



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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January 14, 2022 – 3:00 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, January 14, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:03 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: None.

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

3. District 6 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Jamie Clark and Seth Neill, Redistricting Consultants (Q2 Data and Research); presented an overview of the functions of the live line drawing redistricting tool, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Andrew Shen, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Wes Saver (Glide Center for Social Justice); urged the Task Force to release multiple draft maps on a predictable timeline, to solicit public input in response to draft proposals.

Jane Weil (Mid-Market Community Benefit District); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

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 as one central-city neighborhood.

Gene Alejo (South of Market Community Action Network SOMCAN); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood. Bruce Agid; requested that the Task Force keep the western SoMa, eastern SoMa, Treasure Island, and central-city neighborhoods together as one supervisorial district. Cal Callahan, District Manager (Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood, and keep the SoMa Pilipinas, the Compton's Transgender Cultural District, and the Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District together in one supervisorial district.

David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

Brenda Varros; requested that the Task Force keep Black communities together whenever and wherever possible.

Christopher Cuspis; expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

Rene Colorado, Executive Director (Tenderloin Merchants and Property Owners Association); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

Rachel Lastimosa (SoMa Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Aureen Almario; requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Speaker; requested that the several SoMa neighborhoods be kept together within one supervisorial district.

Lois Scott; requested that District 6 not extend westward beyond Van Ness Avenue into the Western Addition.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Chuck Obermeyer; requested that the Task Force recognize the Hub area as a portion of the mid-Market communities of interest.

Eric Arguello (Glide Center for Social Justice); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

Chriselle Raguro, Executive Director (Filipino Community Development Corporation); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Alice Rogers; urged the Task Force to release multiple draft maps on a predictable timeline, to solicit public input in response to draft proposals, and requested that the several SoMa neighborhoods be kept together within one supervisorial district.

Del Seymour; expressed various concerns relating to racial divisions throughout the communities of the city.

Jupiter Peraza (Compton's Transgender Cultural District); requested that the Task Force keep the Compton's Transgender Cultural District entirely within one supervisorial district with the other central-city neighborhoods.

Speaker (Arab Resource and Organizing Center); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

Justin Johnson, Co-Chair (Tenderloin People's Congress); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

David Woo (SoMa Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Cheryl Thornton; shared various concerns related to the impacts of gentrification in District 6, and urged the Task Force to release multiple draft maps on a predictable timeline, to solicit public input in response to draft proposals.

Guled Muse; (Glide Center for Social Justice); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

Speaker; requested that the several SoMa neighborhoods and Mission Bay be kept together within one supervisorial district.

Eric Roselle; expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood, and recommended that Treasure Island be moved into District 3.

Joe Wilson, Executive Director (Hospitality House); expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

David Pilpel; made various recommendations for mapping considerations throughout the districts adjacent to District 6, expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood, and referred to the proposed maps he has submitted to the Task Force.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood, and keep the SoMa Pilipinas, the Compton's Transgender Cultural District, and the Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; shared various concerns about safety within District 6.

Raquel Redondiez, Director (SoMa Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize a Filipino community of interest in the central-city neighborhood.

Amos Gregory; requested that the Task Force keep Black communities together whenever and wherever possible.

Bob Goldfarb; (Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District); requested that the Task Force keep the SoMa Pilipinas, the Compton's Transgender Cultural District, and the Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District together in one supervisorial district.

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

4. Mapping and Community of Interest Visualization

Seth Neill, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the continued implementation of the San Francisco Redistricting Tool, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Seema Patel (Ideate SF); shared various concerns related to the South Asian communities of San Francisco.

Lois Scott; shared concerns about the accessibility of the redistricting tool and maps submitted by the public.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared concerns about the accessibility of the redistricting tool and maps submitted by the public.

Thomas Osley; expressed that the Tenderloin and Central SoMa are a single community and requested that they be kept together as one central-city neighborhood.

David Elliott Lewis; shared concerns about the accessibility of the redistricting tool and maps submitted by the public, and requested that the Task Force host a training session on the functions of the tool.

Bobbi Lopez; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

5. Outreach Plan Update

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors), presented follow-up information since the previous appearance of this agenda item and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); shared various concerns about language and technology access to Task Force meetings.

Richard Rothman; shared various concerns about outreach and redistricting impacts for District 1.

David Pilpel; shared various concerns about redistricting for other elected districts in the Bay Area.

Mike Vuong, Chair (Tenderloin Community Benefit District); shared various concerns about language and technology access to Task Force meetings, and outreach to various community-based organizations within District 6.

Mike Nulty; shared various concerns about language and technology access to Task Force meetings, and outreach to various community-based organizations within District 6.

David Elliott Lewis; recommended Task Force business be noticed on signage throughout the districts of the city.

Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns about language and technology access to Task Force business, and recommended Task Force business be noticed on signage throughout the districts of the city.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); recommended Task Force business be noticed on signage throughout the branch libraries of the city.

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

6. Task Force Member Reports

Speakers: None.

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

7. City Department Representative/Public Official Reports

Speakers: Michael Nulty; 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: Chuck Obermeyer; requested that the Task Force not consider the boundaries of multiple districts during Task Force meetings.

Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); expressed concerns regarding defining communities of interest and the challenges in informing the Task Force of their features.

David Elliott Lewis; shared various concerns about the importance of redistricting District 6 to the rest of the redistricting process.

Tom Osley; requested that the Task Force not consider the boundaries of multiple districts during Task Force meetings.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); suggested that the Task Force and interested members of the public examine Appendix E of the 2012 RTF report.

Michael Nulty; shared various observations about the history of redistricting of District 6.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not draw any draft maps until District 1 concerns are heard in a public meeting.

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

9. Future Agenda Items

Speakers: David Elliott Lewis; requested a future agenda item to educate the public on using the redistricting tool, and strategies for redistricting.

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 6:25 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.