



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

City Hall, Room 400
(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)
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March 25, 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 25, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

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

A quorum was present.

2. Voting Rights Act Compliance and Other Legal Requirements for Redistricting

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Chasel Lee, moved to waive the attorney-client privilege for a memorandum from the City Attorney's Office regarding the Voting Rights Act dated March 14, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ho

Andrew Shen, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney), provided a summary of the City Attorney's March 14, 2022 memorandum regarding the Voting Rights Act and compliance requirements for the Task Force, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Peter Warfield; shared various other concerns with the Task Force. Richard Frisbie; Francisco da Costa; Speaker; Jen Tse; William Walker; Mark; Raquel Redondiez (SOMA Pilipinas); shared various concerns about the Voting Rights Act.

Member Ho was noted present at 3:32 p.m.

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

Chair Townsend recessed the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

3. 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 3A and 3B maps prepared at the direction of the Task Force offered on March 23, 2022, and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Andrew Shen, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Alice Kawahatsu; 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, the Western Addition Branch Library, the Hamilton Recreation Center and other landmarks to District 5.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center and retain it in District 5.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community residing in the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain the community wholly within one supervisorial district.

Susie Kagami (Japantown Cultural District); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown neighborhood and Western Addition neighborhoods and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district with a northern border at California Street, and suggested that the district include the Booker T Washington Community Service Center, Westside Courts, the Western Addition Branch Library, the Hamilton Rec Center, and Hokkeshu church.

Tes Welborn; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the renter residents of the Inner Sunset and requested that the Task Force set the border between Districts 4 and 5 at Funston Avenue.

Glen; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the renter residents of the Inner Sunset and requested that the Task Force set the border between Districts 4 and 5 at Funston Avenue.

Speaker; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; opposed the 3B map; requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown

neighborhood and Western Addition neighborhoods and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district with a northern border at California Street and including the Booker T Washington Community Service Center, Westside Courts, the Western Addition Branch Library, the Hamilton Rec Center, and Hokkeshu church.

Wussim Hage (Arab Resource and Organizing Center); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; opposed both the 3A and 3B maps; endorsed the 2B map as pertains to the District 6 boundaries, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district with a northern boundary at Geary Street.

Carol Ann Rogers (Russian Hill Neighbors); endorsed the 3A map, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Russian Hill neighborhood and retain it wholly within District 3 with a western boundary at Van Ness Avenue.

Chris Schulman (Lower Polk Neighbors); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and offered opposition to the 3A map as pertains to the Lower Polk neighborhood.

Luca; requested that the Task Force recognize the Lower Polk and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force expand the boundaries of District 9 westward to Guerrero Street above 22nd Street, and that the district include la Raza Park.

Francisco Herrera (Dolores Street Community Services); requested that the Task Force expand the boundaries of District 9 westward to Guerrero Street and 22nd Street, to include to Potrero Avenue and la Raza Park, and suggested that the Saint Mary's Park and Holly Park neighborhoods should be included in District 9.

David Woo; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, offered opposition to the 3B map; requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district, suggested that the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood not be removed from District 5, and that the Filipino Cultural Heritage District be retained wholly within one supervisorial district.

Amy Beinart, President (Bernal Heights Democratic Club); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; opposed both the 3A and 3B maps, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Bernal Heights neighborhood as a community of interest and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Buck; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Bernal Heights neighborhood as a community of interest and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

John McCormack; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Black, Filipino, LGBTQ, Arab and other communities of the central city and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Mark; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; suggested that the boundaries of District 9 move to include la Raza Park and General Hospital, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Western Addition neighborhood including the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center.

Jaime Deloria; requested that the Task Force recognize the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them wholly within District 6.

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 SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them wholly within District 6.

Kevin Bogges; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, offered opposition to the 3B map, and requested that the Task Force find ways to bring communities together.

Alice Moseley; supported the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the neighborhood south of the UCSF Parnassus campus and retain it wholly within District 5.

Matthias Mormino (Chinatown Community Development Center); supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition; opposed the 3A and 3B maps; requested that the Task Force find ways to bring communities together with the redistricting process; requested that the Task Force recognize the working-class renters, residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels, and residents within the API council community of interest map and retain the greater Chinatown neighborhood in one supervisorial district.

Jupiter Peraza (Transgender Cultural District); supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods including SOMA Pilipinas and the Leather Cultural District and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition. Cheryl Thornton; opposed the 3A and 3B maps as they pertain to the District 10 boundaries and requested that the Task Force recognize the food security needs of District 10.

Walter Caplan; expressed confidence that the Task Force would include the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods in District 11, the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods in District 6, and the Parnassus Heights and Ashbury Heights neighborhoods in District 5; and suggested that the southern areas of the UCSF Parnassus campus be included in District 7.

Luisa Antonio (Bayanihan Resource Center); requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together in District 6.

Mary; requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together in District 6, offered opposition to proposals to add the Financial District to District 6.

Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); requested that the Task Force include Merced Manor and the Stonestown Galleria shopping center to District 4.

John; requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together in District 6.

Mei Xufen; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize the low income residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels within District 3 and retain them wholly within the district.

Ina Chen; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize the low income residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels within District 3 and retain them wholly within the district.

Alice Rogers (South Beach | Rincon | Mission Bay Neighborhood Association); endorsed the 3B map as pertains to District 6 and requested that the Task Force recognize the

eastern SOMA and Mission Bay neighborhoods as communities of interest and retain them together within one supervisorial district.

Speaker; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force recognize the low income Chinese residents of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels of District 3 and retain them wholly within the district with North Beach.

Robert Harrer (Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association); endorsed the 3B map with a modification the have Sacramento Street as the boundary with District 6 within the financial district, and offered opposition to the 3A map.

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

Majeid Crawford, Executive Director (New Community Leadership Foundation); requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them wholly within District 6.

Gloria Li; supported 3B map and offered opposition to the 3A map as pertains to the emerging neighborhoods of the East Cut and Mission Bay.

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

Jeremy Lennon; endorsed the 3B map.

Chris Chang; supported the 3B map and offered opposition to the 3A map; requested that the Task Force retain the emerging eastern soma neighborhoods of the East Cut, Mission Bay, and South Beach together as a community of interest in one supervisorial district.

Robert Goldfarb, Executive Director (Leather LGBTQ Cultural District); supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force retain the SOMA Pilipinas and other cultural districts wholly within District 6.

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

Speaker; supported the 3B map as pertains to the District 6 boundaries for the emerging and developing neighborhoods of eastern SOMA.

Bettina Cohen; endorsed the 3B map as it pertains to the District 6 boundaries; requested that the Task Force recognize the low and moderate income and former homeless residents within the northeastern SOMA neighborhoods of Rincon Hill, South Beach, and Mission Bay; and suggested that the Chase Center be retained in District 6.

Stephen Torres, Executive Co-Chair (Castro LGBTQ Cultural District); requested that the Task Force retain the Duboce Triangle, Corona Heights, Buena Vista Park, Twin Peaks, Upper Market, Mission Dolores, Eureka Valley, Diamond Heights, and Noe Valley neighborhoods wholly within one supervisorial district.

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 together in one supervisorial district.

Angelica; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, offered opposition to the 3A and 3B maps as pertains to the Central SOMA and

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

Dr. Emily Murase, Executive Director (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize and retain the Japantown and Western Addition neighborhoods in one supervisorial district, including the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, the Western Addition branch library, and other landmarks.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

Theresa Flandrich; requested that the Task Force recognize the Russian Hill neighborhood and retain it wholly within District 3 and requested that the Task Force recognize the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Steven Depant-Kelani Currier; requested that the Task Force include the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods in District 11.

Betty Louie (Chinatown Merchants Association); supported the 3B map as pertains to the District 3 boundaries and requested that the Task Force extend the California Street boundary all the way to the Ferry building.

Edward Wright, President (Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club); offered opposition to the 3B map, requested that the Task Force recognize the Trans Cultural District and retain it wholly within the larger trans and queer neighborhood in the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods.

Speaker; supported the 2B map.

Christin Evans (Haight-Ashbury Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood and retain it within District 5 and requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it wholly within District 5 along with the Western Addition neighborhood.

June; requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4 and suggested that the Portola and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods be recognized as a community of interest and included District 10.

Francisco da Costa; shared various comments with the Task Force.

Bruce Agid; endorsed the 3B map as it pertains to the District 6 boundaries and the emerging communities of the north eastern SOMA area.

Al Fontes, President (Telegraph Hill Dwellers); endorsed the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the North Beach and Chinatown neighborhoods and retain them together within District 3.

Peter Warfield; opposed the 3B map as pertains to the boundaries of District 5.

Charles Rathbone; endorsed the 3B map as it pertains to the eastern neighborhoods of District 6.

Erick Arguello (Glide Foundation for Social Justice); requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods and retain them together wholly within District 6, including the cultural districts serving the communities.

May (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods as a community of interest and that they be retained together in one supervisorial district and that Lowell High School be included in District 4.

Philippe Sonne; supported the 3B map as pertains to the boundaries of District 3 with an adjustment to include Sue Bierman park in the by extending the eastern boundary along Sacramento Street and offered opposition to the 3A map as pertains to the Russian Hill neighborhood.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Lauren Girardin; requested that the Task Force recognize the cultural districts and not split them between multiple supervisorial districts and requested that the Task Force recognize the Bernal Heights neighborhood and retain it wholly in District 9.

Speaker; endorsed the 2B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods and retain them together wholly within District 10.

Lisa Awbrey, President (Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the Task Force not divide District 5 along Divisadero Street, requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district, and requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it wholly within District 5 along with the Western Addition neighborhood.

Jonathan Meade; requested that the Task Force not include the Seacliff neighborhood and Lake Street corridor in District 1.

Speaker (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods as a community of interest and that they be retained together in one supervisorial district and requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4.

Alec Bash; endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map, endorsed the 3B map as pertains to the boundaries of District 3 with an adjustment to include Sue Bierman park in the district by extending the eastern boundary, offered opposition to the 3A map as pertains to the Russian Hill neighborhood, and suggested that the Task Force include the Cathedral Hill neighborhood in District 2.

Laura Valdéz, Executive Director (Dolores Street Community Services); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition, requested that the District 9 boundaries be moved to Guerrero street north of 22nd street, and suggested that the Holly Park and Saint Mary's Park neighborhoods be included in District 9.

Marina (Better Housing Policy); requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods as a community of interest and that they be retained together in one supervisorial district and requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4.

Larisa Pedroncelli; requested that the Task Force recognize the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods as a community of interest and that they be retained together in one supervisorial district and requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4.

William Walker; requested that the Task Force recognize the Black population in San Francisco and strengthen the Black community voice in the redistricting process.

Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns about the mapping process with the Task Force.

Kevin Ortiz (Latinx Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force expand the District 9 boundaries from 24th Street and Guerrero Street up to Division Street, to Potrero Avenue, and to include la Raza Park within the district.

At the conclusion of the discussion Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Ho, moved that the Task Force move forward with map 3B. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Castillon, Ho, Townsend, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Noes: 4 - Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Cooper

At the request of Chair Townsend, Vice Chair Reiner assumed the Chair pro tem at 8:40 p.m.

Chair Townsend was noted absent at 8:40 p.m. and for the rest of the meeting.

Member Ho was noted absent at 8:44 p.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.

Vice Chair Reiner requested that agenda item numbers 4 and 6 be heard together.

4. Outreach Plan Update

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations, Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors), presented follow-up information about the office of the Clerk of the Board assuming the outreach efforts from Civic Edge Consultants and answered questions related to the Task Force meeting schedule. Andrew Shen, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: William Walker; Peter Warfield; Speaker; Betty Louie; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Virginia Marshall; Steven Depant-Kelani Currier; shared various concerns with the Task Force in regard to outreach and simultaneous interpretation services.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Vice Chair Reiner 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, and receipt of recent mapping and community of interest definition submissions.

Speakers: Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); requested that the Task Force not add a submission deadline for the mapping and community of interest definitions. Steven Depant-Kelani Currier; shared various concerns with the Task Force. William Walker; requested that the Task Force not add a submission deadline for the mapping and community of interest definitions and not chill public input. J. R. Eppler; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); not add a submission deadline for the mapping and community of interest definitions. Betty Louie; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Speaker; requested that the Task Force help advocates from the Tenderloin community to submit a community of interest definition for the neighborhood.

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

6. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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

Wilson Ng, Deputy Director for Operations, Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors), presented follow-up information about the office of the Clerk of the Board assuming the outreach efforts from Civic Edge Consultants and answered questions related to the Task Force meeting schedule. Andrew Shen, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: William Walker; Peter Warfield; Speaker; Betty Louie; Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Virginia Marshall; Steven Depant-Kelani Currier; shared various concerns with the Task Force in regard to outreach and simultaneous interpretation services.

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

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

Member Jeremy Lee reported he recently had a conversation with the office of District 5 supervisor Dean Preston and the API Council.

Member Pierce reported that she recently met with San Francisco Rising and the Valencia Street Merchants Association, and provided an announcement that on Sunday March 27 the NAACP will host a mapping workshop.

Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently met with community members from the East Cut, Rincon Hill, South Beach, Tenderloin, SOMA, and Sunset neighborhoods. Member Cooper reported that he recently met with members of the Chinatown Merchants Association and assisted them with submitting a community of interest definition. Member Chasel Lee reported that he recently met with the office of District 7 supervisor Myrna Melgar. Member Castillon reported that he recently met with the office of District 7 supervisor Myrna Melgar and residents of North Beach and Mission Bay in regard to the redistricting process. Vice Chair Reiner reported that she recently met with Russian Hill neighbors.

Speakers: None.

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

8. Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting of March 16, 2022

Vice Chair Reiner inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the March 16, 2022, special Meeting of the Redistricting Task Force. John Carroll, Clerk, indicated he would make a correction to the spelling of a commenter's name on the minutes.

Speaker: Peter Warfield; shared various concerns with the Task Force in regard to the meeting minutes.

Member Castillon, seconded by Member Jeremy Lee, moved that the March 16, 2022, meeting minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Absent: 2 - Ho, Townsend

9. General Public Comment

Speakers: Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); requested that the Task Force recognize Market Street as the middle of the Central SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods. Peter Warfield; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Cheryl Thornton; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

10. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items offered.

Speakers: Peter Warfield; shared various concerns regarding future agenda items.

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

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 10:58 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.

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