



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MINUTES

City Hall, Room 408
(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)
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March 7, 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, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone and videoconference, on Monday, March 7, 2022. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:37 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 6 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: Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); requested that the Task Force recognize the central city neighborhoods of the Tenderloin and Central SOMA as a community of interest and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district, endorsed the Community Unity map announced by San Francisco Rising, and requested that the Task Force maintain both sides of Market Street together in one supervisorial district.

Wassim Hage (Arab Resource and Organizing Center); requested that the Task Force not split the Tenderloin and SOMA neighborhoods, and endorsed the Community Unity map announced by San Francisco Rising.

Drew McDaniels, Vice Chair (Lower Polk Neighbors); defined the Lower Polk neighborhood as Ellis Street, Van Ness Avenue, and California Street to Hyde Street;

requested that the Lower Polk neighborhood be recognized as a community of interest, and not be split between Districts 3 and 6.

Chris Schulman; requested that the Task Force recognize the Lower Polk neighborhood as a community of interest and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Raquel Redondiez, Executive Director (SOMA Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino neighborhoods south of Market Street and the Transgender Cultural District and the Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District as a community of interest, and retain them together wholly within a single supervisorial district; and requested that the Task Force keep the Tenderloin up to Geary BLVD and SOMA together in one district.

David Woo (SOMA Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino neighborhoods south of Market Street and the Transgender Cultural District and the Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District as a community of interest, and retain them together wholly within a single supervisorial district; and requested that the Task Force keep the Tenderloin up to Geary blve and SOMA together in one district; and endorsed the Community Unity map announce by San Francisco Rising.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not spit the Tenderloin and SOMA neighborhoods between multiple supervisorial districts.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Tenderloin community to be included with the communities of District 3.

Luisa Antonio, Executive Director (Bayanihan Equity Center); requested that the Task Force recognize the SOMA and Tenderloin Neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them wholly within District 6, and endorsed the Community Unity map announced by San Francisco Rising.

Al Perez (Filipino American Arts Exposition); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino community throughout the SOMA, Tenderloin, and Hub neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain it wholly within District 6, and referred the Task Force to the community of interest map he submitted on file.

Ina Huang; requested that the Task Force recognize the East Cut, South Beach, Mission Bay, and Treasure Island neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them together in one supervisorial district, and suggested that Market Street should be the boundary between Districts 3 and 6.

Bruce Agid (South Beach Rincon Hill Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Mission Bay, Treasure Island, Yerba Buena, Transbay, Mission Rock, Central and Western SOMA, and South Beach neighborhoods as a community of interest, and suggested that Market Street should be the boundary between Districts 3 and 6.

Katy Liddell; requested that the Task Force retain the South Beach, Rincon Hill, and Treasure Island neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district, and suggested Market Street is the dividing line between the old and new San Francisco.

Emily (East Cut Community Benefit District); requested that the Task Force retain the East Cut, Downtown, SOMA, Tenderloin, Treasure Island, and Yerba Buena neighborhoods in one supervisorial district.

Robert Brown, President (Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino neighborhoods south of Market Street and the Transgender Cultural District and the Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District as a community of interest, and retain them together wholly within a single supervisorial district

Cal Callahan (Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District); requested that the Task Force recognize the SOMA Pilipinas Cultural District, the Transgender Cultural District, and the Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District as a community of interest, and retain them together wholly within a single supervisorial district; and endorsed the Community unity map announced by San Francisco Rising.

Gloria Lee; requested that the Task Force establish Market Street as the natural boundary between Districts 3 and 6, and requested that the East Cut, Mission Bay, Dogpatch, and Treasure Island neighborhoods be retained together in one supervisorial district.

Felicia Smith; requested that the Task Force redistrict the Tenderloin community to be included with the communities of District 3, rather than District 6.

Eleanore Fernandez, Executive Director (Manilatown Heritage Foundation); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino communities of District 6 as a community of interest, and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district.

Selma; requested that the Task Force recognize the affordable-housing communities of the Mission Bay, South Beach, and East Cut neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Cathy Vaughn (Central City Collaborative); requested that the Task Force redistrict the Tenderloin community to be included with the communities of District 3, rather than District 6.

Mario de Mira (SOMA Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize the cultural and arts institutions which span the SOMA and Tenderloin communities as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district, suggested that the union workers residing in District 6 be recognized and that their collective power be retained, and suggested that the African American community on Treasure Island be retained in District 6.

Alice Rodgers; requested that the Task Force recognize the South Park, South Beach, Rincon Hill, and Mission Bay communities as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Charm; requested that the Task Force recognize the SOMA and Tenderloin communities as a community of interest and retain them together in District 6.

David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); requested that the Task Force recognize the shared history of the LGBTQ community, Filipino community, African American community, and more within the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods and recognize the area as a community of interest; endorsed the Community Unity map announced from San Francisco rising, which sets the northern boundary of District 6 as Geary Boulevard.

Rita; requested that the Task Force recognize that the Transbay, South Beach, and Mission Bay neighborhoods have been developing together and should be kept together as a community of interest.

Chuck Obermeyer, Executive Director (Mid-Market Neighbors); requested that the Task Force retain the Mid-Market neighborhood wholly within one supervisorial district, and suggested that Market Street not be set as the boundary between districts.

Justin; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

Hope Williams; requested that the Task Force recognize Treasure Island as a community of interest and retain it within in the same district as the Tenderloin.

Maria Elisa Baligod (Bayanihan Equity Center); endorsed the Community Unity map announced by San Francisco Rising, and recommended that the northern boundary of District 6 be set as Geary Boulevard.

Jane Weil; requested that the Task Force retain the Mid-Market neighborhood intact within one supervisorial district and not divide District 6 on Market Street.

Chris Chang; requested that the Task Force recognize the affordable housing communities of the new development areas and new communities of the East Cut and Mission Bay neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Katina Johnson; requested that the Task Force recognize the South Beach, Rincon Hill, and East Cut neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Leigh Frasier; requested that the Task Force recognize the East Cut, Mission Bay, South Park, South Beach, Yerba Buena, and eastern and western SOMA neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them together within one supervisorial district.

Michael Nulty; requested that the Task Force recognize the residents of single room occupancy hotels in the central city neighborhood as a community of interest, and retain the Tenderloin and SOMA neighborhoods in District 6.

Jan Lhor Bruan (Bayanihan Equity Center); requested that the Task Force recognize the Asian American / Pacific Islander community in the Tenderloin and SOMA neighborhoods as communities of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district on both sides of Market Street.

Andrew Robinson, Executive Director (East Cut Community Benefit District); requested that the Task Force recognize the East Cut, Mission Bay, Yerba Buena, Mission Rock, and other new SOMA neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain it within one supervisorial district, and suggested that Market Street be set as the boundary between Districts 3 and 6.

Linda; requested that the Task Force recognize and retain the East Cut and Mission Bay neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize the African American community in the Tenderloin neighborhood as a community of interest, and retain it in District 6, rather than District 3.

Karen Taylor; requested that the Task Force keep the present borders of the Tenderloin, and don't dilute the voting power of the poorest residents of the city, and suggested that the Tenderloin and Chinatown communities may be united in one supervisorial district.

Charles Rathbone; requested that the Task Force recognize the South Beach, Rincon Hill, and Mission Bay neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Jupiter Peraza (Transgender LGBTQ Cultural District); endorsed the Community Unity map announced by San Francisco Rising, and requested that the Tenderloin and the SOMA communities remain together.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force recognize that the Filipino community lives on both sides of Market Street, and requested that the Task Force not separate the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods into separate supervisorial districts.

Majeid Crawford, Executive Director (New Community Leadership Foundation); requested that the Task Force recognize the Black and Filipino communities which have been affected by urban renewal and displacement pressures in the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods as a community of interest, and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Bettina Cohen; requested that the Task Force recognize the Rincon Hill, South Beach, Mission Bay, Mission Rock, and Central SOMA neighborhoods which want to stay together in one developing supervisorial district, and suggested that the growing district be set with the lowest allowable population, as deviation from the average.

David Osgood (Rincon Neighbors Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the areas around the YMCA, Rincon Park, Rincon Center, Hills Plaza, and the temporary transbay bus terminal as a community of interest which should be kept together in one supervisorial district, either District 3 or 6; and suggested that the boundary between districts should be Market Street rather than Mission Street, Howard Street, or Folsom Street.

Francisco da Costa; requested that the Task Force recognize the Tenderloin and SOMA neighborhoods as communities of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

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

3. 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: Michael Nulty (Alliance for a Better District Six); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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: Eileen Boken (Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee SPEAK); Russel Morine; 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 recessed the meeting at 8:22 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

5. Updates to Regular and Special Meeting Schedule

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

Speakers: David Elliott Lewis; spoke on various concerns relating to the meeting schedule.

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 Hernández Gil reported that he recent met with residents of the East Cut and Mission Bay Neighborhood, as well as San Francisco Rising and members of organized labor, to discuss redistricting matters. Chair Townsend reported that he recently met with District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar.

Speakers: None.

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

7. General Public Comment

Speakers: Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); noted that redistricting has impacts on al residents, not just citizens. Seitse Goffard (Asian Americans Advancing Justice); requested that the Task Force mind the Voting Rights Act and provided suggestions about how the Task Force can use the guidance of the Act. David Elliott Lewis (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); requested that the Task Force share details about the release schedule for the Task Force's draft maps. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force continue to discuss the Voting Rights Act.

Gus Guibert, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney) briefly addressed questions about the Voting Rights Act, raised during public comment.

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

8. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:

- *Member Pierce requested that future mapping agenda items clearly allow the Task Force to begin live line drawing.*
- *Member Cooper requested a future discussion item on the Voting Rights Act.*

Speakers: None.

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 8:55 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: March 16, 2022
Redistricting Task Force