



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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February 26, 2022 – 10:00 AM

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 Saturday, February 26, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.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. Chair Townsend was noted not present. A quorum was present.

Chair Townsend was noted present at 10:06 a.m.

At the request of Chair Townsend, Vice Chair Reiner assumed the chair pro tem at 10:06 a.m.

Chair Townsend resumed the chair at 12:20 p.m.

2. District 2 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Speaker; requested that the Task Force retain the neighborhoods of District 2 together.

Charles Ferguson, President (Presidio Heights Association of Neighbors); defined the area of Presidio Heights as California Street to Presidio Avenue to Agruello Boulevard and requested that the Task Force not redistrict Presidio Heights into District 1 from District 2.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Anza Vista, Presidio Heights, and Laurel Heights neighborhoods as a community of interest, and keep them together in District 2.

Paulina Behr; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Seacliff neighborhood and include it District 1, rather than District 2.

Thomas Judah; requested that the Task Force recognize the Anza Vista, Presidio Heights, and Laurel Heights neighborhoods as a community of interest, and keep them together in District 2.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1, rather than District 2.

Julie; requested that the Task Force not redistrict the Seacliff neighborhood into District 1, from District 2.

Grant Ingram; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1, rather than District 2.

Daphne Alden; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1, rather than District 2.

Charleston Yu; requested that the Task Force include Presidio Heights in District 2, rather than District 1.

Alec Bash; requested that the Task Force move the border between Districts 2 and 3 to be Van Ness Avenue, and not include the Polk Gulch and Russian Hill Neighborhoods in District 2.

Chelsea; requested that the Task Force consider the Presidio as the border between Districts 1 and 2.

Margaret Cooley; requested that the Task Force recognize a community of renters in District 1 as a community of interest, and not dilute the voice of a community of renters in District 1 when drawing the boundary with District 2.

Al Sodini, President (Anza Vista Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Anza Vista, Presidio Heights, and Laurel Heights neighborhoods as a community of interest, and keep them together in District 2.

Hector Hernandez Cardenas; requested that the Task Force retain the Seacliff neighborhood in District 2, and expand the District 1 boundaries to the east; and further requested that the Task Force recognize a community of renters in District 1 as a community of interest, and not dilute the voice of a community of renters in District 1 when drawing the boundary with District 2.

Regina; requested that the Task Force retain the Seacliff neighborhood in District 2; and further requested that the Task Force recognize a community of renters in District 1 as a community of interest, and not dilute the voice of a community of renters in District 1.

Annastasia Wong; requested that the Task Force retain the Anza Vista Neighborhood in District 2.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force extend the District 1 boundaries to the east, and not to the north; and further requested that the Task Force recognize a community of renters in District 1 as a community of interest, and not dilute the voice of a community of renters in District 1 when drawing the boundary with District 2.

Vanita Louie; requested that the Task Force retain the Anza Vista Neighborhood in District 2 and consider including the North of Panhandle neighborhood in District 2, as well.

Jennifer Parkes; requested that the Task Force include the Russian Hill neighborhood in District 3, rather than District 2.

Leona M. Bridges; requested that the Task Force recognize the Anza Vista, Presidio Heights, and Laurel Heights neighborhoods as a community of interest, and keep them together in District 2.

Eric Kingsbury; requested that the Task Force recognize the Pacific Heights, Cow Hollow, and Russian Hill neighborhoods as a communities of interest, and retain them together in District 2.

Jean Barish; requested that the Task Force retain the Seacliff neighborhood in District 2; and further requested that the Task Force recognize a community of renters in District 1 as a community of interest, and not dilute the voice of a community of renters in District 1.

Catherine Magee; requested that the Task Force retain the Laurel Heights, Anza Vista, Jordan Park, and Pacific Heights neighborhoods in District 2.

Richard Frisbie; requested that the Task Force retain the Marina, Cow Hollow, Presidio Heights, Laurel Heights, and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 2; and supported the citywide plan submitted and on file from Christopher Bowman.

Lelani; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Anza Vista neighborhood into District 5, and retain the Seacliff neighborhood in District 2.

Lanier Coles; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Presidio Heights neighborhood and both sides of Lake Street into District 1 rather than District 2.

Richard Lowden; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Seacliff neighborhood and both sides of Lake Street into District 1 rather than District 2.

Carol Ann Rodgers, President (Russian Hill Neighbors); requested that the Task Force redistrict Russian Hill into District 3 rather than District 2.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force redistrict Russian Hill into District 3 rather than District 2, include the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Don Misumi; requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity Map announced by San Francisco Rising, suggested that the boundary between Districts 1 and 2 be moved toward the east, and suggested that the Seacliff neighborhood not be redistricted into District 1.

Amy Chiu; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Clement Street merchant corridor to be in the same supervisorial district as Jordan Park.

Lynne Newhouse Segal; requested that the Task Force recognize the Pacific Heights neighborhood as a community of interest, and extend the district boundaries southward to Bush Street to include the entirety of Pacific Heights within District 2.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Presidio Heights neighborhood and both sides of Lake Street into District 1 rather than District 2.

Winston Parsons; requested that the Task Force move the boundaries between Districts 1 and 2 toward the east, not include Presidio Heights in District 1, and requested that the Task Force recognize a community of renters in District 1 as a community of interest, and not dilute the voice of a community of renters in District 1.

Heather; requested that the Task Force redistrict the border between Districts 1 and 2 to include both sides of Lake Street in District 1.

Tammy Yee; requested that the Task Force not expand the boundaries of District 2 toward Chinatown.

Kathy Devincenzi, President (Laurel Heights Improvement Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Laurel Heights Neighborhood as a community of interest, and retain it entirely within District 2, referred the Task Force to a map from the Laurel Heights Improvement Association on file, and endorsed the map on file from Christopher Bowman.

Jonathan Meade; requested that the Task Force not include the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1, and suggested that the Task Force be mindful of the Voting Rights Act during the redistricting process.

Marlayne Morgan, President (Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association); requested that the Task Force consider redistricting a three-block portion of the Cathedral Hill neighborhood back into District 2.

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

Richard Warner; requested that the Task Force consider the Jordan Park, Presidio Heights, and Laurel Heights neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them together in District 2, and endorsed the map on file from Christopher Bowman.

Susan Ford; requested that the Task Force recognize Russian Hill as a community of interest, and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district by moving the boundary between Districts 2 and 3 toward the west to Van Ness Avenue.

Marie; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Seacliff, Anza Vista, and Jordan Park neighborhoods into District 1 rather than District 2.

Michelle; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Sophia Andary; requested that the Task Force not redistrict the Seacliff neighborhood into District 1 from District 2.

Montgomery Woods; requested that the Task Force redistrict the West Clay Park and Seacliff neighborhoods into District 1 rather than District 2.

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

3. Outreach Plan Update

Emmy Kim (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.

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 pro tem at 12:40 p.m.

Chair Townsend was noted absent at 12:40 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

4. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

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

Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force establish a clear deadline for submitting documents, community of interest forms and maps, and highlighted a recent San Francisco Chronicle article about the

several neighborhood boundary definitions utilized by different departments of the city. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared concerns about the accessibility of community of interest visualizations prepared by Q2 and suggested that the Task Force provide an introductory presentation before each mapping session, to elicit more productive public input. Charles Ferguson, President (Presidio Heights Association of Neighbors); suggested that the Task Force consult the legal boundaries of the various neighborhood associations of the city. David Pilpel; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

5. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for the Operations Division (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors); shared several administrative changes to the City Hall meeting room locations for future in-person meetings of the Task Force, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

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

Speakers: None.

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

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

Member Cooper reported that he recently met with members of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, the Van Ness Merchants Association, and San Francisco Rising; and reported that he has continued posting Task Force flyers throughout the City, in accordance with the flyer posting guidance. Member Chasel Lee reported that he and Member Ho gave a presentation to Together SF, focused on engaging with the redistricting process.

Speakers: None.

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

Member Hernández Gil was noted absent at 1:59 p.m., and present at 2:06 p.m.

7. Approval of Minutes from the February 16 and 18, 2022, Special Meetings

Vice Chair Reiner inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the February 16 and 18, 2022, Special Meetings of the Redistricting Task Force. Clerk Carroll noted a clerical change in the Task Force Member Reports agenda item on page 5 of the February 16, 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 Jeremy Lee, moved that the February 16 and 18, 2022, meeting minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Jeremy Lee, Pierce, Castillon, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Absent: 2 – Hernández Gil, Townsend

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Jeremy Lee, moved that the previous motion be rescinded. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Absent: 1 – Townsend

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved that the February 16 and 18, 2022, meeting minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Absent: 1 – Townsend

8. General Public Comment

Speakers: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); David Pilpel; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns with the Task Force. Jupiter Peraza (Transgender Cultural District); shared an endorsement of the Community Unity map submission announced by San Francisco Rising.

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

9. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:

- *A discussion item on the impacts of redistricting on applicants to affordable housing.*

Speakers: None.

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

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 2:14 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.