



# REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

**Held via Videoconference**  
(Remote access provided via teleconference)  
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**March 5, 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, March 5, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 10:02 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.  
A quorum was present.*

#### **Vice Chair Reiner Excused from Attendance for a Portion of the Meeting**

**Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Cooper, moved that Vice Chair Reiner be EXCUSED from the meeting upon her departure at 11:00 a.m. and until her return. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused: 1 - Reiner**

### **2. District 10 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest**

*Member Hernandez Gil provided a presentation on Public Input and Communities of Interest, including what the redistricting process is, what the criteria is for redistricting, recognized neighborhoods and communities of interest, examples of common interest, what are communities of interest, district-based input, and the redistricting mapping tool.*

*Speakers: Francisco da Costa; expressed concerns regarding the Task Force duties, their schedule, and interpretation services provided.*

*John de Castro; expressed concerns regarding the Dogpatch and certain boundaries.*

*Cheryl Thornton; expressed concerns regarding a grocery store being removed from District 10 and the need to keep certain neighborhoods together.*

*Naj Daniels; shared unique communities of interest within District 10 and the need to retain the common ties.*

*Bayard Fong (Chinatown Community Development Center); spoke on a submitted map and the need to retain certain connections for vitality.*

*Virginia Marshall; expressed their desire to retain certain neighborhoods in District 10 for needed services.*

*Jin Dai Wong; expressed support for uniting certain neighborhoods to retain common interests and cultures.*

*Lydia Patine; expressed the need to keep certain neighborhoods together.*

*Laticia Erving; expressed concerns regarding the digital divide in District 10 and the School District's plan to change student assignments.*

*Jean Young; shared the need to unite certain neighborhoods because they share common interests.*

*Mae; requested certain neighborhoods remain united because it is more convenient to keep activities and school lines the same.*

*Jennifer (Better Housing Policies); shared their communities of interest that should remain together and referenced a draft map submitted.*

*Karen Pierce; shared various challenges that certain neighborhoods have in common and the need to keep them combined.*

*Kevine Bogges; expressed the need to keep District 10 as intact as possible, especially along the southern boundaries.*

*Yen Fang Chen; expressed the need to keep certain neighborhoods together.*

*Marlene Tran; shared the need to retain communities of interest.*

*Rionda Batiste; expressed the need of the communities and access to grocery store.*

*J.R. Eppler (Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association); shared concerns regarding access to transit and certain corridors.*

*Brenda Barros; shared concerns for the children in the District and the need to retain certain communities and school districts.*

*Patricia; referenced a draft map that was submitted and the need to keep certain neighborhoods together.*

*DeAnthony Jones (MegaBlackSF); shared concerns about cutting out Potrero Hill from District 10 and various cultural concerns.*

*Sam Boyd; shared concerns regarding familial ties in the community and the need to keep them together.*

*Jessica; shared the need to keep certain communities together in District 10.*

*Tyrone Hillman; expressed concerns regarding the resources that are provided to the community and the need to retain certain lines.*

*Victor Seeto (Chinese American Democratic Club); shared certain guidelines and economic groups that should be considered.*

*Jill Fox; expressed need to keep the southeast waterfront area together.*

*Candace Zhu; shared concerns regarding the redistricting process and the need to see actual maps and expand outreach.*

*Russell Morine; shared the need to retain similar district lines and referenced a draft map submitted.*

*Steven Daconi (McClaren Park Collaborative); shared concerns regarding McClaren Park and the various Districts surrounding it.*

*Cameron Dino; shared a suggestion on where to draw a line.*

*Mitch Mankin; shared the need to keep certain communities of interest together.*

*Brittany (MegaBlackSF); expressed the need to consider racial impacts to splitting up certain neighborhoods.*

*Ivy Jan; expressed support of keeping certain neighborhoods together for economic reasons.*

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

*(Vice Chair Reiner was noted excused at 11:00 a.m. and present at 12:00 p.m.)*

### **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, including the outreach done and the emails that have been distributed.*

*Chair Townsend suggested Civic Edge Consulting reach out to religious organizations, especially for certain communities.*

*Speakers: Laticia Erving; expressed concerns regarding the level of outreach and the need to do more outside of email due to the digital divide.*

*Brenda Barros; expressed concerns regarding access to the agenda.*

*Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voter San Francisco); provided suggestions on what could be shared in various locations to reach more people.*

*Naj Daniels; thanked the members of the Task Force and expressed the need to reach faith-based organizations.*

*Russell Morine; expressed concerns regarding the additional outreach that should be done outside of email.*

*Karen Pierce; expressed the need to protect voters rights and the various communities of interest.*

*Cheryl Thornton; expressed the need to reach the faith-based organizations and to expand outreach done for marginalized communities.*

*Marlene Tran; expressed the need to reach the faith-based organizations and to expand outreach to those without access to technology.*

*Jennifer Parkes; expressed concerns regarding the depth and breadth of outreach done and difficulty finding information.*

*Jen Tse (League of Women Voters); expressed concerns regarding access to the agenda and the need to address the digital divide.*

*David Pilpel; expressed concerns regarding agenda access on the website and outreach done.*

*Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); provided information on outreach being done and answered questions raised during the discussions.*

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

#### **4. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update**

*Seth Neill, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); provided an update on the map submissions received, the work being done to-date, and the next steps they anticipate taking.*

*Speakers: Eileen Boken; expressed concerns regarding certain boundaries.*

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

#### **5. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule**

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

*Speakers: David Pilpel; requested clarification on the start time for the March 16, 2022 meeting. The March 16, 2022, special meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.*

*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 met on March 3 with advocates at Third Baptist Church to discuss redistricting matters, and has continued distributed flyers.*

*Member Chasel Lee reported that he met with representatives from Districts 3 and 4.*

*Member Hernández Gil reported that he met with SEIU Local 1021 and San Francisco Rising.*

*Chair Townsend indicated he also attended the March 3 meeting at Third Baptist Church to discuss redistricting, and reported on other meetings with various representatives.*

*Speakers: None.*

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

#### **7. Approval of Minutes from the February 23 and 26, 2022, Special Meetings**

*Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the February 23 and 26, 2022, Special Meetings of the Redistricting Task Force.*

*Alisa Somera, Clerk, indicated she would make a correction to the February 23, 2022 Minutes to change the time for the March 16, 2022, meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

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

**Member Cooper, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved that the February 23 and 26, 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: Jean Bogiages; expressed concerns regarding the boundaries of northeast Potrero and the need to keep it in District 10. Eric McDonald; thanked the Members for their service and concerns regarding the digital divide and encouraged more paper distribution.*

*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 1:25 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.*