



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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February 7, 2022 – 5:30 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 Monday, February 7, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.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. District 11 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Dr. Wilhelmina Sims; requested that the Task Force retain the communities of District 11.

Al Perez (Filipino American Arts Exposition); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community in District 11 as a community of interest, and retain it whole, including Mission Terrace, St Mary's Park, and Bosworth Street; and referred to his map submission on file.

David Hooper; requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries, restoring areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues, and suggested moving portions of District 8 south of Interstate 280 back into District 11. Speaker; requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines for District 11.

Jose Pecho, Chair (San Francisco Filipino Chamber of Commerce); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino communities of District 11 as a communities of interest, and retain them whole.

Mary Harris, President (OMI Neighbors in Action); endorsed the District 11 boundaries on proposed maps submitted by Christopher Bowman, requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries by restoring areas bounded by Ocean,

Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues, and expressed that the OMI has little in common with the St Francis Wood neighborhood.

Alida Fischer (OMI Neighbors in Action); requested that the Task Force move areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues into District 11.

Deanna Volek; requested that the Task Force recognize the OMI neighborhood and Filipino communities as communities of interest, and retain them together in District 11, including Mission Terrace, St Mary's Park, and Bosworth Street.

Anne Marie Nowak; requested that the Task Force move areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues into District 11.

Chris Corgas; requested that the Task Force move areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues into District 11, but not include Westwood Park.

Steven Depont-Kelani Currier; requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries, restoring areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues, and suggested that the Saddleback community south of Crocker Amazon Soccer Fields could be brought back into District 11 from District 10.

Linda Litehiser; pointed out that McLaren Park is presently bordered by three separate supervisorial districts, and recommended that the Task Force recognize the benefits of this arrangement for nearby residents.

Terrence Valen, Director (Filipino Community Center); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community in District 11 as a community of interest, and retain it whole, and requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries, restoring areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues.

Elaine Villasper; requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community in District 11 as a community of interest, and retain it whole, reconnect the Merced Triangle, and endorsed the comments offered by Al Perez.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Black, Asian, Latinx, and Filipino communities in District 11 as communities of interest, and retain them whole within the OMI neighborhood, and recommended reconnecting northern Mission Terrace, the Excelsior and Portola.

Chuck Obermeyer; requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community in District 11 as a community of interest, and retain it whole. restoring areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues, as well as retain Bosworth Street and St. Mary's Park into District 11.

Simon Timony (Advocates Eleven); requested that the Task Force restore areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues to District 11, and add Mission Terrace, Bosworth Street, St Mary's Park.

Joelle Kenealey President (Outer Mission Merchants and Residents Association); endorsed the comments of Linda Liteheiser, and her observations about the boundaries of McLaren Park.

John Avalos; requested that the Task Force recognize the working-class and Black communities north of Holloway Avenue as communities of interest, move areas bounded by Ocean, Holloway, Ashton, and Harold Avenues back into District 11, and restore areas by Geneva Avenue.

Barbara Fugate (The Cayuga Neighborhood Association); endorsed the comments offered by David Hooper and Mary Harris.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file, and suggested that the OMI communities not be added back into District 11.

Charlie Shamas; requested that the Task Force recognize diverse working-class communities of interest in District 11 and retain them whole and together, and suggested that the Task Force prepare draft maps for public review in advance of any future discussion of District 11 boundaries.

Elliot Fitzpatrick; requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community in District 11 as a community of interest, and retain it whole.

Mary Thomas; requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries, and include Ingleside Presbyterian Church and other Black community churches in the district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not redraw the lines for District 11.

Speaker; endorsed the District 11 boundaries on proposed maps submitted by Christopher Bowman.

Marc Christensen, President (Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association); requested that the Merced Extension Triangle neighborhood remain in District 7.

Monique Guidry; requested that the Task Force restore District 11 back to the 2002 boundaries, and include Ingleside Presbyterian Church and other Black community churches in the district.

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

3. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

Jaime Clark and Seth Neill, Redistricting Consultants (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the roll-out of the San Francisco Redistricting Tool.

Speakers: Steven Depont-Kelani Currier; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Marc Powell; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

4. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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

Gus Guibert (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Steven Depont-Kelani Currier; requested that the Task Force schedule a second District 11-focused meeting or a special meeting later in the process to consider bordering districts.

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

5. Outreach Plan Update

Evelyn Torres (Civic Edge Consulting); presented follow-up information since the previous appearance of this agenda item and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Steven Depont-Kelani 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.

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

Member Castellon reported that he has recently had meetings with members of the Filipino community to demonstrate the online mapping tools and map submission materials.

Speakers: None.

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

7. General Public Comment

Speakers: Luke Borheimer; requested that the Task Force redistrict the many parks in the city which border multiple districts, such as Golden Gate Park and McLaren Park, and consider not including them in any supervisorial districts. David Pilpel; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns with excluding city parks from supervisorial districts. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns around gerrymandering, in response to the day's Supreme Court decision in Merrill v. Mulligan. Steven Depont-Kelani Currier; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

8. Future Agenda Items

There were no new future agenda items offered.

Speaker: Luke Bornheimer; requested that the Task Force consider a future agenda item to discuss redistricting impacts on city parks.

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 8:10 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.

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