



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
(Remote access provided via teleconference)
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February 16, 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 Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 4 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Dennis Minnick, President (Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People SHARP); requested that the Task Force retain Golden Gate Heights as part of District 7, and not include the neighborhood in District 4, and consider moving the boundary between Districts 5 and 7 north from Judah Street to Lincoln Way.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force retain Golden Gate Heights in District 7, and not include the neighborhood in District 4.

Jessica Ho; requested that the Task Force keep the existing neighborhoods of District 4 together; suggested that if the Task Force must make changes, then the boundary between Districts 4 and 7 should east from 19th Avenue to 17th Avenue; and requested the Task Force release draft maps for the public to review.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force extend the existing boundaries of District 4 east of 19th Avenue to 7th Avenue and Kirkham Street, in order to include the Inner Sunset in District 4.

Frank Noto (Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force retain Golden Gate Heights as part of District 7, rather than include the neighborhood in District 4; suggested that moving the boundary east would split the Sunset Heights neighborhood commercial district at 9th Avenue between two supervisorial districts; suggested that the natural boundaries of District 4 are Golden Gate Park, Lincoln Way, and 19th Avenue; and further suggested that the Task Force consider moving the District 4 boundaries south to the Lake Merced area rather than expanding to the east.

Ralph Lane; requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants of Irving Street corridor as a Community of Interest, and not divide them between District 4 and 5; and suggested expanding the boundaries of District 4 east along Irving Street.

Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); recommended that the Task Force recognize the Outside Lands south of Golden Gate Park as a community of interest; suggested joining the Inner and Outer Sunset by moving the boundary between Districts 4 and 7 to the east, keep the Farallon Islands in District 4, not expand the boundaries of District 7 into the Sunset, retain Golden Gate Park in District 1, and suggested moving the District 4 boundaries south toward Stonestown at Buckingham Way.

Carla Kozak (Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People (SHARP)); requested that the Task Force recognize Golden Gate Heights and the Inner Sunset as communities of interest; suggested that the boundary between Districts 4 and 7 be moved off of 19th Avenue; and that the 9th Avenue and Irving corridor be included in District 4.

Doug Marschke; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Inner Sunset into District 4. Christy (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force move the boundary between Districts 4 and 7 to the east to include the Inner Sunset and move the southern boundary to include Lowell High School in District 4.

Katherine Howard; requested that the Task Force expand the area of District 4 to the east along Irving Street, Lincoln Way, and Judah Steet to include the Inner Sunset, and also suggested that Golden Gate Park should remain in District 1.

Tes Welborn; requested that the Task Force recognize progressive voters of the Inner Sunset as a community of interest; suggested that the merchant corridor of the Inner Sunset not be redistricted into a single supervisorial district; and that only a few blocks of the Inner Sunset be included in District 4.

Noelle; requested that the Task Force not redistrict the boundaries of District 4 to include the Inner Sunset and suggested that the southern boundary not be moved to include Stonestown.

Josephine Zhao (Chinese American Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force move the boundaries of District 4 into the Inner Sunset, to include business on the Irving Street merchant corridor, as well as along 9th Avenue.

John Barkan; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Inner Sunset into District 4; suggested adding the area bounded by 17th Avenue, 19th Avenue, and Sloat Boulevard; and suggested moving the District 4 boundaries south toward Stonestown at Buckingham Way.

Amy; requested that the Task Force move the southern boundary of District 4 to include Lowell High School and the Lake Merced area.

Yan (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force recognize the western Sunset as a community of interest, and retain it in District 4, and suggested that the southern boundary be moved to include Lowell High School.

Sandy; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Inner Sunset into District 4.

Jeff Rigo; suggested that the border between Districts 4 and 7 should be set at 7th Avenue, that the Irving Street merchant corridor be included in District 4, and that Forest Hill remain in District 7.

Laurie Liederman; requested that the Task Force retain the Inner Sunset in District 5, if possible; suggested that if it is necessary to move the District 4 boundaries, then the Inner Sunset should be moved into District 4 rather than District 7, and include the Irving Street merchant corridor.

Natalie Simotas; requested that the Task Force retain the Pine Lake Park neighborhood in District 4, and suggested that the District 4 boundaries be moved toward the south.

Matt Sharocki; requested that the Task Force extend the District 4 boundaries to the south of Sloat Boulevard.

Evan Chan; requested that the Task Force retain the Pine Lake Park neighborhood in District 4, and suggested that the District 4 boundaries be moved to the south.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file, which retains the core of the Sunset in District 4, along with Pine Lake Park; and recommended that the Task Force not include Lowell High School or Park Merced in District 4, and retain Stonestown in District 7.

Sam; requested that the Task Force redistrict portions of the Inner Sunset into District 4, and suggested including Lowell High School to the south.

Angie Pettitt; requested that the Task Force include the Inner Sunset in District 4.

Mr. Wu; requested that the Task Force include areas bounded by 14th Avenue, Lincoln Way, and Kirkham Avenue into District 4, and suggested including Lowell High School to the south.

Michelle Wong; suggested that the boundaries of District 4 be moved to the south.

Lily (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force include the Inner Sunset in District 4, by adding areas bounded by Lincoln Way, 9th Avenue, and Kirkham Street; and suggested including Lowell High School to the south.

Erica Zweig; requested that the Task Force move the District 4 boundary toward the east into the Inner Sunset past 9th Avenue, and include the Kirkham Street and Lincoln Way corridors.

Speaker (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force include the Irving Street Corridor in District 4; suggested that the District 4 boundaries include 14 Avenue, Lincoln Way, and Kirkham Street; and suggested including Lowell High School to the south.

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: Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); requested that the Task Force begin sharing information about the procedures for creating draft maps. Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force begin sharing information about the procedures for creating draft maps. Josephine Zhao; shared concerns about the accessibility of the online mapping and community of interest tools. Seitse Goffard (Asian Americans Advancing Justice); shared various concerns on the hearing matter. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared concerns about the accessibility of the online community of interest tool.

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

4. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors), provided a brief overview of a proposed in-person meeting schedule for the Task Force, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Chair Townsend requested that the Task Force consider making changes to the meeting schedule during the special meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

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

Speakers: David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force schedule a bylaw amendment agenda item in the future, to establish a regular meeting location. Jen Tse and Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Josephine Zhao; Steven Depont-Kelani Currier; recommended that the Task Force carefully consider making changes to the District 10 focused meeting dates.

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: 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 Castillon reported that he recently met with representatives of the A. Philip Randolph Institute San Francisco. Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently met with representatives from organized labor, as well as San Francisco Rising and the League of Women Voters San Francisco. Chair Townsend reported that he recently participated in a panel discussion at the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, with Cynthia Dai of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Speakers: 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.

7. Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2022, Special Meeting

Chair Townsend inquired whether any member had any corrections to the Minutes of the February 7, 2022, Special Meeting of the Redistricting Task Force. Member Chasel Lee offered a clerical correction on page 4.

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

Member Cooper, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved that the February 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

8. General Public Comment

Speakers: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); shared various concerns about language access for district-focused meetings. Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Josephine Zhao; Jen Tse (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 9:35 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.

APPROVED: February 26, 2022
Redistricting Task Force