



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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January 22, 2022 – 10:00 AM

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 Saturday, January 22, 2022. Vice Chair Ditka Reiner called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from January 3 and 7, 2022 Meetings

Speakers: David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved that the January 3, and 7, 2022, 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. Outreach Plan Update

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, and Junko Laxamana, Deputy Director, Administration & Finance (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: Jonathan Meade; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Spencer Tolliver; Regina; Richard; Michael; Cheryl Thornton; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Richard Rothman; Naj Daniels; Grace Horikiri (Japantown Community Benefit District); David Pilpel; Josephine Zhao; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the outreach efforts for Task Force meetings.

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

Chair Townsend requested that agenda item number 4 be heard later in the meeting.

Chair Townsend recessed the meeting at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

4. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations, and Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Jonathan Meade; requested that a meeting focused on District 1 be moved earlier in the Task Force schedule.

Tes Welborn; encouraged the Task Force to consider more special meetings in February and March but discouraged adding any meetings in April 2022.

Richard Rothman; requested that the Task Force hold separate meetings to conduct administrative business, and district-focused discussions.

Jill Shenker (San Francisco Rising); supported the Task Force adding additional meeting dates to the calendar.

Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); supported the Task Force adding additional meeting dates to the calendar and finalize the calendar as soon as possible.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force meeting calendar indicate which language access will be available for each meeting.

David Pilpel; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Cheryl Thornton; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Member Cooper, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved to adopt an update to the Task Force meeting schedule as follows:

- Adding a special meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022, to begin at 3:00 p.m., to be held remotely, with a District 1 focus;
- Adding a special meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, to begin at 5:30 p.m., to be held remotely, with a District 7 focus; and
- To designate that the remote special meeting on Saturday, February 26, 2022, to begin at 10:00 a.m., have a District 2 focus.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Vice Chair Reiner, seconded by Member Pierce, moved to request that the Task Force commit to adopting a final complete Task Force schedule during the Special meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

5. District 5 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Jon Osaki, Executive Director (Japanese Community Youth Council); requested that the Task Force recognize Japantown and keep it whole and expressed that Japantown has no common interest with District 2.

Glynis Nakahara (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize Japantown and keep it whole and connected to African American community, as an effort of restorative justice.

Martha Ehrenfeld, President (Inner Sunset Park Neighbors and Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force keep the Inner Sunset in one supervisorial district, retaining communities along Arguello, 19th avenue, and along the N Judah MUNI line together.

Derek Remski; requested that the Task Force keep the Black community together, uniting the Filmore, Lower Haight, NOPA, areas surrounding Westside Courts, and communities around the Booker T. Community Service Center.

Ann Belden; requested that the Task Force keep the core of District 5 together, and keep the black community together.

Jeremy Chan (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize Japantown and keep it whole, along with the Western Addition.

Lois Scott; requested that the Task Force recognize Japantown and keep it whole, along with the Western Addition.

Shakirah Simley; requested that the Task Force preserve Hayes Valley north and south, retain Freedom West along Gough Street, recognize and retain Japantown on both sides of Geary Street, and retain together along with the Western Addition, including areas around the Booker T. Community Service Center and Westside Courts.

Josephine Zhao; requested that the Task Force keep the Japanese community and Western Addition in District 5, and move those in the Inner Sunset west of 17th Avenue into District 4.

Emily Murase, Executive Director (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize Japantown and keep it whole and within District 5.

Tes Welborn; requested that the Task Force recognize the borders of District 5 as the Western Addition Japantown, Haight Ashbury, and Inner sunset, and identified the community of renters as a community of interest within the district.

Richard Johnson; requested that the Task Force move far southern residents of the Lower Haight and Hayes Valley from District 8 back to District 5, highlighting that this community has more common with the Western Addition.

Corey Smith; requested that the Task Force retain a strong African political presence in District 5.

Reverend Angela Brown (United Methodist Churches); requested that the Task Force keep District 5 intact as a district which empowers the African American community, and possibly consider including parts of the Tenderloin.

Judy Hamaguchi (Japanese American Citizens League); requested that the Task Force recognize the historical and cultural traditions of District 5 and keep the Japanese and Western Addition communities intact and together.

Susie Kagami (Japantown Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize and retain Japantown whole within District 5 and retain the connections with the Western Addition and Filmore neighborhoods.

Carol Glosinger, President, (Cole Valley Improvement Association); requested that the Task Force move Cole Valley and the Upper Haight into District 8 from District 5.

Robert Fructman; requested that the Task Force keep the Black community intact within District 5.

Sandy Mori (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize Japantown and keep it whole.

Regina; requested that the Task Force recognize a community of interest of renters and progressive-policy voters within District 5.

DJ; requested that the Task Force keep the Western Addition and Japantown communities together, along with the Korean American communities and communities of African immigrant communities.

Zach Thompson; requested that the Task Force recognize residents of affordable housing as a community of interest in District 5, to be protected and as the core of the district.

Sarah Wolfish; requested that the Task Force keep Cole Valley, the Upper Haight, and NOPA neighborhoods together and within District 5 as a community of interest.

Angie Pettitt; requested that the Task Force keep connected communities together, not break up the core of District 5; but move portions of areas south of Golden Gate Park into District 4.

Erica Sweig; requested that the Task Force retain Japantown and the Western Addition together; but move the boundaries of District 4 northward into the Inner Sunset.

Norman; requested that the Task Force keep areas south of UCSF in District 5.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file, recommended that the District 5 boundaries contain communities around the Booker T. Community Service Center, and consider retaining the Duboce Triangle area and Corona Heights together while adding all of the UCSF Parnassus campus into District 8. Jill Shenker (SF Rising); requested that the Task Force keep the Japanese community and Western Addition in District 5, but consider moving portions of the Inner Sunset into District 4.

Susannah Wise, President (Inner Sunset Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force retain the communities of the Inner Sunset intact, whether in District 4 or 5. Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force retain Japantown and the Western Addition together, and recommended considering moving portions of District 6 into District 5.

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

6. Mapping

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

Speakers: None.

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

7. Task Force Member Reports

Member Pierce recognized that the Task Force Twitter account is active, as well as reported that she met with the API council, and San Francisco Rising. Member Hernández Gil shared that he had a debrief meeting with community-based organizations in District 6, as a follow-up to the January 14 District 6 focused meeting, reported that he met with advocates with San Francisco Rising and the League of Women Voters San Francisco, and reached out to residents of the Jordan Park neighborhood, to clarify that the Task Force has not yet drafted any maps. Member Cooper added to the recognition that the Task Force Twitter account is active. Member Jeremy Lee shared that he met with members of the Rose Pak Democratic Club and San Francisco Rising. Member Castillon shared that he is working with Office of the City Attorney and Q2 Redistricting Consultants to arrange materials for the racially polarized voting analysis discussion, in preparation for the map drafting process. Member Chasel Lee shared that he has been working with Civic Edge outreach consultants to finalize the Redistricting Task Force Fact Sheet. Chair Townsend thanked member Hernández Gil for reaching out to the residents of the Jordan Park neighborhood to clarify the status of the redistricting process.

Speakers: None.

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

8. City Department Representative/Public Official Reports

Speakers: Tes Welborn; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

9. General Public Comment

Speaker: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared concerns about various accessibility issues with Task Force meetings and materials, and suggested that the Task Force regularly note that draft maps haven't yet been prepared by the Task Force.

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

10. Future Agenda Items

Task Force Members did not offer any new agenda items, but a general discussion of the order and structuring of Task Force business was conducted.

Speakers: None.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 2:18 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.