

From: [anastasia Yovanopoulos](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Appointment to Redistricting Task Force
Date: Sunday, July 18, 2021 11:42:46 AM

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From: anastasia Yovanopoulos <shashacooks@yahoo.com>
To: Aaron Peskin <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Rafael Mandelman <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>;
connie.chan@sfgov.org <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021, 03:57:42 PM PDT
Subject: Appointment to Redistricting Task Force

Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and members Mandelman and Chan,

I urge you support the appointment of Polly Marshall to serve on the Redistricting Task Force.

It is important for tenants to be well represented in the redistricting process, since redistricting will determine what the supervisors districts will look like in the future.

I believe that Polly Marshall's 35 years of service as a SF Rent Board Commissioner representing tenants, makes Polly an excellent choice for a seat on the Redistricting Task Force.

Sincerely,
Anastasia Yovanopoulos
SF Tenants Union, member
Race and Equity in All Planning Coalition member



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an effective voice in government

July 18, 2021

Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors,

The Bernal Heights Democratic Club urge the Rules Committee to appoint Chema Hernandez, Jeremy Lee, and Michelle Pierce to the San Francisco Redistricting Task Force.

The Bernal Heights Democratic Club was chartered in 1988 and has been active for the past 33 years as the leading voice of progressive Democrats in Bernal. Endorsements of candidates and issues reflect the overarching goal of the club, which is to maintain the economic and cultural diversity of the neighborhood by working to further economic and social justice for all residents. At the July 15, 2021, general meeting, BHDC members voted to support the slate being promoted by San Francisco Rising: Hernandez, Lee, and Pierce.

Redistricting has the potential to fundamentally shape the future of San Francisco. It is vitally important that the Task Force represent voices who have been historically excluded from voting and from government power and that members of the Task Force are prepared to consider the implications of their recommendations with regard to communities' ability to hold representatives accountable to their needs. BHDC fully trusts that these three applicants will commit themselves to outreach and deep analysis and prioritize consideration of neighborhood and community concerns.

Thank you for taking our comments into consideration. We urge you to support the applications of Chema Hernandez, Jeremy Lee, Michelle Pierce and forward them to the full Board for approval.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Bernal Heights Democratic Club

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From: [Jeffrey Lau](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Recommendations for the Redistricting Taskforce
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 11:13:06 AM

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Dear members of the SF BOS Rules Committee,

I urge you to appoint Jose Maria Hernandez, Jeremy Lee, and Michelle Pierce for the SF Redistricting Task Force. These applicants have many years of dedication and experience in diverse communities across San Francisco and are the best candidates to facilitate community participation and ensure that the needs of traditionally marginalized communities are represented and prioritized in the redistricting process. As someone who grew up in and continues to work in Asian immigrant working class communities that have a history of being politically neglected and continue to be under-resourced, I am hopeful for the opportunity that SF's most marginalized communities will have a voice at the table through the three aforementioned applicants.

What we decide for district lines this year will stay with our communities for the next decade. We need people on the Redistricting Task Force who know that when we draw these maps, we must take into account community needs, community cohesion, and ensure that the voice and votes of communities of color have equal weight. We need people on the Task Force who will ensure that this is a participatory process, where community members are informed and their perspective is sought out. A recent [report](#) with PolicyLink shows that the majority of counties and cities in the Bay Area do not reflect the diversity of the communities they represent. While the Bay Area is 60 percent people of color, people of color hold just 34 percent of top local elected offices. The Redistricting process is one place where we have an obligation to ensure equity and inclusion in how district lines are drawn.

We want a transparent process we can trust, where communities remain whole and where voters have an equal voice. Jose Chema Hernandez, Jeremy Lee, and Michelle Pierce are the best choices for the Task Force.

Thank you,

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From: [Christopher Bowman](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item #5, Rules Committee Agenda, Appointments: Redistricting Task Force
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 12:41:22 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Rules Committee members Mandelman and Chan:

As one of the three Mayoral appointees to the Elections Task Force (1995) which drew the District Elections Plan which was approved by San Francisco voters in 1996 and was used to elect all 11 members of the board in 2000, and who as a member of the public actively participated in the redistricting efforts of 2002 and 2011-2012, to adjust the districts to reflect population changes, I wish to provide my perspective as the Board hears from the eight candidates who applied for three seats to the 2021-2022 Redistricting Task Force.

I've cross checked the list of the eight candidates who applied for the three seats to the Redistricting Task Force to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors with the Master Voter File to identify what Supervisorial Districts the candidates live in, their Date of Birth, Place of Birth, partisan affiliation, and voting participation in the past five elections.

I'm particularly concerned that the members of the 2021-2022 Redistricting Task Force represent the geographic

diversity of the City.

The Elections Commission appointed Raynell Louis Cooper (D5), Ditka Michelle Reiner (D2), and Chasel Lee (D7).

Three of the candidates appearing before you today also applied to the Elections Commission, including Matthew Gruber Castillo (D3), Jeremy Scott Lee (D6), and Jose Maria Hernandez Gil (who is not registered to vote as he is not yet a U.S. Citizen).

The other candidates are Polly Verena Marshall (D9), J. Michelle Pierce (D10), Mark Ashley Powell (D9), and Joy Chaoying Zhan (D10).

What this suggests to me is that you do not have a geographically diverse set of candidates to choose from. No candidates from Districts 1, 4, 8, and 11 have applied before the Rules Committee.

Since you have another week before your set deadline for appointing members, I would recommend that you reopen the application period for another three days, and any new applicants would be reviewed by the Rules Committee at its meeting next Monday with recommendations to the Board the next day.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Bowman

From: [Frances Taylor](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Recommendations for the Redistricting Taskforce
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:44:46 AM

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I have worked personally with both Chema and Michelle and can testify to their qualifications for this task force. Both are dedicated community advocates. Sorry I can't speak for Jeremy personally.

Sincerely,
Fran Taylor
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From: [Christopher Bowman](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Item #5, Rules Committee Agenda, Appointments: Redistricting Task Force
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 12:59:43 PM

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Victor:

Can't get through on the 655-0001 number. When I enter 146 566 5732# and hit # again, all I get is a delayed public testimony, and not access to raising my hand.

Don't know what the technical glitch is, but unfortunately, it's not working for me, and possibly for others.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Bowman

On Monday, July 19, 2021, 12:40:43 PM PDT, Christopher Bowman <chrislbowman@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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