft proposal for the boundaries for District 4; Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin People's Congress); shared concerns about the accessibility of the redistricting tool; Patrick Carroll (Diamond Heights Community Association); shared concerns about the accessibility of the user guide for the redistricting tool; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared enthusiasm for the implementation of the redistricting tool, and requested that the Task Force agendize a training session for its use; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared concerns about the future implementation of a Communities of Interest (COI) tool within the redistricting tool, and recommended that the Task Force examine the California Redistricting Commission's public comment page for examples of successful public comment organization; Sana Sethi (SF Rising); shared enthusiasm for the implementation of the redistricting tool, requested that the census tract layers within the tool be displayed more clearly, and observed that the user guides are not yet fully implemented to be accessible to speakers of languages other than English; David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin People's Congress); requested that the redistricting tool be updated to display the existing boundaries between districts, and shared various other user experience concerns about the tool; David Hooper; requested that the redistricting tool be updated to display the existing boundaries between districts; Steven Currier; shared various concerns relating to the Task Force's use of the redistricting tool to draft district maps; David Pilpel; provided commentary about his draft proposal for the citywide district boundaries, and spoke on various concerns relating to the matter of the mapping update.

Member Jeremy Lee moved that the Farallon Islands be excluded from the display visualizations generated by the redistricting tool. The motion was seconded by a friendly amendment offered by Member Pierce that the exclusion be extended to the display of various other uninhabited islands within San Francisco County. Prior to a roll call vote on the motion, Members Jeremy Lee and Pierce withdrew their motions, and a roll call vote was not taken on the motion.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend declared the matter heard and filed.

5. Outreach Plan Update

Lisbet Sunshine and Abraham Vallin (Civic Edge Consulting) presented a power point presentation on the updated Outreach Plan, including an updated outreach goal and outreach timeline. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Office of the Clerk of the Board), presented follow-up information since the previous appearance of this agenda item and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin People's Congress); shared concerns about outreach accessibility online, and suggested that the outreach strategy include publication in newspapers reaching local San Francisco Communities; Patrick Carroll (Diamond Heights Community Association); reached out on behalf of his community association to assist with outreach services in the Diamond Heights area; Tina Aguirre (Castro LGBTQ Cultural District); suggested that the outreach consultants work with the city's several cultural districts for local outreach; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); suggested that the outreach strategy also include outreach to informally-organized groups who are not members of local civic organizations; R J Sloane; suggested that the Task Force focus on feedback from the community and respond back to those who provide comments; David Pilpel; suggested that outreach success be measured by quantity of commentary received by the Task Force, but not necessarily by increasing attendance at the Task Force's meetings; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared concerns about outreach accessibility online, and suggested that the Task Force consider a Communities of Interest (COI) input form which can be completed and returned by interested parties; Steven Currier; shared concerns about outreach accessibility online; Mary Harris; suggested that the outreach strategy include contact with the Invest Black and OMI Community Collaborative Groups within District 11; Cheryl Thornton; suggested that more money be appropriated for outreach, especially to youth in the communities which will be redistricted.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend declared the matter heard and filed.

6. Timeline/Calendar of Tasks/Duties to be Completed

Ana Flores, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney), Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Office of the Clerk of the Board), provided brief remarks on duties and tasks pending before the Task Force, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Steven Currier; spoke in support of hosting public, in-person in-district meetings for the Task Force; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); spoke in support of hosting hybrid public, in-person and online meetings for the Task Force; and David Pilpel; spoke in support of hosting hybrid public, in-person and online meetings for the Task Force.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend declared the matter heard and filed.

7. Task Force Work Plans

Vice Chair Reiner presented a proposed work plan, addressing tasks of particular concern to the Task Force to individual Task Force members as follows:

Member Ho to coordinate with the outreach consultants and oversee engagement with neighborhood groups with special emphasis on the AAPI community; Member Hernández Gil to coordinate with the outreach consultants and oversee engagement with neighborhood groups, with special emphasis on the Latino and Hispanic communities; Member Cooper to focus and coordinate on social media outreach for Twitter and Facebook, the RTF website; Member Castillon to work with the consultants, the website and the public tracking and reviewing data/maps submitted by the Task Force, the public or City Departments; Member Jeremy Lee to work with the Clerk's office and the Department of Elections as needed to help coordinate budget item issues as well as any community outreach; Member Pierce to gather and coordinate input from the community both directly and working with Member Cooper through the website as well as outreach to the African American/black community; Member Chasel Lee to coordinate messaging, presentations and communications for the outreach meetings, the media and Board of Supervisors; Chair Townsend to take the lead as the ambassador and representative of the Task Force and may request other members to make presentations to organizations outside of the Task Force meetings as occasioned; and Vice Chair Reiner to support the Chair and assist the members and their various assignments.

Speakers: David Pilpel; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend declared the matter heard and filed.

8. General Public Comment

Speakers: David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin People's Congress); requested improvements to the redistricting tool and suggested that the Task Force employ various methods for outreach; Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin People's Congress); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together through the redistricting process; Cheryl Thornton; shared concerns about the knock-on effects of redistricting to various institutions within the districts, especially as relates to budgets for public agencies and community groups.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend declared the matter heard and filed.

9. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:

- *A discussion item concerning official verification strategies for confirming vaccination status of attendees at potential future in-district meetings; and*
- *A discussion item reviewing secondary impacts of redistricting on budgeting for community institutions.*

Speakers: David Elliott Lewis; Steven Currier; Cheryl Thornton; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Townsend declared the matter heard and filed.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 8:53 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.