

REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE



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Dear [Recipient]:

On behalf of my colleagues currently serving on the San Francisco Redistricting Task Force (the "Task Force"), I am writing to invite you to join us at a future meeting to share your thoughts as a prior Task Force member.

The Task Force held its initial meeting in mid-August and has held a total of four meetings. Our substantive areas of focus to date have included legal requirements for redistricting, data sources and criteria for district boundaries, and community outreach activities. In November we will be conducting several community meetings throughout the City to inform residents about the redistricting process and gather public input.

Several of my colleagues have expressed an interest in hearing the historical experiences of past Task Force members in a future meeting, as we suspect the previous Task Forces encountered many of the same issues and questions we will inevitably consider. We would welcome the opportunity to hear specific "lessons learned" about the substantive factors in the redistricting process, as well as processes to educate and engage community members. For example, what processes worked well for developing draft maps? How should the Task Force maximize its reach to communities throughout San Francisco? What mistakes did the prior Task Force make that you would warn us against repeating?

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us for a future meeting to share remarks and recommendations along these lines. In the interest of time, we would ideally hear from all willing prior Task Force members in one meeting, and ask each individual to summarize his or her thoughts in five to ten minutes. Alternatively, I will share with my colleagues any written feedback you would like to offer.

Thank you for considering this invitation and for your important contributions to the residents of the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Eric McDonnell
Chair, San Francisco Redistricting Task Force

[Task Force Letterhead]