

San Francisco Redistricting Task Force Talking Points

Background

On March 8, 2011, the US Census Bureau released its 2010 decennial census data for California. According to this data, San Francisco's population is 805,235, an increase of 28,502 people (3.7%) from the 2000 census count of 776,733 people. Because this population growth creates uneven population across the City's supervisorial districts, this triggered the district lines be redrawn based upon the Charter.

The Board of Supervisors convened the Task Force to carry out the required redistricting with members appointed by the Elections Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor. The Charter vests the Task Force with the responsibility of redrawing supervisorial district boundaries by April 15, 2012. While performing this responsibility, the Task Force must comply with the legal requirements established by the Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, and the Charter.

Scope of Work

The Task Force first convened on August 16, 2011 and will continue until final maps with redrawn district lines are delivered to the Board of Supervisors no later than April 15, 2012 (per the Charter).

The major components of the work of the Task Force are:

- Community Education – Task Force will seek to educate the public about what redistricting is, it's importance and ways to get involved through multiple forums (in-person, online, written, etc).
- Data Collection – Task Force will seek data sources including, but not limited to: census data, city and department planning data, neighborhood data, and communities of interests.
- Community Input – Task Force will invite San Francisco residents to give input, react to draft maps and lines, and submit proposed maps.
- Approval of Maps – Task Force will adopt maps with redrawn district lines based upon the data, community input, and legal counsel.

Members of the Task Force

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Task Force is supported by:

- **Clerk of the Board** – Gail Johnson
- **City Attorney’s Office** – Deputy City Attorney Andrew Shen and Mollie Lee
- **Redistricting Consultant** – Q2 Data & Research LLC – Karin MacDonald

Communication

The Task Force will communicate with the public through regular Task Force meetings, special community meetings, printed materials and the Task Force website. The website (<http://sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=2622>) is the best place to find out latest information about the Redistricting process. We invite the public to learn about and actively participate. Every voice from every community in San Francisco is important.

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