



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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February 23, 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 23, 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 7 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Denis Minnick; defined the area of 19th Avenue, Lincoln Way, 7th Avenue to Dewey Boulevard as Golden Gate Heights, and requested that the Task Force recognize it as a community of interest to be retained within District 7; suggested that the 9th Street and Irving Street merchant corridors be redistricted into District 7; and requested that the southern border of District 4 be moved further south.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Inner Sunset into District 7. Marc Christensen, President (Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association); defined the area of Junipero Serra Boulevard, Brotherhood Way, and Interstate 280 to the south and east as the Merced Extension Triangle and requested that the Task Force recognize the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood as a community of interest in District 7.

Frank Noto (Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People); requested that the Task Force unify the Inner Sunset east of 19th Avenue and south of Golden Gate Park and include the area in District 7, including the 9th Street and Irving Street merchant corridors.

Alice; requested that the Task Force extend District 7 to the north to include the Inner Sunset, and retain Golden Gate Heights in District 7.

Karen Breslin (Mira Loma Park Improvement Club); requested that the Task Force recognize Mira Loma Park as a community of interest and retain it wholly in District 7. George Wooding (Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association); requested that the Task Force support the redistricting plan submitted and on file from Christopher Bowman. Speaker; requested that the Task Force extend the boundaries between Districts 4 and 7 to the south.

Ivy; requested that the Task Force redistrict the area around Lowell High School into District 4 rather than District 7.

Sallie Stevens President (Golden Gate Heights Improvement Association); defined the area of 19th Avenue, Kirkham Street to 9th Avenue as Golden Gate Heights, and requested that the Task Force recognize Golden Gate Heights as a community of interest in District 7; suggested including the Irving Street merchant corridor in District 7, including extending District 7 to Lincoln Way and 19th Avenue; and suggested that the Task Force move the boundary between Districts 4 and 7 south of Sloat Boulevard.

Denise LaPointe; requested that the Task Force preserve Twin Peaks Boulevard as the eastern boundary between Districts 7 and 8.

Speaker; defined the areas around Sloat Boulevard, Inverness Drive, Lake Merced Boulevard, and Skyline Boulevard as Lakeshore Acres, and requested that the Task Force recognize Lakeshore Acres as a community of interest in District 7.

Patrick Carroll (Diamond Heights Community Association); requested that the Task Force recognize and retain Diamond Heights as a community of interest within District 8, and not redistrict the area into District 7.

Ms. Yan; requested that the Task Force redistrict the area around Lowell High School into District 4 rather than District 7.

Qi Dai; requested that the Task Force redistrict the area around Lowell High School into District 4 rather than District 7.

Michelle; requested that the Task Force recognize Merced Manor and Lakeshore Acres together as a community of interest, and redistrict them into District 4; suggested that the Task Force consider extending the District 4 boundaries south of Sloat Boulevard; and suggested that the Inner Sunset be redistricted into District 7.

Dona Crowder (Golden Gate Heights Improvement Association); requested that the Task Force preserve Twin Peaks Boulevard as the eastern boundary between Districts 7 and 8; and requested that the area around the corner of Glen Brook Avenue and Saint Germain Avenue be included as a part of District 7.

Martha Ehrenfeld, President (Inner Sunset Park Neighbors Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Irving Street merchant corridor as a community of interest and redistrict it so that it will be within one supervisorial district.

May; requested that the Task Force redistrict the area around Lowell High School into District 4 rather than District 7.

Steven Depant-Kalani Currier; supported the comments of Marc Christensen, and the map submitted by Christopher Bowman.

Claire Sanchez; defined the area of Junipero Serra Boulevard, Brotherhood Way, and Interstate 280 to the south and east as the Merced Extension Triangle, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood as a community of interest in District 7.

Mark Scardina, President (Ingleside Terraces Homeowners Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the area around Ocean Avenue, Junipero Serra Boulevard, and Holloway Avenue as a community of interest in District 7.

Selena; requested that the Task Force recognize the area south of Sloat Boulevard as a community of interest, and redistrict the area to be included in District 4 rather than District 7.

Betsy Eddy, President (Diamond Heights Community Center); requested that the Task Force retain Diamond Heights in District 8, rather than District 7.

Neil Hunt (Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force retain the Merced Extension Triangle in District 7, including areas along Brotherhood Way.

Erica Zweig; requested that the Task Force recognize the areas around Lincoln Way and the Irving Street and Judah Street merchant corridors of the Inner Sunset as a community of interest and retain the area in one supervisorial district, whether that be in District 4 or 7.

Amy; requested that the Task Force redistrict the area around Lowell High School and Merced Manor into District 4 rather than District 7.

Lori Liederman; requested that the Task Force recognize the Inner Sunset as a community of interest and include it in District 4 rather than District 7.

Lily Wong (Wah Mei School); requested that the Task Force recognize the Sunset Chinese Cultural District as a community of interest and retain wholly within one supervisorial district.

Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); requested that the Task Force not split the Inner Sunset into three supervisorial districts, as it is presently.

Pierre Smit, Executive Director (Ocean Avenue Association); requested that the Task Force not split the Ocean Avenue merchant corridor into two supervisorial districts.

Christy (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force redistrict the area around Lowell High School and Merced Manor into District 4 rather than District 7.

Ivy Lee; requested that the Task Force recognize the Inner Sunset as a community of interest, and include the neighborhood in District 7.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file, and shared other comments with the Task Force.

Walter Caplan; requested that the Task Force recognize the single-family home neighborhoods and homeowners in District 7 as a community of interest, and make minimal changes to the boundaries of the district.

Cory Silver; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

3. 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); shared details about the volunteer outreach efforts of the League of Women Voters San Francisco, and their virtual office hours; Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force update the outreach plan to include a mailer to all San Francisco voters to alert them of the redistricting efforts.

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

4. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

Jaime Clark, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the ongoing roll-out of the San Francisco Redistricting Tool, and the ongoing digitization of the community of interest submissions.

Speaker: 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.

5. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors), and Gus Guibert (Office of the City Attorney) answered questions raised through the discussion.

Speakers: Steven Depont-Kalani Currier; requested that the Task Force agendize meetings with focuses on adjacent districts. Tes Welborn; requested that the Task Force change the March 21 meeting to have a Districts 10 and 11 focus, to have a District 7 focused meeting on March 9, and suggested that the public transit and parking availability be a consideration for in-person meetings. Jonathan Meade; requested that the Task Force have an in-person meeting in District 10. Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

- Adding a special meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, to begin at 5:30 p.m., to be held remotely, with a mapping focus;
- Removing the special meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.;
- Designating that all Task Force meetings including and after March 7, 2022, be held in a meeting room in City Hall;
- Designating that the special meeting on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., have a Districts 1 and 2 focus;
- Designating that the special meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., have a mapping focus;
- Adding a special meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, to begin at 3:00 p.m., to be held in a meeting room in City Hall, with a Districts 4 and 5 focus;
- Designating that the special meeting on Friday, March 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., have a Districts 8 and 9 focus; and
- Designating that the special meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., have a Districts 7 and 11 focus.

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.

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

Member Chasel Lee reported that met with and discussed redistricting with members of the public residing in Districts 7 and 11.

Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently met with the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone, and San Francisco Rising to discuss the redistricting process.

Member Pierce reported that she recently met with San Francisco Rising, and reported that the March 5, 2022, District 10 focused meeting flyers are available in 9 different languages.

Vice Chair Reiner reported that she has been in contact with Russell Yee, Chair of the California Redistricting Commission, to discuss the live map drawing process.

Member Jeremy Lee reported that he recently met with Chinatown-based nonprofits and San Francisco Rising to discuss redistricting matters.

Member Castillon reported that he recently met with members of the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association and presented to the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club on the redistricting process.

Speakers: none.

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

7. General Public Comment

Speakers: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); provided an overview of the volunteer outreach offered by SPEAK in the recent weeks and provided an overview of the community of interest submission from the SPEAK group. Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); announced that the San Francisco Rising Community Unity Map is under development and plans to share the map with the Task Force in the coming weeks. Tes Welborn; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Steven Depant-Kalani Currier; requested that the Task Force review the proposed citywide map sent by Christopher Bowman and consider its boundaries. David Pilpel; 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 Future Agenda Items offered.

Speakers: None.

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 9:57 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.