



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
(Remote access provided via teleconference)
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January 12, 2022 – 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 Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:32 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. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Pierce, moved to adopt an update to the Task Force meeting schedule as follows:

- **Saturday, January 29, 2022, special meeting to begin at 10:00 a.m., to be held remotely, rather than at First Congregational Church; 1300 Polk Street;**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

3. Outreach Plan Update

Evelyn Torres (Civic Edge Consulting) and Alisa Somera, Deputy Director for Legislation (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: Jonathan Meade; Steven Currier; Cheryl Thornton; Alicia Mayo; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

4. Mapping and Community of Interest Visualization

Seth Neill and Jamie Clark, Redistricting Consultants (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the roll-out of the San Francisco Redistricting Tool, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Andrew Shen, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: J. R. Eppler, President (Potrero Boosters Association); shared concerns about the Potrero Hill and Dogpatch neighborhoods, and requested that the Task Force not divide them into separate Supervisorial districts.

Richard Rothman; shared concerns about the functioning of the redistricting tool, and encouraged the Task Force to conduct in-district meetings in District 6.

David Pilpel; shared concerns about the accessibility of the online mapping tools and the meetings of the Task Force.

Steven Currier; shared various concerns about the communities in Districts 9, 10 and 11. Tes Welborn; encouraged the Task Force to consider hosting numerous in-district meetings.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); recommended that the Task Force watch the California Redistricting Commission's live line drawing meetings.

Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); encouraged the Task Force to host meetings with a focus multiple districts, to capture concerns for communities which are presently located at the borders between Supervisorial districts.

Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); encouraged the Task Force to release a city-wide districts draft map before the end of February, and to create multiple district-level draft maps before each district-focused meeting of the Task Force.

Ann Marie; shared concerns about the boundaries between Districts 7 and 11, particularly as concerns the St. Francis Woods neighborhood, Ocean Avenue, and Holloway Avenue.

Simon Timony (Advocates Eleven); requested that the Task Force consider moving the boundary between Districts 7 and 11 southward from Ocean Avenue.

Member Cooper, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved that the Clerk's office be requested to work with the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare a proposed district-focused

meeting schedule which would ensure that all eleven districts would be heard by the Task Force before the end of February 2022, and that such draft plan be presented to the Task Force during the January 22, 2022, special meeting. Prior to roll call, Member Cooper withdrew the motion, and a vote was not taken.

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

5. Task Force Member Reports

Member Hernández Gil shared that he has been in contact with community-based organizations in District 6, the League of Women Voters San Francisco, San Francisco Rising, and Supervisor Mar, in regard to Task Force business. Member Pierce requested information about how interested members of the public can be added to the Task Force emailing list. Clerk Carroll clarified that these interested members of the public can reach out to him through the rdtf@sfgov.org email address, and he will work to add them to the outreach mailing list. Member Castillion shared that he has been working with Q2 Redistricting Consultants to gather demographic data from within the existing district boundaries of the city, and mentioned that he is considering reaching out to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for additional data resources. Member Cooper shared that he has been working with the Q2 Redistricting Consultants and the Office of the Clerk of the Board on issues relating to the language on the Task Force website, and also mentioned his involvement in the redistricting article which published in the San Francisco Chronicle on January 12, 2022.

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

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

6. City Department Representative/Public Official Reports

Speakers: Steven Currier; Lauren Girardin (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.

7. General Public Comment

Speakers: Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); requested that simultaneous interpretation be coordinated for future Task Force meetings, for speakers of Spanish, Chinese, and Filipino.

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

8. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:

- *A discussion item about legal and reporting requirements for the Task Force, including the guidelines of the Federal Voting Rights Act, setting definitions of Communities of Concern, and other matters.*

Speakers: None.

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 8:40 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.