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**REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DRAFT
MINUTES**

**Hearing Room 416
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102**

**Friday, February 17, 2012 – 3:00 PM
Regular Meeting**

Members: Chair Eric McDonnell, Vice Chair Jenny Lam,
Mike Alonso, Myong Leigh, Sonia Melara, Marily Mondejar,
David Pilpel, Mark Schreiber, Melissa Tidwell

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. On the call of the roll, Member Leigh was absent. Member Pilpel, seconded by Member Alonso, moved to excuse Member Leigh from attending today's meeting. The motion passed without objection.

2. Mapping. (3:15 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.)

The Task Force received public input and Task Force Members agreed not to make modifications to the February 6, 2012 working draft map.

Public Comment:

Patricia Vaughey, Cow Hollow resident, stated that all districts should be diverse. She requested that the Task Force keep Anza Vista in District 2 and keep Sea Cliff in District 1 for diversity purposes, and requested that the Task Force keep a portion of Japantown in District 2, also for diversity purposes.

Bernard Choden, San Francisco Tomorrow and Japantown Organizing Committee, requested that the Task Force keep the Fillmore and the proposed California Pacific Medical Center site in District 5 because of the high impact of the project on District 5 neighborhoods. He also requested that the Task Force keep Golden Gate Park in District 1 under one Supervisor's representation, and that north of Chestnut be in District 2.

Leah Pimente requested that the Task Force keep the Potrero Hill and Bay View Hunters Point in one district. She stated that residents in both of these neighborhoods work well together to address and resolve similar issues in these neighborhoods.

Tony Kelly, President Potrero Hill Boosters Association, stated that the Port's property and the waterfront lines on the current February 6, 2012 working draft map needed to be drawn more clearly. He asked the Task Force to keep Potrero Hill in District 10.

Chris Understadt, Inner Park Neighborhood, stated that a poll was taken of residents in the Inner Park Neighborhood and the results were that 62% would prefer to stay in District 5, and 22% would like to be in District 7 and the remaining had no opinion. He requested that the Task Force keep Inner Park neighborhood in District 5.

Gus Feldman, District 8 resident, thanked the Task Force members for moving the eastern border of District 8 to Valencia Street. He also requested that the Task Force include both sides of Valencia Street in District 8 because both sides of the street share the same concerns and needs. He indicated that Sea Cliff has a lot more in common with District 2 than with District 1.

Robin Havens, Valencia/McCoppin Neighborhood Watch, Co-Head, requested that the Task Force keep Valencia/McCoppin neighborhood intact.

Rose Hillson requested that the Task Force keep Jordan Park and Laurel Heights in District 2. She also requested that the Task Force keep Japantown in District 5 and keep the Western Addition and Japantown united in District 5.

Hiroshi Fukudo, Japantown Better Neighborhood Association and Japanese Religious Federation, requested that the Task Force should move the line between Districts 2 and 5 from Pine to California Street. He urged the Task Force to keep the St. Xavier Church (on Pine and Octavia Streets) and the Buddhist Church further east on Pine Street. He stated that these two churches are not currently in District 5 on the February 6, 2012 working draft map. He also urged the Task Force to keep the Japanese and African American communities in Japantown together in light of the long history of those two communities working together.

Jean Barigh requested that the Task Force keep Golden Gate Park in District 1. She stated that Golden Gate Park should remain united and not be divided into two districts.

Larry Griffin, Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, requested that the Task Force keep Booker T. Washington Community Service Center in District 5. He stated that this community does not have any common interests with residents in District 2. He also requested that the Task Force keep Hamilton Playground, Western Addition Library, and Westside Courts Housing Development in District 5.

Katherine Howard, Golden Gate Park Preservation Association, requested that the Task Force keep Golden Gate Park in a single district. She stated that dividing the park may cause development and using the open space for other activities. She stated Golden Gate Park was conceived as whole and should remain whole.

Chris Bowman, 1995 Task Force Member, stated that parks are institutions and like institutions should remain whole. He asked the Task Force to remove Potrero from District 10 because that community has higher voting rates than other communities in the district.

Karen Kai requested that the Task Force keep Japantown united in District 5. She also suggested that the Anza Vista neighborhood be in District 2.

Ron Kingston, San Francisco Realtors Association, submitted the SF Realtors citywide map. He reviewed with the Task Force the criteria used to create the citywide map. He suggested that the Task Force have a future hearing to review more thoroughly the SF Realtors citywide map.

Caroline Hsu, Asian Law Caucus, supported the map submitted by the Japantown and Western Addition associations and requested that the Task Force keep Booker T.

Washington Community Service Center, Hamilton Community Center, Westside Courts Housing, JCYC, Rosa Parks Elementary School and Chibi-Chan preschool in District 5.

Kristine Zaback, Forest Knolls Association, President, provided the Task Force information relating to green issues surrounding the West of Twin Peaks neighborhood.

Otto Duffy requested that the north of Market area and south of Market area is the core of District 6.

Mary Harris, President, Outer Merced Ingleside Neighbors in Action, expressed concern with the SF Realtor's map and requested that the Task Force keep the OMI in District 11 and not to move the OMI to District 7.

Alicia Gamez, Liberty Hill Association, submitted a proposed map for District 8 which would ensure equal representation for all residents in both District 8 and District 9.

Pat Scott, Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, Director, requested that the Task Force keep the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center in District 5. She stated that the community of Booker T. Washington Community Service Center has more in common with the residents District 5 than those in District 2. She stated that currently in District 5 there is an out-flux of middle class African Americans, leaving many elderly in District 5. The Japanese American and African American communities work together to provide services to the elderly. There are also many children who are from low-income families and use services from both communities. She also stated that she has worked with both district Supervisors and was able to resolve issues with the District 5 Supervisor because of the communities of interest which he served in District 5.

3. Voting Rights Act Analysis (4:11 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.)

Public comment on all matters pertaining to agenda item 2.

Alicia Gamez requested that the Task Force ensure that each person have equal voting power. She stated that no one Supervisor should represent a lesser or greater percentage of voters than another Supervisor. She suggested moving population from District 9 to District 8 would ensure equal representation for all.

Bernard Choden stated that the Task Force should add voter registration to the Voting Rights Act Analysis.

Gus Feldman requested that the Task Force move District 8 boundaries eastward to the Valencia corridor. He stated that this move would keep together the gay community, a community of interest, together.

Carlo Del La Cruz, Asian Law Caucus, cautioned the Task Force to listen to community input from District 11 and not to draw a district in that area of the City solely by the numbers of particular minority groups in a district but to consider communities of interest.

Closed session – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Member Melara, seconded by Member Lam, moved to invoke the attorney-client privilege and go into closed session to confer with or receive advice from legal counsel.

The motion passed without objection.

The Task Force convened in Closed Session at 4:15 p.m.

Present: Deputy City Attorney Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney Mollie Lee.

Task Force Members: Alonso, Lam, McDonnell, Melara, Mondejar, Pilpel, Schreiber, Tidwell

Redistricting Task Force Clerk, Kay Gulbengay

The Task Force reconvened in open session at 5:54 p.m.

Member Pilpel, seconded by Member Schrieber, moved not to disclose the closed session's deliberations.

The motion passed without objection.

4. Task Force Budget. (5:57 p.m. to 5:58 p.m.) (5:59 p.m. to 6:18 p.m.)

Member Melara reported that she and Vice Chair Lam had reviewed proposals for the outreach services to include telephone auto calling and consultant services totaling \$7,000. These services will assist to make people aware of the scheduled meetings. Member Schreiber requested that the City Attorney's Office review the proposal to ensure that the use auto-calling is in compliance with both Federal and State regulations.

Note: Chair McDonnell left the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Public Comment:

Chris Bowman, 1995 Past Task Force member, asked how the additional funds of \$13,000 for community outreach will be allocated

The Task Force discussed the scope and funds for the telephone outreach services.

Member Tidwell, seconded by Member Alonso, moved to approve expenditures of \$7,000 for telephone outreach services.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Alonso, Melara, Mondejar, Schreiber, Tidwell

Noes: 1 - Pilpel

Excused: 1 - Leigh

Absent : 1 - McDonnell

Member Mondejar reported that she had received a proposal for \$9,000 for advertising in ethnic newspapers, websites, and potential public service announcements.

After discussion, several members of the Task Force requested that Member Mondejar provide a written proposal from the consultant for the creation of the

advertising and the costs for the services so that action can be taken at the February 23, 2012 meeting.

5. **Community Outreach.** (5:58 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.)

The Task Force discussed the community outreach for telephone surveys and ethnic media services. The Task Force returned to Item Number 4, Task Force Budget, so that a vote could be taken on the matter.

Public Comment:

None

6. **Approval of Redistricting Task Force Minutes of January 26, 2012 and February 1, 2012.** (6:18 p.m. to 6:19 p.m.)

Member Melara, seconded by Member Mondejar, moved to approve the Redistricting Task Force Minutes with corrections for of January 26, 2011 and February 1, 2012. Motion passed without objection.

7. **Task Force Member Reports.** (6:20 p.m. to 6:24 p.m.)

Member Tidwell reported that she and Chair McDonnell had met with some of the residents of Japantown to review the redistricting process.

Member Pilpel reported that he will be making a presentation on the redistricting process at the Youth Commission meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 5:15 p.m.

Member Mondejar reported that she had sent out new correspondence with the updated meeting schedule and deadline for the submittal of maps and recommendations.

Member Alonso reported that he had made a presentation on the redistricting process to the Potrero Democratic Club. He also reported that he would be making a presentation on the redistricting process at San Francisco State.

Vice Chair Lam reported that she answered questions from the members of the District 3 Democratic Club on the redistricting process

Public Comment:

None

Public Comment. 6:24 p.m.

None

8. **Future Agenda Items.** (6:24 pm to 6:27 p.m.)

Member Scheirber requested an item relating on the preparation of a report or documents which need to be prepared with the Task Force's final revised map and possible assignments be made for writing portions of the report.

Vice Chair Lam requested an item relating to how the Task Force will review the submittal of citywide maps.

Member Melara inquired if the Task Force will have to take a vote on the matter of the Voting Rights Act at a future meeting.

Public Comment

None:

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.