



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
(Remote access provided via teleconference)
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February 4, 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, February 4, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

On the call of the roll, Chair Townsend, Member Jeremy Lee, Member Pierce, Member Castillon, Member Ho, Member Cooper, Member Chasel Lee, and Member Reiner were noted present. Member Hernández Gil was noted not present. A quorum was present.

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

Speaker: Brenda Varros; spoke on various concerns relating to the resolution.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Jeremy 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

3. District 10 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Alison Heath; requested that the Task Force consider Potrero Hill, the Dogpatch, and Showplace Square as a community of interest, and keep them together in one supervisorial district.

Alyssa Jones-Garner; requested that the Task Force not separate the Dogpatch from District 10 and not move it into District 6.

Marlene Tran; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley as a community of interest, and extend the boundaries of District 10 to include all of the 94134 zip code.

Christina Sandoval; requested that the Task Force not divide the Bayview-Hunters Point between multiple supervisorial districts.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley as a community of interest and retain it in District 10.

Gloria Berry; requested that the Task Force consider moving the area around the Chase Center into District 10, and consider removing the areas around Berry Street from the district, and raised various concerns about the communities of interest within Visitation Valley.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley as a community of interest.

Yan Xinliu; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley as a community of interest and keep it together in District 10.

Brenda Varros; requested that the Task Force not move General Hospital out of District 10.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Jude Deckenbach (Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force retain all of the Dogpatch, Potrero Hill, and the Bayview-Hunters Point within District 10.

Keith Goldstein, President (Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force retain all of the Dogpatch, Potrero Hill, and the Bayview within District 10.

Katherine Doumani, President (Dogpatch Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize all of the Dogpatch and Potrero Hill as a community of interest, and retain them within District 10.

Donovan Lacy, Vice President (Dogpatch Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize all of the Dogpatch and Potrero Hill as a community of interest, and retain them within District 10.

Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force consider Potrero Hill, the Dogpatch, Chase Center, Sunnydale, and Bayview-Hunters Point as a community of interest, and keep them together in one supervisorial district.

Theresa Wong; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley as a community of interest, along with Potrero Hill.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force consider Potrero Hill, Sunnydale, and Bayview-Hunter's Point as a community of interest, and keep them together in one supervisorial district.

Naj Daniels; requested that the Task Force recognize Potrero Hill, Showplace Square, HOPE SF, and Bayview-Hunter's Point as a communities of interest, and keep them together in one supervisorial district.

Russel Maureen; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley, Sunnydale, and Little Hollywood as communities of interest and retain them together in District 10.

Ms. Green; requested that the Task Force retain the borders of District 10 together as presently drawn..

Stacy Brandecker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Joyce Book; requested that the Task Force not separate the Dogpatch and Potrero Hill into multiple supervisorial districts.

J. R. Eppler; requested that the Task Force not separate the Dogpatch, Showplace Square, and Potrero Hill into multiple supervisorial districts.

Jean Bogiages; requested that the Task Force not separate the Dogpatch, Showplace Square, and Potrero Hill into multiple supervisorial districts.

John deCastro; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Josephine Zhao, Vice President (Chinese American Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley, Sunnydale, and Little Hollywood as communities of interest and retain them together in District 10.

Lydia Vincent-White; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Yolanda Williams; requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines of District 10, and not divide the Potrero Hill and Dogpatch neighborhoods into multiple supervisorial districts.

Alma Robinson, Executive Director (California Lawyers for the Arts); requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines of District 10.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force consider Potrero Hill, the Dogpatch, and Bayview-Hunters Point as a communities of interest, and keep them together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize Visitation Valley, Portola, and Bayview-Hunters Point as communities of interest and retain them together in District 10.

Bruce Huie; requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines of District 10, and not divide the Potrero Hill and Dogpatch neighborhoods into multiple supervisorial districts.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force retain Sunnydale, Potrero Hill, the Bayview-Hunters Point, Westpoint, Double Rock, and areas around the Alice Griffith apartments together in District 10.

Kurt Grimes (A Phillip Randolph Institute); requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines of District 10.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines of District 10.

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

4. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

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

Speakers: Stacy Brandecker; Reverend Dr. Carolyn Scott; Kurt Grimes(A Phillip Randolph Institute); Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); David Pilpel; Cheryl Thornton; Gloria Berry; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

5. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

There were no changes to the Task Force meeting schedule offered.

Speakers: Steven Currier; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco) 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.

6. Outreach Plan Update

There was no update to the outreach plan offered for review by the Task Force.

Speakers: Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force schedule a mapping software training session at district libraries throughout the city, and requested that the Outreach Consultants share their contact list of community-based organizations for posting on the Task Force website. Lauren Girardin and Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns with outreach to the public.

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

7. Task Force Member Reports and City Department Representative/Public Official Reports

Member Castillon reported that he has recently had meetings with citizens and community groups from Districts 6 and 11. Member Jeremy Lee reported that he has recently been in contact with the District 5 Supervisor, and community-based organizations operating in Districts 5, 6, and 3. Member Hernández Gil reported that he has recently met with the League of Women Voters San Francisco, San Francisco Rising, SEIU Local 1021, and various Native American and American Indian groups, to discuss redistricting. Member Chasel Lee shared that he has met recently with the API Council, and various interested members of the public from District 2. Chair Townsend shared that he has recently met with the District 10 Supervisor, and representatives of Asian and African American advocacy groups within District 10.

Speakers: Alyssa Jones-Garner; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns with the task force.

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

8. Approval of Task Force Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2022

Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the January 29, 2022, Special Meeting of the Redistricting Task Force. Member Chasel Lee offered a clerical correction on page 3.

Speakers: David Pilpel; shared various concerns about the form of the minutes under consideration.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Jeremy Lee, moved that the January 29, 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

9. General Public Comment

Speakers: Sietse Goffard (Asian Americans Advancing Justice); Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco) Stacy Brandecker; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Cheryl Thornton; Alyssa Jones-Garner; David Pilpel; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

10. 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.*
- *A discussion item on the connections between redistricting and racial equity.*

Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Cheryl Thornton; Alyssa Jones-Garner; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 7:13 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.