



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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February 9, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Regular 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 regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:40 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. District 8 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Speakers: Manny Yekutieli; requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants and businesses of the Valencia corridor as a community of interest, move the boundary between Districts 8 and 9 eastward, and include the Valencia merchant corridor in District 8.

Jonah Buffa, President (Valencia Corridor Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants and businesses of the Valencia corridor as a community of interest, move the boundary between Districts 8 and 9 eastward, and include the Valencia merchant corridor in District 8.

David White (Valencia Corridor Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants and businesses of the Valencia corridor as a community of interest, move the boundary between Districts 8 and 9 eastward, and include the Valencia merchant corridor in District 8.

Tyler MacNiven, West of Pecos Restaurant (Valencia Corridor Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants and businesses of the Valencia corridor as a community of interest, move the boundary between Districts 8 and 9 eastward, and include the Valencia merchant corridor in District 8.

Sarah Larson (Valencia Corridor Merchants Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the merchants and businesses of the Valencia corridor as a community of interest, move the boundary between Districts 8 and 9 eastward, and include the Valencia merchant corridor in District 8.

Patrick Carroll (Diamond Heights Community Association); requested that the Task Force not move Diamond Heights into District 7.

Chris Faust (Upper Noe Neighbors); requested that the Task Force retain the current boundaries around the Upper Noe neighborhood along San Jose avenue to Cesar Chaves Avenue.

Hilary Schiraldi, President (Glen Park Association); requested that the Task Force retain Glen Park in District 8.

Aisling Ferguson; requested that the Task Force include both sides of the Valencia corridor in District 8.

Jordan Wing; requested that the Task Force unify the Mission and Valencia corridors in one supervisorial district.

Milo Trauss; requested that the Task Force retain Noe Valley with Glen Park and Diamond Heights in one supervisorial district.

Carolyn Kenady (Dolores Heights Improvement Club); requested that the Task Force retain Eureka Valley, Corbet Heights, Diamond Heights, and parts of the Castro together in one supervisorial district, and recommended that the Valencia Corridor be retained wholly in one District 8

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file, which includes all of the UCSF Parnassus campus in District 8, and moves the Valencia Street merchant corridor into District 9 by making Bartlett or Mission Streets as the border rather than Valencia Street.

Steven DePont-Kelani Currier; requested that the Task Force consider changes between the border between Districts 8 and 11, and requests that residents living nearby to Glen Park BART be moved into District 11.

Luke Bornheimer; requested that the Task Force move the border between Districts 8 and 9 eastward to the alleyways, rather than to a major street such as Mission, thereby avoiding making another merchant corridor split between two supervisorial districts, and encouraged a proportional splitting of city parks which are bordered by multiple supervisorial districts.

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

3. 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.

Speakers: Luke Bornheimer; requested that the Redistricting Map Tool be optimized for mobile devices. David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Chair Townsend and Vice Chair Reiner were noted not present due to technical difficulties, at 7:01 p.m.

The Task Force stood in recess at 7:02 p.m. to attend to technical issues related to the remote meeting, and reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

4. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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

Speakers: Tes Welborn; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

5. Outreach Plan Update

Emmy Kim (Civic Edge Consulting); presented follow-up information since the previous appearance of this agenda item and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Tes Welborn; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

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

There were no Task Force member reports or City Department Representative appearances offered.

Speakers: None.

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

7. General Public Comment

Speaker: Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

8. Future Agenda Items

There were no Future Agenda Items offered.

Speakers: None.

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 8:05 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.