



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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March 2, 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, March 2, 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. Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code, Section 54953(e)

Speaker: David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the resolution.

Member Cooper, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

3. Mapping

Jamie Clark, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Consultants); Gus Guibert (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the communities south of Market Street as a community of interest and retain them together.

Josephine Zhao; requested that the Task Force consider race as a criterion in their redistricting considerations; and requested that mapping and community of interest forms be translated so that future community of interest information is captured to record shared cultural concerns.

Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force revise their messaging to the public regarding defining their communities of interest, so that it is capturing cultural information rather than racial factors; and recommended that the Task Force operate from multiple drafts of maps, rather than strive for a single map at this point.

Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK)); requested that the Task Force review the map submitted and on file from SPEAK.

Russel Morine; requested that the Task Force begin their mapping efforts from the current district lines, suggested that the mapping consultants prepare a growth heat map so future district lines can be drawn in consideration of future changes, and requested that the Task Force review the map he has submitted on file.

Gloria Li; requested that the Task Force recognize the Mission Bay and East Cut neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Lisa Awbrey; requested that the Task Force recognize the Haight-Ashbury community as a community of interest and retain it together in one supervisorial district.

Paulina Behr; requested that the Task Force recognize the East Cut and Mission Bay neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

David Pilpel; suggested that the Task Force review the cultural districts, community benefit districts, police station boundaries, and more as visualization layers when making mapping considerations, suggested starting mapping from the existing district lines, and suggested working with multiple draft maps at this point in the process.

Simon Bertrang, Executive Director (Tenderloin Community Benefit District); requested that the 2006 Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services map be displayed for public review and included on the Task Force website.

Jennifer; requested that the Task Force include Little Saigon in District 3 rather than District 6, requested that the Seacliff neighborhood be included in District 1 rather than District 2; and suggested that the Task Force begin mapping from the district maps as they are presently.

Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); requested that the Task Force be mindful of the constraints of the Voting Rights Act, especially as it impacts the shape of future public engagement; and recommended that the Task Force consider drafting multiple maps as a result of the discussion.

Roberta Economidis (Nob Hill Association); requested that the Task Force review a letter submitted by the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association, the Chinatown Merchants Association, the Gateway Tenants Association, Italian Community Services,

Next Village, North Beach Neighbors, and Russian Hill Neighbors; and recommended redistricting the Russian Hill neighborhood into District 3.

Chris Chang; requested that the Task Force recognize the East Cut, Mission Bay, South Beach, Yerba Buena, and eastern and western SOMA neighborhoods as communities of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district, and recommended that the Task Force use Market Street as the boundary between Districts 3 and 6.

Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force bring future development into consideration when redrawing the district boundaries.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force generate a draft map during this meeting.

Chuck Obermeyer, Executive Director (Mid-Market Neighbors); requested that the Task Force recognize the Mid-Market neighborhood on both sides of Market Street as a community of interest and retain the community together in one supervisorial district.

Jonathan Meade; suggested that the Task Force be mindful of the mandates of the Voting Rights Act when drawing boundaries for the supervisorial districts, and suggested exceeding 1% deviation between district populations in order to include communities of interest in their entirety whenever possible.

Seitse Goffard (Asian Americans Advancing Justice); requested that the Task Force draw multiple maps as a result of the discussion, and supported beginning from the 2006 Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services neighborhood map and the community of interest definitions received by the Task Force when drawing the initial boundaries.

Thomas Osley; requested that the Task Force recognize the Mid-Market neighborhood and Filipino heritage cultural sites in SOMA as communities of interest, and preserve them together in one supervisorial district, suggested that the Task Force preserve language minorities together whenever possible, and suggested starting from a map with 1% deviation of population between districts.

Simon Timony (Advocates Eleven); requested that the Task Force review the map submitted and on file from Advocates Eleven.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved to direct Q2 Data and Research consultants to prepare a map meeting the following criterion:

- **Making limited changes to the existing district boundaries;**
- **Preserving boundaries of existing neighborhoods wherever possible;**
- **Abiding by the limitation of less than 1% deviation between district populations;**
- **Preserving the boundaries of communities of interest as defined by the public comment received to date; and**
- **Preserving the boundaries of Cultural Districts and Community Benefit Districts established in the city.**

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.

4. 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: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Josephine; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

5. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

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

Speakers: Cheryl Thornton; Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Marc Powell; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

6. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations (Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors), addressed questions regarding the upcoming hybrid in-person meetings of the Task Force, including concerns about masking requirements.

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

Speakers: none.

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

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

Member Jeremy Lee shared that he has recently had discussions with the District 1 Supervisor's office and the Rose Pak Democratic Club regarding the redistricting process and is in conversations with the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development about the impacts of redistricting on applicants to affordable housing. Member Hernández Gil reported that he has recently met with members of the San Francisco Labor Council, San Francisco Rising, and various District 6 advocates to discuss redistricting issues.

Member Chasel Lee reported that he recently met with Myong Leigh, former member of the 2010 Census Redistricting Task Force.

Member Pierce reported that she recently met with San Francisco Rising to discuss redistricting matters.

Speakers: None.

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

8. General Public Comment

Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Tes Welborn; Josephine; 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 9:07 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.