



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
(Remote access provided via teleconference)
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February 18, 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 18, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 9 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Marc Salomon; requested that the Task Force remove Bernal Heights from District 9, and consider that Bernal Heights be in the same district as Noe Valley.

Christopher Statton; requested that the Task Force recognize and support Latinx and American Indian communities of interest in the Mission, and retain them together; and suggested that all of Valencia Street and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District be included in District 9.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola Garden District as a community of interest and retain it in one district, and defined the area as bounded by Silver Avenue, Cambridge Street, John McLaren Park, and Mansell Street to San Bruno Avenue.

Karina; requested that the Task Force retain the communities of District 9 together.

Eric Rottenberg; requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola neighborhood as a community of interest and retain it intact within one supervisorial district.

Valerie Luu; requested that the Task Force recognize the small business community on San Bruno Avenue as a community of interest and retain them together in District 9.

Vanecia Margarita; requested that the Task Force expand the Latinx community voice in District 9, expand the district lines beyond 13th Street, mitigate the impacts of

redistricting on the Latinx community voice, and suggested that all of Valencia Street and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District be included in District 9.

Trevor Chandler; requested that the Task Force include the Valencia Street corridor in District 9.

Rodrigo Elan; requested that the Task Force expand the Latinx community voice in District 9, expand the district lines beyond 13th Street, mitigate the impacts of redistricting on the Latinx community voice, and suggested that all of Valencia Street and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District be included in District 9.

Todd Berman; requested that the Task Force recognize the Bernal Heights neighborhood as a part of the Mission, and retain the two together in one supervisorial district; and suggested that the Task Force unite Valencia street with the rest of the Mission district.

Seth Brenzel; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Valencia Street in one supervisorial district.

Paloma Flores (American Indian Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize District 9 as the home of the American Indian community; requested that the Task Force expand the Latinx community voice in District 9, expand the district lines beyond 16th Street, mitigate the impacts of redistricting on the Latinx community voice; and suggested that all of Valencia Street and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District be included in District 9.

Mimi Klausner; agreed with the comments of Paloma Flores, and requested that the Task Force unite the Mission and Bernal Heights neighborhoods in one supervisorial district, and retain them in District 9 with the Portola Garden District.

Amy Beinart; requested that the Task Force recognize the three neighborhoods of the Bernal Hill area as a community of interest and retain them together, as well as recognize the American Indian and Latinx cultural districts and retain them wholly within District 9; and suggested that the Task Force draw and share draft maps as soon as possible, for the communities.

Ligia Montano (Senior and Disability Action); requested that the Task Force consider the impacts of redistricting on low income communities of the City and people who are living in affordable housing, and consider the impacts to affordable housing production.

Randy Gilstrap; requested that the Task Force recognize Saint Mary's Park as a community of interest and retain it wholly in District 9, united with Bernal Heights.

Noah Pascual; requested that the Task Force recognize and retain the Portola as a community of interest, and keep it in District 9.

Phillip Hua; requested that the Task Force recognize and retain the Portola Garden District as a community of interest, help the district to expand its identity and integrity, and retain it in District 9 together with the Alemany farmers market and Bernal Heights.

Penny Mitchell; requested that the Task Force recognize Saint Mary's Park as a community of interest and it retain together with Bernal Heights in District 9 rather than District 11.

Kevin Ortiz; requested that the Task Force recognize the Latinx community north of Division Street as a community of interest, and include it in District 9; requested that the Task Force expand the Latinx and American Indian community voices in District 9, expand the district lines beyond 16th Street, mitigate the impacts of redistricting on the Latinx community voice, and suggested that all of Valencia Street and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District be included in District 9.

Eric Arguello, President (Calle 24 Latino Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize District 9 as the home of the American Indian community; requested

that the Task Force expand the American Indian and Latinx community voices in District 9, expand the district lines beyond 16th Street, mitigate the impacts of redistricting on the Latinx community voice; and suggested that all of Valencia Street and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District be included in District 9.

Lauren Girardin; requested that the Task Force recognize the connection between the Mission and Bernal Heights and retain them together in District 9, along with McLaren and Saint Mary's Parks and the Portola district.

Larisa Pedroncelli; requested that the Task Force move the border between Districts 9 and 6 to the north; suggested that District 9 include both sides of Valencia Street; requested that the Task Force draw and release draft maps as soon as possible; and suggested that the American Indian community voice needs to be a part of the redistricting process.

Tracy Brown Gallardo (Latino Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize the vibrant Mission community and keep it whole, include both sides of Valencia Street, expanding upward to 13th Street; suggested that the Task Force recognize the Latino Cultural District and American Indian Cultural District together; and defined the Mission district as Duboce Street, Dolores Street, and Cesar Chaves Avenue to Potrero Avenue.

Roberto Hernandez; requested that the Task Force include Mission High School; Mission Dolores Park, both sides of Valencia Street, and the American Indian Cultural District within the boundaries of District 9; recognize the people who have been gentrified out of the Mission as a community of interest; and suggested that residents of the area near Potrero Avenue and 25th Street residents want to be included as a part of the Mission District.

Josephine Zhao; requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola and Visitacion Valley as communities of interest; and defined the area south of Interstate 280, Cambridge Street to Mansell Street as an area which should be united to Visitacion Valley and included with the Bayview west of 3rd Street in one supervisorial district.

Luis Avalos, Board Member (San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force empower the voice of the Latinx community.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file which includes the Portola in District 11, includes areas north of the present border with District 6 as part of District 9, and includes both sides of Valencia Street in one supervisorial district; suggested that the principal issue is where the Portola is included, but that it should not be added to District 10; and suggested that the Task Force consider including Bernal Heights as a part of District 8.

Katie; requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola and Visitacion Valley as communities of interest and recommended that they remain together in one supervisorial district.

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

3. 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.

Speakers: Lauren Girardin and Jen Tse (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.

4. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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

Speakers: Sietse Goffard (Asian Americans Advancing Justice); recommended that the Task Force consider the challenges of hybrid remote and in-person meetings, and encouraged more hybrid in-person mapping meetings be agendized with specific district focuses. Josephine Zhao; requested that the Task Force add a District 10-focused hybrid in-person meeting to the schedule. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force add a District 10-focused hybrid in-person meeting to the schedule, and suggested that the Task Force consider exchanging the March 5 District 10-focused meeting with another later meeting date in March, and instead make March 5 a mapping-focused meeting.

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

5. Outreach Plan Update

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

Speakers: Kevin Ortiz (San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club); Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Penny Mitchell; Francisco Herrera; 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 Cooper reported that he has continued posting Task Force flyers throughout the City, in accordance with the flyer posting guidance. Member Castillon reported that he recently had a meeting with an advocate from of SOMA Pilipinas. Member Jeremy Lee reported that he recently met with a member of the San Francisco Latinx Demo Club. Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently had several phone calls with community leaders of District 9, including the American Indian Cultural District and members of organized labor. Member Chasel Lee reported that he recently met with Supervisor Matt

Haney and discussed District 6, and met with community leaders of Districts 1, 6 and 7 to discuss redistricting matters.

Speakers: None.

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

At the request of Chair Townsend, Vice Chair Reiner assumed the chair at 6:23 p.m.

Chair Townsend resumed the chair at 6:33 p.m.

7. Approval of Minutes from the February 9 and 11, 2022, Special Meetings

Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the February 9 and 11, 2022, Special Meetings of the Redistricting Task Force. Member Chasel Lee offered a clerical correction on page 2 of the February 11, 2022 minutes. Clerk Carroll noted a clerical change in the Task Force Member Reports agenda item on page 3 of the February 11, 2022 minutes, and noted other clerical and spelling changes throughout the document.

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

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Cooper, moved that the February 9 and 11, 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

8. General Public Comment

Speakers: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); 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.

9. Future Agenda Items

There were no Future Agenda Items offered.

Speakers: None.

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 7:08 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.