



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

City Hall, Room 416
(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)
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March 18, 2022 – 3:00 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 Friday, March 18, 2022. Vice Chair Reiner called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

On the call of the roll Member Jeremy Lee, Member Hernández Gil, Member Ho, Member Cooper, Member Chasel Lee, and Member Reiner were noted present. Chair Townsend Member Pierce, and Member Castillon were noted not present.

A quorum was present.

Chair Townsend was noted present at 3:07 p.m.

Member Castillon was noted present at 3:34 p.m.

Member Pierce was noted present at 3:38 p.m.

2. Districts 8 and 9 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Member Hernández 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: Sophie Constantino; requested that the Task Force retain Mission Street as the boundary between Districts 8 and 9.

Judy Clark; requested that the Task Force recognize the Forest Knolls and Woods of San Francisco neighborhoods as a community of interest and include them in District 7 rather than District 8.

Walter Caplan; requested that the Task Force recognize the Forest Knolls and Woods of San Francisco neighborhoods as a community of interest and include them in District 7 rather than District 8.

Jill Shenker (San Francisco Rising); endorsed the Community Unity Map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize and retain the LGBTQ voice in District 8 by including all of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District.

Speaker (Collectiva de Mujeres); requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity Map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and recommended that the Task Force keep both sides of Valencia Street in District 9.

Delia Avila (Collectiva de Mujeres); requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity Map from the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Maria Ochoa (Collectiva de Mujeres); requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity map from the SF Unity Map Coalition and suggested that the Task Force work to mitigate the effects of redistricting on the Latin and American Indian populations of the city.

Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition.

Kevin Ortiz (San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force help expand the voice of marginalized communities in the districts, recommended that both sides of Valenica Street, Dolores Street Community Services, the Women's Building and other community-serving institutions be retained together in District 9.

Manny Yekutieli; requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants along Valencia Street as a community of interest and that both sides of Valencia Street be included in the same supervisorial district as the greater Castro neighborhood.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants along Valencia Street as a community of interest and that both sides of Valencia Street be included in the same supervisorial district as the greater Castro neighborhood.

David Weiner; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Jonah Buffa, President (Valencia Corridor Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants along Valencia Street as a community of interest and that both sides of Valencia Street be included in the same supervisorial district as the 18th Street corridor and greater Castro neighborhood.

Tracy Sylvester; requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants along Valencia Street as a community of interest and that both sides of Valencia Street be included in the same supervisorial district as the Castro neighborhood.

Alex Randolph (Equality California); requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not splitting up the Castro, Mission Dolores, Duboce Triangle, Buena Vista Park, and Corona Heights neighborhoods among multiple supervisorial districts, and recommended that the Task Force include Valencia Street in District 8.

Alex Lemberg, President (Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the areas south of Market Street, north of 22nd Street, and west of Dolores Street as the Eureka Valley neighborhood and retain it together with the Duboce

Triangle, Corona Heights, Twin Peaks, and greater Castro neighborhoods in one supervisorial district, requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not separating it into multiple supervisorial districts, and suggested that the Forest Knolls and Diamond Heights neighborhoods not be included in District 8.

Pablo Romano; suggested that the Task Force use Valencia Street as a boundary to separate Districts 8 and 9.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Valencia Street in District 8. Mary Edna Harrell; requested that the Task Force include the Duboce Triangle, Corona Heights, Buena Vista Park, Castro, Eureka Valley, Mission Dolores, Noe Valley, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, and Twin Peaks neighborhoods together in District 8, recommended that the LGBTQ community of interest in the area not be split it into multiple supervisorial districts, and suggested that Valencia Street should be included in District 8.

Anastasia Yovanopoulos; requested that the Task Force review the Community Unity Map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; recommended that the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District, the Noe Valley, Glen Park, and Diamond Heights neighborhoods and the American Indian Cultural District be included wholly in District 9; recommended that the LGBTQ community of interest in the area not be split it into multiple supervisorial districts; recommended that the tenants in the district should be recognized as a community of interest within the community; and suggested that the Forest Knolls neighborhood not be included in District 8.

Steven Torres, Executive Co-Chair (Castro LGBTQ Culture District); requested that the Task Force include the Corona Heights, Duboce Triangle, Buena Vista Park, Mission Dolores, Twin Peaks, and the greater Castro neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district, and recommended that the LGBTQ community of interest in the area not be split it into multiple supervisorial districts.

Dave Karraker, Vice President (Castro Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force include Duboce Triangle in the same district as the greater Castro neighborhood, and requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not separating it into multiple supervisorial districts.

Gilbert Criswell; requested that the area around Pearl Street between Duboce Avenue and Market Street be included in District 5 rather than District 8.

Doris Campos; requested that the Task Force include all of the Valencia corridor together with the greater Castro neighborhood in the same supervisorial district.

Jean Walsh; requested that the Task Force recognize Saint Mary's Park north of Interstate 280 as a community of interest and retain it wholly within District 9.

Betsy Eddy, President (Diamond Heights Community Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Diamond Heights community and retain it wholly within District 8.

Matt Lauer; requested that the Task Force recognize Saint Mary's Park and Bernal Cut neighborhoods and retain them wholly within District 9 rather than Districts 8 or 11.

Omar Rincon (Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force include Duboce Triangle in the same district as the greater Castro neighborhood and requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not separating it into multiple supervisorial districts.

Jane Natoli (Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force include the Duboce Triangle, Corona Heights, Buena Vista Park, and Mission Dolores neighborhoods in the same district as the greater Castro neighborhood and requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not separating it into multiple supervisorial districts.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force include the Duboce Triangle, Corona Heights, and Buena Vista Park neighborhoods in the same district as the greater Castro neighborhood, requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not separating it into multiple supervisorial districts, and suggested that at least half of Valencia Street be retained in District 8.

Anne Cervantes; requested that the Task Force recognize the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and Latino LGBTQ communities, requested that the areas around 14th Street and south to La Raza Park be included with the Latino LGBTQ community.

Randy Gilstrap; requested that the Task Force recognize the Saint Mary's Park, Glen Park, and Bernal Heights neighborhoods and retain them together in District 9 rather than Districts 8 or 11.

Amy; requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Patrick Carroll; requested that the Task Force recognize the Diamond Heights neighborhood and retain it wholly within District 8.

Sharaya Souza, Executive Director (American Indian Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize the Latinx and American Indian communities in District 9, requested that the Task Force expand the District 9 lines to the west to Guerrero Street and expand the boundaries beyond Division Street to Potrero Avenue, and requested that the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and the American Indian Cultural District be retained wholly within District 9.

Paloma Flores; requested that the Task Force recognize the Latinx and American Indian communities in District 9, requested that the Task Force expand the District 9 lines to the west to Guerrero Street and expand the boundaries beyond Division Street to Potrero Avenue, and requested that the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and the American Indian Cultural District be retained wholly within District 9.

Hillary Schiraldi, President (Glen Park Neighbors Association); requested that the Task Force recognize College Hill and include the area in District 8.

Elisa Laird; endorsed the Community Unity Map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola neighborhood and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Frank Tizedes, President (Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force include the Duboce Triangle neighborhood in the same supervisorial district as the greater Castro neighborhood and requested that the Task Force recognize the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and strive to empower its voice by not separating it into multiple supervisorial districts.

Richard Carillo; requested that the Task Force recognize the Duboce Triangle neighborhood and retain it in District 8 with the greater Castro neighborhood with Waller Street as the northern boundary.

Tyler MacNiven (Valencia Corridor Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants along Valencia Street as a community of interest and that both sides of Valencia Street be included in District 8.

Sam (Chinese American Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods and include them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Kristine Zaback, Co-President (Forest Knolls Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Forest Knolls and Woods of San Francisco neighborhoods as a community of interest and include them in District 7 rather than District 8 and suggested that Twin Peaks Boulevard be set as the border for Districts 7 and 8.

Eric Arguello (Calle 24 Latino Cultural District); requested that the Task Force expand the District 9 lines to the west to Guerrero Street and expand the boundaries beyond Division Street to include the American Indian Cultural District, the Women's Building, the La Raza Community Resource Center, Mission Housing, Arab Resource Center, La Raza Centro Legal, PODER, Centro del Pueblo, Dolores Street Community Center, Valencia Gardens, Pueblo del Sol Housing, and the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District wholly within District 9.

Chuck Obermeyer, Executive Director (Mid-Market Neighbors); requested that the Task Force retain the transit corridors of the city united and suggested that the Duboce Triangle, Corona Heights, and Buena Vista Park neighborhoods be retained wholly within the same supervisorial district as the greater Castro neighborhood.

Maggie Weiss; in verse entitled, "The Portola As One," requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola neighborhood with boundaries of Highway 101, Highway 280, Peru Avenue, and Mansell Street as a community of interest and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Penny Mitchell; requested that the Task Force recognize the Saint Mary's Park neighborhood in the southern area of Bernal Heights as a community of interest and retain it wholly within District 9.

Carolyn White; requested that the Task Force recognize the Glen Park, Diamond Heights and Bernal sides of the Bernal Cut neighborhood and retain them together within one supervisorial district with a border with District 8 on Mission street.

Phillip Wilkinson (Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force retain the Eureka Valley, Mission Dolores, Corona Heights, Duboce Triangle, and Buena Vista Park neighborhoods together with the greater Castro neighborhood in one supervisorial district, with the Valencia Street corridor in District 8, and also suggested that the Noe Valley, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, and Twin Peaks neighborhoods should be retained in District 8.

Carrie; requested that the Task Force recognize the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods and include them together in one supervisorial district.

Ashlyn Ferguson; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Valencia Street within District 8.

Sarah Larson; requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants along Valencia Street as a community of interest and that both sides of Valencia Street be included in the same supervisorial district as the Castro neighborhood.

Lauren Girardin; requested that the Task Force recognize the Saint Mary's Park area in the southwest of Bernal Heights and retain it in District 9 with the rest of Bernal Heights, and also suggested that the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and American Indian Cultural District be included in District 9.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District all the way east to Potrero Avenue and retain it wholly within District 9 with the American Indian Cultural District.

Christopher Christensen (Latinx Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force expand the boundaries of District 9 westward to Guerrero Street and from Division Street down to Potrero Avenue.

John Mendoza (Calle 24 Latino Cultural District); requested that the Task Force expand the boundaries of District 9 westward to Guerrero Street and from Division Street down to Potrero Avenue.

Roberto Hernandez; requested that the Task Force recognize the Latino and American Indian voices within the community and mind the boundaries of the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and American Indian Cultural District when drawing the District 9 borders, and expand the boundaries of District 9 westward to Dolores Street and from Division Street down to Potrero Avenue.

Larisa Pedroncelli; requested that the Task Force recognize the Latino and American Indian voices within the community and mind the boundaries of the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and American Indian Cultural District when drawing the District 9 borders, expand the boundaries of District 9 westward to Guerrero Street and from Division Street down to Potrero Avenue, and include La Raza Park and both sides of Valencia Street in District 9.

Luis Avalos (Latinx Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force recognize the Latino and American Indian voices within the community and mind the boundaries of the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and American Indian Cultural District when drawing the District 9 borders, and expand the boundaries of District 9 westward past Valencia Street and from Division Street down to Potrero Avenue.

Carolyn Kenady (Dolores Heights Improvement Club); requested that the Task Force recognize the Glen Park, Bernal Cut, Diamond Heights, and Noe Valley neighborhoods and include them together with the Castro neighborhood and both sides of Valencia Street in District 8, and suggested that the areas west of Twin Peaks Boulevard not be included in District 8.

Francisco Herrera; requested that the Task Force recognize the Latino and American Indian voices within the community and mind the boundaries of the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District and American Indian Cultural District when drawing the District 9 borders, expand the boundaries of District 9 westward past Valencia Street to Guerrero Street and from Division Street down to Potrero Avenue, and include La Raza Park.

Jorge Martinez; requested that the Task Force include both sides of Valencia Street in District 8.

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

3. Outreach Plan Update

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors) provided an update on the outreach efforts of the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in support of the Task Force meetings.

Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Gilbert Criswell; Kevin Ortiz (Latino Task Force); shared various concerns regarding the outreach efforts supporting the Task Force.

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); 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: Gilbert Criswell; 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 Cooper reported that he recently met with the advocates from the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association and District 3 United Neighborhoods.

Member Jeremy Lee reported that he recently met with community leaders from the Chinatown and Tenderloin neighborhoods.

Member Chasel Lee reported that he recently met with San Francisco Rising to discuss the Community Unity Map, and also the San Francisco Human Rights Coalition.

Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently met with the League of Women Voters San Francisco and the Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus.

Member Ho reported that she recently met with community leaders from Chinatown and District 11.

Chair Townsend reported that he recently met with community leaders from District 5, Mo'Magic, and Malcolm Yeung from the Chinatown Community Development Center to discuss redistricting matters.

Speakers: Gilbert Criswell; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

7. Approval of Minutes from the March 9 and 11, 2022, Meetings

Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the March 9 and 11, 2022, meetings of the Redistricting Task Force.

John Carroll, Clerk, indicated he would make a correction to the March 11, 2022 Minutes to change a sentence fragment appearing in the Q2 Redistricting Consultants

Update agenda item. Member Cooper offered a spelling correction for the name of a member of the public.

Speakers: None.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Pierce, moved that the March 9 and 11, 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: Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force hear a discussion item on the Voting Rights Act. Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); requested that the Task Force recognize that the Stonestown shopping center development be recognized as a community of interest and included in District 4.

Andrew Shen Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised after public comment was closed.

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

9. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:

- A discussion item to receive training on the nexus between racial identity and redistricting; and*
- A discussion item on Community Benefit Districts and the Green Benefit District.*

Speakers: Kristine Zabak (Forest Hills Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force begin live line drawing during Task Force meetings.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); answered questions raised after public comment was closed.

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 7:20 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.

APPROVED: April 2, 2022
Redistricting Task Force