



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

City Hall, Room 406
(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)
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March 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, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone and videoconference, on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Vice Chair Ditka Reiner called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

On the call of the roll, Member Jeremy Lee, Member Pierce, Member Castillon, Member Ho, Member Cooper, Member Chasel Lee, and Member Reiner were noted present.

Chair Townsend and Member Hernández Gil were noted not present.

A quorum was present.

Chair Townsend was noted present at 5:47 p.m.

Member Hernández Gil was noted present at 6:23 p.m.

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); presented the 2A and 2B maps, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Ana Flores, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Townsend was noted absent at 8:59 p.m. and returned at 9:29 p.m.

Chair Townsend recessed the meeting at 10:05 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Speakers: Denis Mosgofian; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the Inner Sunset and the boundaries of Districts 4, 5, and 7, and suggested that the Inner Sunset neighborhood has affinities to District 5 that should be taken into account.

Renee Curran; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize low and moderate income tenants as a community of interest, and recommended that the Inner Sunset neighborhood be retained in District 5.

David Woo (SOMA Pilipinas); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; requested that the Task Force recognize the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district with boundaries at Geary Street and Polk Street.

Calvin Welch; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; requested that the Task Force include the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, Westside Courts, the Hamilton Recreation Center, and the Western Addition branch libraries in District 5.

Peter Warfield; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Naj Daniels; endorsed map 2B. as pertains to the boundaries of District 10.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force include the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center and Westside Courts in District 5.

Cheryl Thornton; endorsed the Community Unity Map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and the 2A map as pertains to the boundaries of District 10, and recommended that Visitacion Valley, Sunnydale, Mission Rock, and Potrero Hill be included in District 10.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force hear the voice of Black residents in the city and that their power and stability should be retained and recommended that the Tenderloin be recognized as a community of interest.

Larry Merton; requested that the Task Force keep retain the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district, and recommended that the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center be included in District 5.

Gabby; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by SF Unity Map Coalition and the 2A map, and recommended that the Task Force recognize and retain the four cultural districts of the SOMA and tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; endorsed the 2A map and requested that the Task Force not divide the Tenderloin into multiple supervisorial districts.

Speaker; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods in one supervisorial district with borders on Geary Street, Polk Street, and 2nd Street.

Speaker; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino residents of the Tenderloin and Central SOMA as a community of interest and retain it wholly within District 6.

Speaker (FEC Galing Bata); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district with boundaries at Geary Street and Polk Street.

Aria Sa'id, President (Transgender Cultural District); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and the 2A map.

Jupiter Peraza (Transgender Cultural District); endorsed map 2A as pertains to the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods, and recommended that the Task Force recognize the cultural districts of the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods and retain them together in District 6.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the trans Latina and monolingual Spanish speakers in the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods and retain them wholly within District 6.

Tes Welborn; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and provided details about its proposals for the boundaries of District 5.

Lori Leiderman; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; requested that the Task Force include the Inner Sunset in District 5 rather than Districts 4 or 7.

Lori Yamauchi (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it wholly within District 5 along with the Western Addition and Fillmore neighborhoods, and requested that the Task Force restore the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center to District 5.

Norman Degleman; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; and requested that the Task Force recognize the Inner Sunset and retain it within District 5 rather than Districts 4 or 7.

Angela Chan; requested that the Task Force recognize low income families of the Chinatown neighborhood as a community of interest and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Speaker (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force include the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods in District 11, and suggested that the Sunnydale and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10.

Yu Lian (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force preserve the voices of residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels and recognize that the communities of interest in District 3 include Chinatown SRO residents and low income families which should be retained wholly within one supervisorial district.

Vincent (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and requested that the Task Force recognize the families of school aged children in District 6, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Yoyo (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the families with school aged children and families of color in District 3 and retain them together; suggested that the Task Force not dilute the voices of residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels by moving them into District 2.

Jeff (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize families with school-aged children and low income families in the district, requested that the Task Force include the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods in District 11, and suggested that the Sunnydale and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10.

Speaker (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and requested that the Task Force recognize the families of school aged children and residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels and not redistrict them into District 2.

Joyce Lam (Chinese Progressive Association); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the families of school-aged children as a community of interest, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district with boundaries on Geary Street, Polk Street, and 2nd Street.

Sana Sethi (San Francisco Rising); requested that the Task Force be mindful of the Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) data in the mapping process as it may exclude certain people from consideration in the redistricting process.

John McCormack (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force consider food access in the community of the Tenderloin, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one District 6

Jaime Deloria; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino, LGBTQ, and low income communities of the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district; and suggested that the Task Force not include the Tenderloin neighborhood in District 3.

Claire Wadsky; requested that the Task Force recognize the renter residents of the Richmond neighborhood and retain them together in District 1, and requested that the Seacliff neighborhood not be added to District 1.

Sandra Lee Fewer; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force include the Seacliff neighborhood in District 2 rather than District 1, requested that the Task Force recognize the low and moderate income seniors and renters as well as Russian and Chinese speaking immigrants in the district and retain them wholly within District 1, and suggested that the Task Force not include Jordan Park in District 1.

Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Black, Arabic, LGBTQ and Filipino communities of the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Emily Lee (San Francisco Rising); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the American Indian Cultural District and retain it wholly within District 9, suggested that the Districts 8 and 9 boundary be drawn down the alleys rather than Guerrero Street, requested that the Latinx community be retained in the northern end of District 9, and suggested that General Hospital be included in District 10.

Jill Shenker (San Francisco Rising); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, suggested that General Hospital be included in District 10, and suggested that portions of Chinatown not be retained in District 3 rather than District 2.

Walter Caplan; requested that the Task Force retain the Forest Knolls neighborhood, Crestmont Drive, and Mount Sutro Woods neighborhoods in District 7, along with areas south of the UCSF Parnassus campus.

Hugo Kabayashi; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it wholly within District 5, suggested that the Inner Sunset neighborhood should be retained in District 5 rather than Districts 4 or 7, and suggested that areas south of the UCSF Parnassus campus should be included in District 7 rather than District 5.

Glynis Nakahara, Vice President (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force respect the established boundaries of the Japantown neighborhood and retain it with the Western Addition and the African American community of District 5, including the Booker T Washington Community Service Center.

Gloria Li; opposed map 2A and endorsed map 2B as pertains to the neighborhoods of eastern SOMA, requested that the Task Force not separate the Mission Bay, Rincon Hill and East Cut neighborhoods and retain them wholly within District 6.

Bruce Agid (South Beach Rincon Hill Neighborhood Association); opposed map 2A and endorsed map 2B as pertains to portions of District 6.

Nick Ferris (Telegraph Hill Dwellers); opposed the 2A map, and requested that the Task Force not include the newly-developed communities of eastern SOMA in the same supervisorial district as the established neighborhoods of North Beach and Chinatown, and opposed the 2B map as it pertains to the Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods.

Cal Callahan (Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district and not include the Trans Cultural District in District 3.

Elisabeth Carney; requested that the Task Force recognize the growing neighborhoods of eastern SOMA and try to keep the neighborhoods together including the Chase Center, with a western border at 7th street rather than 2nd street.

Steven Depant-Kelani Currier; requested that the Task Force include the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods in District 11; recommended that the Sunnydale and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10; recommended that McLaren park be bordered and shared by Districts 9, 10, and 11; and suggested that the Saint Mary's Park and Holly Park neighborhoods be included in District 9 rather than District 11.

Speaker; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Bettina Cohen; requested that the Task Force include the Chase Center in District 6 along with the Mission Bay, Rincon Hill, and South Beach neighborhoods.

Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); endorsed the Inner Sunset borders as presented in the 1A map.

Peter Papadopoulos (Mission Economic Development Agency); requested that the Task Force set the western boundary between Districts 8 and 9 at Guerrero street for areas north of 22nd Street, but suggested that the boundary should shift to the south.

Marc Powell; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force retain the Bernal Heights neighborhood as a community of interest in District 9, suggested that if the Saint Mary's Park neighborhood has to change districts, it should be included with District 8 rather than District 11, and suggested that the Task Force set the western boundary between Districts 8 and 9 at Guerrero street for areas north of 22nd Street, but suggested that the boundary should shift to the south.

Alice Rogers (South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association); endorsed the 2B map as pertains to the new emerging eastern neighborhood communities and recommended that the Chase Center be included in District 6 rather than District 10.

Al Fontes, President (Telegraph Hill Dwellers); opposed the 2B map, requested that the Task Force recognize the North Beach, Telegraph Hill and Chinatown neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district, and requested that the Task force not use Columbus Street as a border between districts.

Selma; requested that the Task Force include the Tenderloin neighborhood in the same supervisorial district as the Chinatown neighborhood, and requested that the Task Force recognize the voices of residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Josephine; requested that the Task Force include the Visitation Valley, Little Hollywood, Portola, and Sunnysdale neighborhoods together in District 10.

Erick Arguello; requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Angie Pettit; requested that the Task Force recognize the Inner Sunset as a community of interest and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district, with boundaries of Arguello Street to 19th Avenue, and recommended that the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center be included in District 5.

Majeid Crawford (New Community Leaders Foundation); requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Diana True; endorsed the 2B map with adjustments to bring the Chase Center into District 6 rather than District 10, and opposed the 2A map as pertains to the emerging neighborhoods of the eastern SOMA area.

Alison Heath; endorsed the 2B map with an adjustment to include Showplace Square in District 10, and suggested that Potrero del Sol park be included in District 9.

Speaker; recommended that the Task Force use market Street as a natural dividing line between districts.

David Elliott Lewis; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district with boundaries at Polk Street and Geary Street.

Theresa Flandrich (North Beach Tenants Community); requested that the Task Force recognize the tenants communities of the North Beach and Chinatown communities and retain them together in District 3.

Diana Taylor (Barbary Coast Neighborhoods Coalition); endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map, offered objections to both the 2A and 2B maps, requested that the Task Force include the Russian Hill neighborhood wholly within District 3 with a boundary at Van Ness Avenue, and suggested that the Barbary Coast neighborhood including Sue Bierman park be retained wholly within District 3.

Patricia (Better Housing Policies); requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4 and suggested that the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10.

Charles Rathbone; endorsed the 2B map, requested that the Task Force recognize the new communities of eastern SOMA as a community of interest including the Chase Center and retain them wholly within District 6.

Blair Helsing (North Beach Neighbors); endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map and offered opposition to the 2B map, and suggested that the Task Force not use Columbus Avenue as a border between Districts 2 and 3.

John DeCastro (Dogpatch Potrero Showplace Livable Streets Team); requested that the Task Force include the Showplace Square and Potrero Hill neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Amy (Better Housing Policies); requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods and retain them together in District 10 and suggested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4.

Qi Dai (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4 and suggested that the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10.

Speaker (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4 and suggested that the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10.

Mei (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4 and suggested that the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be included in District 10.

Race Bannon; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Lauren Girardin; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force keep Bernal Heights wholly within one supervisorial district.

Miguel Bustos (Glide); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in District 6 with boundaries at Geary Street and Polk Street.

Katy Liddell; offered opposition to the 2A map while endorsing the 2B map with adjustments to bring the Chase Center into District 6.

Monica Muzzin; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force keep Bernal Heights wholly within one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not include the financial district in District 6, and requested that the Task Force not slip the Hub neighborhood down the middle on Market Street.

Phillipe Sonne; offered opposition to the 2B map and endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map, requested that the Task Force retain the North Beach, Chinatown, Barbary Coast, and Telegraph Hill neighborhoods together in District 3, and suggested that the Russian Hill neighborhood be retained wholly within District 3 with a western boundary at Van Ness Avenue.

Jen Tse; endorsed the 2B map with edits to include areas around the Gleneagles golf course into District 10, and suggested that MaLaren Park should be shared between Districts 9, 10 and 11.

J. R. Eppler; requested that the Task Force retain the Showplace Square and Potrero neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Jonathan Meade; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force not include the Seacliff neighborhood or the Lake Street corridor in District 1.

Lisa Awbrey; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it wholly within District 5 along with the Western Addition and Fillmore neighborhoods, and requested that the Task Force restore the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center to District 5, and suggested that the Inner Sunset not have a boundary at 7th Avenue don't cut off the Inner Sunset at 7.

Sam; requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods and retain them together in District 10 and suggested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4.

Rosario Cervantes; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force include the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods in District 11.

Jeremy Chan (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community with a northern boundary at California Street and retain it wholly within District 5 along with the Western Addition and Fillmore neighborhoods, and requested that the Task Force restore the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center to District 5.

Alec Bash; requested that the Task Force recognize the Russian Hill neighborhood and retain it wholly within District 3.

Betty Louie (Chinatown Merchants Association); endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map, and requested that the Task Force retain Chinatown, North Beach, Russian Hill, and Fisherman's Wharf together in District 3.

Eva Lee (Chinatown Merchants Association); endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map, and requested that the Task Force retain Chinatown, North Beach, Russian Hill, and Fisherman's Wharf together in District 3.

Bruno Kanter, President (North Beach Neighbors); endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map, requested that the Task Force retain Chinatown, North Beach, Russian Hill, and Fisherman's Wharf together in District 3, and suggested that Columbus Avenue should not be a dividing line between Districts 2 and 3.

Sarah Davis; requested that the Task Force recognize the Mission Bay north and Mission Bay south be retained together in one supervisorial district.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Task Force directed Q2 Data and Research to prepare a new set of maps with the 2B map set as a starting point, with the following additional criteria:

- **Keep Bernal Heights whole within District 9, using the publicly-submitted Community of Interest definition for Bernal Heights;**
- **Use flexibility at the boundary between Districts 8 and 9, trying to keep Guerrero Street as the boundary at the north the districts;**
- **Keep North Beach whole, using the publicly-submitted community of interest definition for North Beach;**
- **Create one map with the Tenderloin, South Beach and Mission Bay neighborhoods included in District 6; and**
- **Create one map with the eastern waterfront neighborhoods of the East Cut, Rincon Hill, South Beach, and Mission Bay included in District 6.**

3. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

Jaime Clark, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the receipt of recent mapping and community of interest definition submissions.

Speakers: None.

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

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

Member Pierce reported that she recently met with advocates from San Francisco Rising. Member Cooper reported that he recently met with the Valencia Corridor Merchants Association.

Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently met with organizations on Valencia corridor, the American Indian Cultural District, the Executive Director of the East Cut Community Benefit District, and representatives from the office of District 9 supervisor Ronen.

Member Jeremy Lee reported that he recently met with District 7 supervisor Myrna Melgar, San Francisco Rising, and community leaders from Chinatown.

Member Ho reported that she recently met with Tenderloin community advocates.

Vice Chair Reiner reported that she recently met with advocates from the Tenderloin, the Valencia corridor and the Mission Bay neighborhood.

Chair Townsend reported that he recently met with the Pacific Avenue Community Association and Russian Hill Neighborhood Association.

Speakers: None.

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

5. General Public Comment

Speaker: Josephine; requested that the Task Force have simultaneous interpretation for meeting proceedings, but suggested that if there is not resources for both simultaneous and consecutive interpretation she would prefer to have speaker's comments translated rather than simultaneous interpretation.

After public comment was closed, Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); answered a question about the availability for simultaneous interpretation services at future Task Force meetings.

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

6. Future Agenda Items

There were no Future Agenda Items offered.

Speaker: Lauren Girardin; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 11:35 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.