



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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February 11, 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 through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Friday, February 11, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:02 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.

At the request of Chair Townsend, Vice Chair Reiner assumed the chair at 3:23 p.m.

2. District 1 Boundaries, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

Ana Flores, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not adjust the boundaries of District 1.

Bethany; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Richard Rothman; requested that the Task Force not adjust the northern boundary of District 1, and retain the boundary at Lake Street.

Jane Natoli; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Grant Ingram; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Alexander Stein; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Bobak Esfandiari; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Alison Fong; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Daphne Alden; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Brian Quan; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Montgomery Woods; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and West Clay Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Eric Mar; requested that the Task Force recognize the neighborhood around the University of San Francisco Masonic campus as a community of interest, not adjust the northern boundary of District 1 by retaining it at Lake Street, and recommended that the district expand eastward rather than northward.

Marie; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Jonathan Meade (Richmond District Democratic Club); requested that the Task Force recognize Asian and Asian American communities as communities of interest, including renters and low-income workers, do not move the border northward into the Seacliff neighborhood, and consider moving the border eastward instead.

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Richard Lowder; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Nick Podell; requested that the Task Force add Presidio Heights into District 1, and adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street.

David Pilpel; requested that the Task Force review the boundaries he submitted on file, which excludes the Seacliff neighborhood, and moves the boundary eastward to Fulton and Divisadero Streets.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Jean Barish; requested that the Task Force not include the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1, and consider moving the boundaries eastward.

Kate Lazarus (Planning Association for the Richmond); requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street and the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Luke Bornheimer; requested that the Task Force consider splitting city parks which are bordered by multiple supervisorial districts proportionally, which would have impacts on Golden Gate Park, bordering District 1.

Brad Solomon; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Kanishka Cheng; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Chuck Obermeyer; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Eva Lee; requested that the Task Force adjust the northern border to include both sides of Lake Street, and the Seacliff and Jordan Park neighborhoods in District 1

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

Chair Townsend resumed the chair at 4:54 p.m.

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: Cheryl Thornton; Danielle Deibler; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); David Pilpel; Jen Tse (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.

4. 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.

5. Outreach Plan Update

Lisbet Sunshine (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); Cheryl Thornton; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

There were no Task Force member reports or City Department Representative appearances offered. Ana Flores, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion related to the mayor's 45th supplemental to the declaration of a local emergency, related to meetings of city policy bodies.

Speakers: 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.

7. Approval of Task Force Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2022

Chair Townsend inquired whether any Member had any corrections to the Minutes of the February 4, 2022, Special Meeting of the Redistricting Task Force. Member Chasel Lee offered a clerical correction on pages 2, 3, and 5. Clerk Carroll noted a clerical change in the roll call on page 1, and noted other clerical and spelling changes throughout the document.

Speakers: David Pilpel; shared various concerns about the form of the minutes under consideration.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved that the February 4, 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: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns related to issues of harassing speech at Task Force meetings. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); shared various concerns related to the impact of redistricting on voting equity, specifically that district lines should be based on communities of interest, and encouraged the Task Force to be mindful of Voting Rights Act. Cheryl Thornton; shared various concerns related to the community mapping process

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 6:24 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.