

Gwenn Craig Bio

Gwenn Craig served from 1995 through 1999 on the first Elections Task Force of the City and County of San Francisco. Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, Gwenn was elected by the body as its chair. The mission of the Elections Task Force was to assess the current citywide system of electing members of the Board of Supervisors and provide recommendations for alternative systems. The work of that Task Force resulted in voter approval of Proposition G in 1996, which re-established district elections in San Francisco and implemented the supervisorial district designs that have remained largely intact today.

In 2002, Gwenn was appointed by the San Francisco Elections Commission and was elected chair of the city's Elections Task Force on Redistricting to restructure San Francisco's supervisorial districts in compliance with population shifts documented by the 2000 census.

Gwenn also served the City and County as Vice Chair of the San Francisco Police Commission from 1989-1992, where she worked to establish policy for the police department, conduct weekly public commission meetings, and serve as the final hearing body on police management issues and officer discipline adjudication.

Ms. Craig moved to San Francisco in 1975 and has worked on several electoral candidates and issues campaigns. They include the 1977 supervisorial campaign of Harvey Milk, who was elected under the first-ever supervisorial district elections in San Francisco supervisors. Her close relationship with Harvey Milk led him to select her and fellow LGBT activist Bill Kraus as co-managers of San Franciscans Against Proposition 6, the citywide campaign against the 1978 Briggs Initiative. Gwenn also served in influential roles on the campaigns to elect and re-elect Supervisor Harry Britt, Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, and several others, especially during her tenure as president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club.

Gwenn was also active in Democratic Party politics, serving as a member of the California State Party Committee from 1979-1988 and 2009-2011, and as a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1980 and 1984. These various experiences provided her with a strong understanding of and appreciation for the impact that district and precinct lines can have on grassroots organizing, representation, and campaigning, and how they can help or harm the power of marginalized communities.

Ms. Craig retired from the University of California San Francisco in 2015, where she served as a Human Resources Manager.