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REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Minnie and Lovie Ward Recreation Center
650 Capitol Avenue
San Francisco, CA

Tuesday, January 9, 2012 – 6:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (6:12 p.m. - 6:13 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. On the call of the roll, Member Leigh was noted absent. Member Leigh was noted present at 6:12 p.m.

2. Presentation by The Advancement Project (6:13 p.m. to 6:36 p.m.)

John Kim, representative of the Advancement Project made a presentation to Task Force members on the Redrawsf map drawing software which will be used to provide training to members of the community on using map drawing software and will be made available to the public.

Public Comment:

Chris Bowman expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity to have Redrawsf for use by the public.

Male speaker inquired whether or not this allows the merging of census block information.

Male speaker asked if the public would be able to make changes through Redrawsf program.

3. Mapping (6:37 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.)

The Task Force presented the working draft map developed on January 4, 2012 for public input.

Public Comment:

District 11 Supervisor John Avalos thanked the Task Force members for their ongoing efforts and recognized the difficult task before them.

He offered assistance from his staff and from the residents in District 11 to assist the Task Force. He requested that the OMI (Outer Mission Ingleside) area remain in District 11. He requested to keep the Filipino community, which is a large population of the OMI community, in District 11. He requested that District 11 current boundaries remain whole or as intact as much as possible taking into consideration the number of various communities of interest within the district itself.

Sharon Hewitt, Executive Director of the Clear Project located in Visitacion Valley, requested that task force take into consideration the impact of redistricting will have on families and communities in the southeast sector of the City. She requested that the OMI remain a part of the District 11.

Antoine Perry, Inner City Youth, requested to keep OMI in District 11 and not be moved into District 7. OMI does not have anything in common with District 7.

District 8 – Supervisor Scott Wiener stated that the current working draft map divides areas and undermines the LBGT community.

Supervisor reviewed proposed changes to the current working draft map.

He stated that the areas he was going to talk about were not areas which he had won during his election as Supervisor. His proposed suggestions were not political, but were being made to keep communities of interest together.

He stated that the eastern edge of the district Dolores Street and Valencia Street north of Ceasar Chavez should be moved back into District 8.

He stated that the eastern part of Bernal Heights area has been divided and should remain whole in District 9.

He stated that Mission Dolores area has been divided and requested that the area remain whole and in District 8.

He requested to keep the LGBT Community Center and 55 Laguna Project (which will contain a senior LGBT housing project) in District 8, in order not to divide the LGBT Community of Interest. The northern border starting at Octavia should remain as Waller Street, except that the northern border should jut up to Haight Street for one block in order to encompass the 55 Laguna project. Buena Vista should also remain in District 8, per the current borders.

He requested that the Duboce Triangle area remain whole as currently drawn. He also stated that the Buena Vista area has been divided and should also remain whole. He requested that the LGBT community be restored.

George Wooding, West of Twin of Peaks Central Council, requested that the neighborhood organizations within the West of Twin Peaks Central Council remain in District 7.

Tina Shauf, Filipino Community Center, requested that the Filipino community in OMI remain in District 11 and not be divided.

Al Perez, Filipino American Arts Exposition, requested that the Filipino community in OMI remain in District 11 and not be divided.

Anatalio Ubulde, requested that the Filipino community in OMI remain in District 11 and not be divided.

Michael G. Pangilinan, Filipino American Democratic Club, requested that the Filipino community in OMI remain in District 11 and not be divided.

Lucia Bokatey, Co- President of the Mission Dolores Association stated that the Mission Dolores area should be in one District and not be divided.

Maria Mejia requested to keep Mission Dolores area whole.

Richard Magary, Chair, Buena Vista Neighborhood Association, requested to keep Buena Vista Park area in District 8. If the area was divided, it would be dividing neighborhoods of interest that support the Buena Vista Park. He will provide an alternative map. Castro Benefits District boundaries would be split as shown on the current working draft map.

Peter Lewis, Mission Dolores Association, requested not to divide Dolores Street.

Jim Stark, Lakeshore Acres Home Improvement Association, requested Lakeshore area remain in District 7 not be moved into District 4.

Chris Bowman, past member Task Force member, stated that the District 11 was considered as the most labor intensified area during the last redistricting. Portola district should be united. It needs to be moved northerly or entirely to the east.

Steve Currier, Outer Mission Merchants and Residents Association, requested that the OMI remain intact and in District 11.

Lindsay Kefaven, requested to keep Mission Dolores park area be kept together in one District.

Helen Bautista, former Public Library Commissioner, stated that the Ingleside Library has many Filipino books and a treasure for the City. She requested that Filipino community remain in District 11.

Bernadette Sy, Filipino Community Center and Bayihanan Community Center, requested that the Filipino community in OMI remain in District 11.

Jeff Rocca, resident and business owner in District 11, requested that OMI remain in District 11. This is one of the last blue collar workers district left in San Francisco and should remain in District 11.

FX Crowley, Lakeshore area resident, requested that Lakeshore area and Merced neighborhoods remain in District 7 and not be moved into District 4.

Nancy Crowley, Lakeshore area resident, requested that Lakeshore area and Merced neighborhoods remain in District 7 and not be moved into District 4.

Allen requested that the Filipino Community remain intact in District 11.

Jim Wexel, President, Westside Democratic Club requested that the Lakeshore area and Merced neighborhoods remain in District 7 and not be moved into District 4.

David Fix, resident of the Duboce Triangle area requested that the Duboce Triangle area remain intact.

M. Guzman requested that the Filipino community remain in District 11.

Male speaker requested to keep OMI in District 11 to keep the last blue collar workers district intact.

Alicia Gamez requested that Valencia Street not be divided. Valencia Neighborhood Association will be meeting to submit comments.

Lisa Tennebaum, Liberty Hill Historic and Neighborhood Association the area north of 20th Street and south of Hill Street. The association is debating the proposal for this area to be moved into District 8 or District 9.

Seth Kilbourne, Open House, LGBT community, requested that the area of 55 Laguna Street and the LGBT Community Center remain in District 8. He also requested that Waller, Market and Buchanan Streets remain in District 8.

Rebecca Rolf, LGBT community, requested that the area of 55 Laguna Street and the LGBT Community Center remain in District 8.

Neil Sims, Open House, requested that the area of 55 Laguna Street and the LGBT Community Center remain in District 8.

Mike Brown, Inner City Youth, requested that the OMI remain in District 11 and not be moved into District 7. OMI has nothing in common with District 7.

Chelsea Bylard, Coleman Advocates for Children, requested that the OMI remain in District 11 along with Excelsior.

Kent Bogis, resident of the OMI, resident requested to keep OMI in District 11.

Gus requested that the OMI remain in District 11; the Lakeshore area remains in District 4.

Vicky Trasvina requested that District 11 remain intact as a labor neighborhood.

David Troup, Treasurer of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, requested that the Duboce Triangle area remain whole and the Duboce park not be divided. Proposed map

splits in half the Duboce Triangle. He also stated that the LGBT community should remain whole.

Mark Schewer, Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, requested that the Duboce Triangle area remain whole and not divided. Duboce Park is a very important part of the Duboce Triangle.

Walter Kaplan, Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization, informed Task Force members that what they decide may impact San Francisco for the next 10 years. He requested that the Forest Knolls area and the various neighborhood associations represented remain intact in District 7 and not be moved into District 8.

Jim Marks requested that the Portola area remain intact whether in District 11 or District 10. McLaren Park remains in District 10 but also have representation in District 11.

Rob Joyce resident of District 5 was thankful for the reunification of the Western Addition neighborhood area and the lower Haight area as indicated on the working draft map.

Maura Kopp requested that the Lakeshore area and Merced area remain in District 7 and not be moved into District 4. Communities are too diverse and there are planning and transportation issues.

David Hooper, President New Mission Terrace Association suggested the following areas to begin reducing numbers in District 11 beginning south of Ocean Avenue, east of Ashton, north of Holloway and west of Harold.

Mary Harris, President, Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside Neighbors In Action. She reviewed with Task Force members the history of the OMI area. She is grateful for Supervisor Avalos and how he understands the needs of the OMI district. Requested to keep OMI in District 11 and not be moved into District 7.

Kristine Zaback, Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization requested that the Forest Knolls areas represented by Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization remain in district 7 and not be moved into District 8.

M. DeGuzman requested that the Filipino community remains intact in District 11.

Benjamin Gonzalez requested that the Filipino community remains intact in District 11.

Male speaker, requested that OMI remain in District 11 for better representation by the district Supervisor.

Dan Weaver stated when District 11 was previously aligned with District 7 it did not work before. He requested the OMI remain in District 11 not be moved into District 7.

Judy Berkowitz, Coalition for SF Neighborhoods/East Mission Improvement Association, thanked the Task Force for moving the southern borders of District 9. She requested that the Portola district remain together. She reiterated her request to set the east border of District 9 at the 101 (James Lick Freeway).

Chris Bowman offered suggestions for handling of public comment;

raised questions relating to the voting rights act and moving people in and out of districts, and raised concerns relating to moving current Supervisors out of their districts.

Jim Marks inquired what impact the maps submitted by the public would have on the Task Forces' final decision

Glen Van Legh inquired if the Task Force members' assignments for reviewing the public input were available to the public.

RECESS

The Task Force recessed at 8:51 p.m. and reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

The Task Force agreed not to make modifications to the working draft map until they reviewed community input received to date. The Task Force reviewed criteria for submission of draft maps by the public.

Member Pilpel, seconded by Member Schreiber, moved to approve the criteria for submission of draft maps by the public as amended. Motion passed without objection.

4. Community Outreach (10:15 p.m. to 10:16 p.m.)

The Task Force reviewed current and future outreach activities, including discussion regarding synthesis of community input.

Public Comment: None

5. Task Force Budget (10:16 p.m. to 10:17 p.m.)

The Task Force reviewed the current budget and expenditures associated with the Task Force. Chair McDonnell stated that the source for additional funding is still in review.

Public Comment: None

6. Task Force Member Reports (10:18 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.)

Members reported on their work assignments and discussions with members of the public or public officials regarding the future work of the Task Force.

Member Mondejar reported that she had distributed press releases to ethnic media.

Public Comment: None

7. Public Comment: (10:20 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.)

Members of the public may address the Redistricting Task Force on matters that are within the Task Force's jurisdiction, but not on today's agenda.

None

8. Future Agenda Items (10:21 p.m. to 10:22 p.m.)

Chair McDonnell requested that the Mapping item, Community Outreach item, Budget item and standard items be included on the next agenda.

Member Lam requested that an item relating more specific deadlines for the submittal of maps by the public and finalizing the redistricting process be discussed.

Member Pilpel requested that the January 20, 2012 regular meeting of the Task Force be listed as cancelled website.

Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Task Force adjourned at of 10:22 p.m.