



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 26, 2022 – 10:00 AM

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 Saturday, March 26, 2022. Vice Chair Ditka Reiner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

A quorum was present.

2. 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); conducted the live-line drawing of district maps. Gus Guibert, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Alec Bash, Vice President (Gateway Tenants Association); endorsed the 3B map as pertains to the District 3 boundary adjustments in eastern areas near the waterfront.

Curtis Bradford, Co-Chair (Tenderloin Peoples Congress); offered opposition to the 3B map, requested that the Task Force recognize the Central SOMA and Tenderloin communities of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district, and

pledged that he will submit community of interest definition for the Tenderloin neighborhood.

Doug Comstock; offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood as a community of interest.

Walter Caplan; offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the current districts as have existed for the past 20 years and strive to retain them whole.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force extend District 7 to include the Irving Street merchant corridor and areas south of Sloat Boulevard.

Glynis Nakahara, Executive Director (Japantown Task Force); supported the 2A and 2B maps and offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown neighborhood and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Katina Johnson; supported the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize and retain the eastern SOMA neighborhoods and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Julie Pitta; requested that the Task Force not include the Seacliff or West Clay Park neighborhoods in District 1.

Joe Wilson, Executive Director (Hospitality House); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and offered opposition to the 3B map.

Reverend Dr. Carolyn Scott; endorsed the 2B map, offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the cultural heritage of District 10.

Speaker; offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the Potrero Hill, Showplace Square, and Dogpatch neighborhoods as a community of interest and retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Tommy Lee; requested that the Task Force recognize the Golden Gate Heights neighborhood and Irving Street merchant corridor and include them together in District 7 rather than District 4.

Christine; requested that the Task Force include the area around Lowell High School in District 4.

Eileen Boken (SPEAK); opposed the 3B map as pertains to the Districts 4 and 5 boundaries in the Inner Sunset.

James Spingola, Executive Director (Collective Impact); requested that the Task Force restore the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, the Japanese Community Youth Council, the Hamilton Recreation Center and other landmarks of the Western Addition to District 5.

Dennis Minnik, President (Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People SHARP); offered opposition to the 3B map as pertains to the Inner Sunset neighborhood and requested that the Task Force retain the Inner Sunset neighborhood wholly within one supervisorial district.

Speaker; supported the 3B map and requested that the Task Force include the Tenderloin neighborhood in District 5.

Speaker; offered opposition to both the 3A and 3B maps, requested that the Task Force not include the Tenderloin in District 5, and requested the Task Force to include the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood in District 5.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force include the Inner Sunset neighborhood in District 4.

Bettina Cohen; supported the 3B map as pertains to the District 6 boundaries and the eastern SOMA neighborhoods including Mission Rock and Mission Bay and suggested

that the future boundaries of District 6 be set at Mariposa Street east toward the waterfront.

Anjelica Cabande (South of Market Community Action Network SOMCAN); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and offered opposition to the 3B map, requested that the Task Force not divide the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods between multiple supervisorial districts, and suggested that all the cultural districts of District 6 be retained together.

David Woo (SOMA Pilipinas); requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino Historical and Cultural Community community of interest map submitted to the Task Force, requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in District 6, and offered opposition to redistricting the Tenderloin neighborhood into District 5.

Theresa Flandrich; endorsed the 3B map as it pertains to the District 3 boundaries, requested that the Task Force retain the Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods wholly within District 3, requested that the Task Force recognize the Filipino Historical and Cultural Community community of interest map submitted to the Task Force, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in District 6.

Raquel Redondiez (SOMA Pilipinas); opposed the 3B map; requested that the Task Force retain the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods together in District 6, offered opposition to redistricting the Tenderloin neighborhood into District 5, and expressed concern that the 3B map would not survive legal challenge.

Majeid Crawford, Executive Director (New Community Leadership Foundation); requested that the Task Force retain the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhoods together in District 6 and offered opposition to redistricting the Tenderloin neighborhood into District 5.

William Walker; shared various concerns with the Task Force in regard to the redistricting process.

Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force recognize the HOPE SF sites, Sunnydale, Potrero Hill, and Bayview-Hunters Point as communities of interest and retain them together in District 10.

Jaime Deloria; endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force not include the Tenderloin neighborhood within District 5.

Speaker endorsed the 3B map as pertains to Districts 5, 6, and 7.

Diana Taylor (Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association); requested that the Task Force recognize the Barbary Coast and Russian Hill neighborhoods and suggested that the Task Force include Sue Bierman Park in District 3.

Martha Ehrenfeld, President (Inner Sunset Park Neighbors) endorsed the 3B map as pertains retaining the Inner Sunset within one supervisorial district, suggested that the boundary for the Inner Sunset be 19th Avenue, and recommended that the Task Force include the Inner Sunset up to Golden Gate Heights in District 7.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force keep District 1 more compact.

Jeremy Chan (Japantown Task Force); offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and the Japanese Community Youth Council and retain it wholly within District 5 along with the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center and the Hamilton Recreation Center.

Colleen; requested that the Task Force recognize the renters and low income residents of the Tenderloin and SOMA neighborhoods and retain them together as a community of interest in one supervisorial district.

Tes Welborn; offered opposition to the 3B map and endorsed the 3A map as pertains to the eastern corner of the city, and requested that the Task Force retain the Tenderloin and Central SOMA neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district.

Elena; requested that the Task Force recognize the Lakeshore neighborhood and include it within District 4.

Judy Hamaguchi, President (Japanese American Citizens League); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown community and retain it wholly in one supervisorial district.

Robert Harrer; endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map and endorsed the 3B map as pertains to the Districts 3 and 6 boundaries.

Steve Nakajo, Executive Director (Japantown Task Force); requested that the Task Force recognize the Japantown neighborhood and retain it wholly within one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force include Lowell High School in District 4.

Bruce Wolfe; offered opposition to the 3B map.

Susie Kagami (Japantown Cultural District); endorsed the 3A map, and requested that the Task Force include the Japanese Community Youth Council and other Japantown landmarks in District 5.

Kathleen Courtney (Russian Hill Neighborhood Association); endorsed the 3B map as pertains to the Russian Hill, Chinatown, and North Beach neighborhoods and requested that the Task Force retain them together in one supervisorial district.

Speaker; requested that the Task Force not include the Seacliff neighborhood in District 1.

Philippe Sonne; endorsed the 3B map as it pertains to the District 3 boundaries, with an adjustment to use Sacramento Street as the boundary to retain Sue Bierman Park within District 3.

Jupiter Peraza (Transgender Cultural District); endorsed the Community Unity map submitted by the SF Unity Map Coalition and offered opposition to the 3B map, and requested that the Task Force retain the Transgender Cultural District within the SOMA and Tenderloin neighborhood wholly within one supervisorial district.

Bruno Kanter, President (North Beach Neighbors); endorsed the 3B map as pertains to the District 3 boundaries and requested that the Task Force retain the Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods together in District 3.

Frank Noto; offered opposition to the 3B map and requested that the Task Force include the Inner Sunset commercial district within District 7.

Speaker; offered opposition to the 3B map as it pertains to District 10 and requested that the Task Force include the Potrero Hill neighborhood within District 10 with a boundary at 15th Street.

After Vice Chair Reiner closed public comment the Task Force directed Q2 Data and Research to make adjustments to the 3B map as follows:

- Add the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center to District 5;
- Add the Hamilton Recreation Center to District 5;
- Restore the 2012 supervisorial boundaries as pertains to the Cathedral Hill neighborhood in District 2;
- Add the area bounded by Buchanan Street, California Street, Octavia Boulevard, and Pine Street to District 5;
- Add the area bounded by Gough Street, Ellis Street, Van Ness Avenue, and Cedar Street to District 2.
- Restore the 2012 boundary between Districts 7 and 8 at Twin Peaks Boulevard;
- Add Cole Valley and Ashbury Heights to District 8 south of Fredrick Street between Ashbury Street and Stanyan Street south to Clarendon Avenue;
- Move the western boundary of District 7 to 19th Avenue and continue it south to Judah Street;
- Add parts of Merced Manor south of Sloat Boulevard and west of 19th Avenue to District 4, as well as Lakeshore Avenue north of Lake Merced past the country club and west to include the San Francisco Zoo;
- Add Mission Dolores between 17th Street and 18th Street west to Church Street to District 9;
- Set the northern boundary between Districts 8 and 9 as Guerrero Street to Market Street; and
- Add the blocks bounded by Valencia Street, 22nd Street, and Guerrero Street to District 9.

Vice Chair Reiner recessed the meeting at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Upon return from recess the Task Force directed Q2 Data and Research to make further adjustments to the 3B map as follows:

- Add the area bounded by Hermann Street, Buchanan Street, Waller Street, and Steiner Street to District 5;
- Restore the 2012 Mansell Street boundary for District 10 at McLaren Park;
- Extend the northern boundary of District 4 into Golden Gate Park;
- Add La Raza Park to District 9;
- Add the area bounded by Interstate 280 and Islais Creek to District 6;
- Extend the northern boundary of District 10 from Mariposa Street to 16th Street;
- Add the area bounded by Turk Street, Masonic Street, Divisadero Street, and Fulton Street to District 2;
- Add the Seacliff neighborhood and Lake Street corridor east to Funston Avenue to District 1;
- Add the area bounded by Turk Street, Divisadero Street, Oak Street, and Fulton Avenue to District 2.
- Add the area found from Turk Street and Arguello Boulevard to Geary Boulevard to District 2;
- Add the area bounded by California Street, Funston Avenue, Arguello Boulevard and the Presidio wall to District 1;
- Restore the area bounded by Post Street, Van Ness Avenue, Ellis Street, and Gough Street to District 5; and
- Restore Sue Bierman Park to District 3 with a boundary at Sacramento Street.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Task Force directed Q2 Data and Research to apply all the adjustments made above to the 3B map and designate this version as the 4A map, and requested further iterations on the 4A map to be prepared and presented to the Task Force as follows:

- Include the Haight Ashbury neighborhood in District 8;
- Include the Tenderloin and SOMA west of 2nd Street and north of Interstate 80 wholly within one supervisorial district, while maintaining the publicly-submitted definition of Chinatown in District 3;
- Explore maintaining 16th Street west of the Interstate 280 and potentially add Showplace Square as the northern line of District 10;
- Explore including the Dogpatch neighborhood to District 10;
- Explore maintaining the Sacramento Street boundary of District 3, while potentially unifying the Financial District within District 3; and
- Explore including the Portola with Sunnydale, Visitacion Valley, University Mound, Little Hollywood, Bayview and Hunter's Point within District 10.

3. Q2 Redistricting Consultants Update

Jaime Clark, Redistricting Consultant (Q2 Data and Research); presented an update on the San Francisco Redistricting Tool, and receipt of recent mapping and community of interest definition submissions.

Speakers: Dr. Nicole Shaw; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Mark; offered feature requests for the redistricting mapping tool to display the maps he has submitted, and requested that the tool include all the previous district lines for review and consultation. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force require the census block layer information in the draft maps delivered by Q2. Russel Morine; offered feature requests for the redistricting mapping tool to display data on registered voters in the system. Deanthony Jones; offered feature requests for the redistricting mapping tool to display past census results from as far back as possible.

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

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

Member Ho reported that she recently had conversations with the Pacific Avenue Neighborhood Association.

Member Pierce reported that she recently met spoke with advocates from San Francisco Rising.

Member Hernández Gil reported that he recently had conversations with advocates from District 5, SOMA Pilipinas, the South Beach | Rincon | Mission Bay Neighborhood Association, and San Francisco Rising.

Member Jeremy Lee reported that he recently had conversations with the office of District 5 supervisor Dean Preston and advocates from Chinatown and San Francisco Rising.

Member Cooper reported that he recently had conversations with the Districts 5 and 6 supervisors offices.

Speakers: Brenda Barros; requested that the Task Force have more contacts with advocates from District 10.

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

5. General Public Comment

Speakers: Russel Morine; requested that the Task Force include the Visitacion Valley, Little Hollywood, and Sunnydale neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district. Steven Depant-Kelani Currier; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Jen Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); requested that the Task Force read-out more of the population deviations from each district while doing the live line drawing.

Speaker; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Brenda Barros; requested that the Task Force include General Hospital and the Chase Center in District 10. Jonathan Meade; requested that the Task Force not include the Tenderloin neighborhood in District 5. Speaker; requested that the Task Force include Japantown and the Western Addition together in one supervisorial district, suggested that the Cathedral Hill neighborhood be retained wholly within District 2, and requested that the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood not be split between multiple supervisorial districts. J. R. Eppler; requested that the Task Force retain the Potrero Hill and Showplace Square neighborhoods together in one supervisorial district. Naj Daniels; offered opposition to the 3A and 3B maps and endorsed the 2B map, and requested that the Task Force retain the Potrero Hill neighborhood wholly within one supervisorial district. Bettina Cohen; requested that the Task Force retain the Chase Center in District 6 with a boundary at Mariposa Street, and that the entirety of the Mission Bay redevelopment parcels remain within District 6. Erika Zweig; shared concerns with the Task Force's changes to the Inner Sunset neighborhood and requested that the Task Force not include areas south of Sloat Boulevard in District 4. Cheryl Thornton; requested that the Task Force be mindful of the Voting Rights Act and keep it at the forefront of the discussion. Theresa Flandrich; shared various concerns with the Task Force. Speaker; endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map. Christin Evans; requested that the Task Force recognize the neighborhoods of District 5 and retain them wholly within one supervisorial district. Betty Louie; endorsed the District 3 Neighborhoods United Plan map. Walter Caplan; requested that the Task Force not expand the District 4 boundary to include areas south of Sloat Boulevard.

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

6. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items offered.

Speakers: Speaker; requested that the Task Force have a future agenda item on programming and funding and impacts on the city and county level. Christin Evans; shared various concerns with the Task Force.

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

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Redistricting Task Force adjourned at the hour of 5:18 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 6, 2022
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