



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

City Hall, Room 408
(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)
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March 14, 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, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone and videoconference, on Monday, March 14, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:43 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. Mapping

Member Chasel Lee provided a presentation on mapping and public input, including an overview of the redistricting process, important criteria for redistricting, recognized neighborhoods and communities of interest, compactness, contiguity, census geography, and the next steps for the Task Force. Jaime Clark, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Dena Aslanian-Williams, President (West of Twin Peaks Central Council); requested that the Task Force recognize the West of Twin Peaks, West Portal, and Forest Hill neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them wholly in District 7. Judy Clark; requested that the Task Force recognize the Woods of San Francisco as a community of interest and retain the neighborhood in District 7. Kristine Zaback, Co-President (Forest Knolls Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force make minimal changes to District 7.

Walter Kaplan; requested that the Task Force recognize the Forest Knolls neighborhood and retain it wholly within District 7.

Nick Pasqueriello; requested that the Task Force recognize the existing neighborhoods and communities of interest in District 8 and retain them whole and endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Victoria Carradero; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill neighborhood and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Marc Christensen, President (Merced Triangle Extension Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Merced Extension Triangle neighborhood and retain it wholly in District 7; and suggested that the Ocean View, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods remain in District 11.

Eleanore Fernandez, Deputy Director (Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco); requested that the Task Force move the boundaries of District 3 to the northwest to expand the district and requested that the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods remain together.

Gloria Li; requested that the Task Force recognize the growing and emerging high-density neighborhoods of Mission Bay, Rincon Hill, and the East Cut and that they be retained together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill neighborhood as a community of interest and retain it wholly within District 10.

J. R. Eppler; requested that the Task Force recognize the greater Potrero Hill and Dogpatch neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district, take note of the boundaries of the Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Green Benefit District, and add Showplace Square to District 10 for a more compact district.

Katy Liddell; requested that the Task Force recognize the East Cut, Rincon Hill, South Beach, Mission Bay, and other SOMA neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Dennis Minnik, President (Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People SHARP); requested that the Task Force retain Sunset Heights Park as a part of District 7 and expand the district to include the shopping district at 9th Avenue and Irving Street.

George Wooding (Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods); requested that the Task Force examine the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhood's district plan and suggested that Twin Peaks is a natural border for District 7.

David Woo (SOMA Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity map announced by the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Simone; requested that the Task Force recognize similarities between the Chinatown and Tenderloin communities and redistrict them to be together in one supervisorial district.

Alice Rogers (South Beach Rincon Hill Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force not divide any existing community benefit districts between multiple supervisorial districts, including those in the plan areas of the Rincon Hill, South Beach, Mission Bay, and Yerba Buena neighborhoods.

Jill Shenker (San Francisco Rising); requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity map announced by the SF Unity Map Coalition of 75 organizations and requested that the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods be retained together in one supervisorial district.

Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); requested that the Task Force not split the Inner Sunset, Lakeshore, and Lakeside neighborhoods between multiple supervisorial districts.

Luke Stevens; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill neighborhood and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Marlene Tran; requested that the Task Force not split little Hollywood from Visitacion Valley and retain them together within District 10.

Diana Taylor; requested that the Task Force recognize the Russian Hill and North Beach neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district, and endorsed the District 3 United neighborhoods map.

Jon Osaki, Executive Director (Japanese Community Youth Council); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown neighborhood and retain it wholly in District 5, with borders north to California Street.

William Owen; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, and Showplace Square neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

John deCastro; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, and Showplace Square neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Louisa Antonio (Bayanihan Resource Center); requested that the Task Force retain Japantown in District 5, that the Tenderloin and Western SOMA remain together in one district, and that the Ocean View, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods should remain in District 11.

Daniel Galindo; requested that the Task Force recognize the Duboce Triangle area and retain it together with the Castro neighborhood and Castro LGBTQ Cultural District in one supervisorial district.

Tes Welborn; requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and recommended that the Task Force work to retain existing neighborhoods and communities of interest rather than pursue limited population deviation between districts.

Dixon Li (API Council); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown neighborhood and retain it wholly within District 5 rather than District 3.

Jean Bogiages; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, and Showplace Square neighborhoods as well as the Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Green Benefit District as a community of interest and retain them together within District 10.

David Hooper; requested that the Task Force not redistrict the Ocean View, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods into District 7, and rather retain them District 11.

Theresa Flandrich (North Beach Tenants Community); requested that the Task Force recognize the North Beach, Telegraph Hill, and Chinatown neighborhoods together as a community of interest in and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Simon Timony (Advocates Eleven); requested that the Task Force listen to District 11 advocates and not redistrict the Ocean View, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhood into District 7.

Bevan Dufty; requested that the Task Force not draw the District 8 boundaries in such a way as to diminish the voice of LGBTQ community members.

Elizabeth Carney; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Jim Warshell (Van Ness Corridor Neighborhoods Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Russian Hill neighborhood and include it in District 3 rather than District 2, include Japantown in District 5 rather than District 3, and retain Cathedral Hill wholly within District 2.

Austin Louie; requested that the Task Force recognize the Anza Vista neighborhood and include it in District 2 rather than Districts 1 or 5.

Vanita Louie; requested that the Task Force recognize the Anza Vista neighborhood and retain it in District 2.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Mid-Market and Hub neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Harlan Crawford; requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity Map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Dr. Emily Murase, Executive Director (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it with its Western Addition neighbors in District 5.

Bettina Cohen; requested that the Task Force retain the Mission Bay South Beach, and Rincon Hill neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district, and not include Mission Bay in District 10.

Josephine; requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Little Hollywood neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district, and endorsed the District 4 boundaries of the 1A Map.

Grace Horikiri, Executive Director (Japantown Community Benefit District); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown neighborhood and retain it together with its neighbors in District 5.

Philippe Sonne; requested that the Task Force review the District 3 Unity map on file.

Lori Leiderman; requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and recognize the Inner Sunset neighborhood and retain it in District 5 along with neighbors in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood.

Russel Morine; requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Little Hollywood neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district, suggested that the Task Force review his District 10 Tomorrow map on file, and encouraged consideration of the Community Unity map from the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Jude Deckenbach; requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Showplace Square, and Bayview neighborhoods as well as the Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Green Benefit District as a community of interest and retain them together within District 10.

Sabrina Matlin; requested that the Task Force recognize the Russian Hill neighborhood as a community of interest and include it in District 3.

Lauren Girardin; requested that the Task Force not separate the Alemany apartments from their neighbors or the nearby Alemany farm into different supervisorial districts.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the growing communities of the northeast corner of the city and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Susie Kagami; requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it together with the Western Addition in District 5, and endorsed the Community Unity map on file from the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Alec Bash (Gateway Tenants Association); requested that the Task Force review the District 3 United map on file with the Task Force, and include Russian Hill in District 3.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Task Force directed Q2 Data and Research to prepare two maps with up to 5% deviation between district populations, with the following additional criteria:

- Including Japantown and the Western Addition together in one district;
- Including the Duboce Triangle, Corona Heights, Buena Vista Park, and Castro neighborhoods together in one district;
- Including Visitacion Valley in District 10;
- Setting the border between Districts 8 and 9 at Guerrero Street;
- Including Potrero Hill wholly within one district;
- Including the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside Terrace (OMI) Neighborhoods in District 11; and
- Including South Beach wholly within one district.

3. Outreach Plan Update

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors), presented follow-up information about the office of the Clerk of the Board assuming the outreach efforts from Civic Edge Consultants.

Speaker: Lauren Girardin (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.

Member Hernández Gil was noted absent at 9:46 p.m.

Member Hernández Gil Excused from Attendance for the remainder of the Meeting

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Cooper, moved that member Hernández Gil be EXCUSED from the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Hernández Gil

4. 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, and receipt of recent mapping and community of interest definition submissions.

Speakers: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); shared various concerns on utilizing library services available for mapping. Lauren Girardin (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.

5. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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.

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

Member Pierce reported that she recently spoke to numerous Potrero Hill residents about the 1A map.

Member Chasel Lee reported that he recently had discussions about redistricting business with members of the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club board and discussed the 1A map with state Senator Scott Wiener and community members from Districts 2 and 6.

Chair Townsend reported that he recently had a discussion with advocates from Districts 7 and 11 and attended a meeting at the Bayview library discussing mapping and engagement with the redistricting process.

Member Castillon reported that he recently met with residents of the Civic Center, South Beach, and Outer Richmond neighborhoods to discuss the 1A map.

Speakers: None.

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

7. Approval of Minutes from the March 2 and 5, 2022, Meetings

Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the March 2 and 5, 2022, Special Meetings of the Redistricting Task Force. There were no changes offered.

Speakers: None.

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved that the March 2 and 5, 2022, meeting minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Hernández Gil

8. General Public Comment

Speakers: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); David Pilpel; 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 10:01 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.