

April 4, 2022

2020 Census: Redistricting Task Force rdtf@sfgov.org

Rev. Arnold Townsend, Chair revtwor@hotmail.com

Re: Updated HVNA position on Redistricting D5

Dear Reverend Townsend and Redistricting Task Force Committee,

HVNA appreciates that the latest redistricting map “4D” one of our prior requests to add the corridor east of Van ness to D5. This letter is in broad support of map 4D with the following modifications.

The southern boundaries of HVNA around Buchanan-Page-Laguna-Waller, including the 55 Laguna complex at Laguna and Hermann, and surrounding area, were excluded in the last redistricting. (See Figure 1, HVNA boundaries, and Figure 2 and 2A showing the existing D5 boundary vis a vis this area, attached). This area houses many tenants including legacy rent-controlled LGBT tenants, who are historically within HVNA and part of its founding, and comprise a significant community of interest. Additionally, the traffic patterns north of Market are congested and complicated, and cutting out parts of Haight and Buchanan from D5 makes this more challenging to manage, and impacts all the residents in this sector.

HVNA was also deeply engaged with the development at 55 Laguna/ Alchemy, working for years for the senior housing, and establishing a community benefits package.

We think it is extremely important to keep this entire section north of Market united in D5 under one supervisor. In addition to this letter, several of our members Gail Baugh, Paul Olsen and Jason Henderson submitted maps reflecting this COI.

We also support keeping a portion of Golden Gate Park in D5, as this is a community of interest for all of our neighborhood.

We appreciate all the work the Redistricting Task Force is doing, and we appreciate your considering our views about how this proposed map would impact us in Hayes Valley.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Laska, President

The Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association

cc: Mats Anderson, HVNA Vice President
Barbara Early, HVNA Corresponding Secretary
HVNA Board

Attachments below

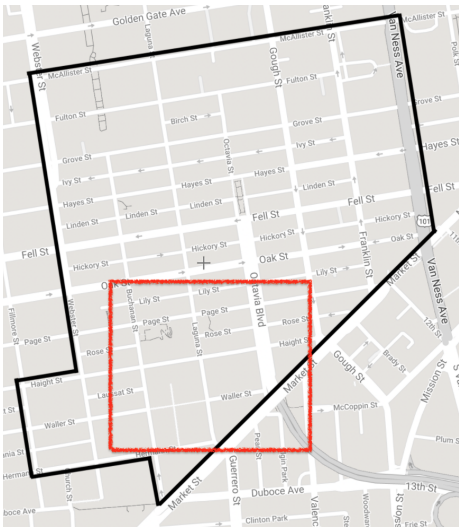


Figure 1: HVNA boundaries

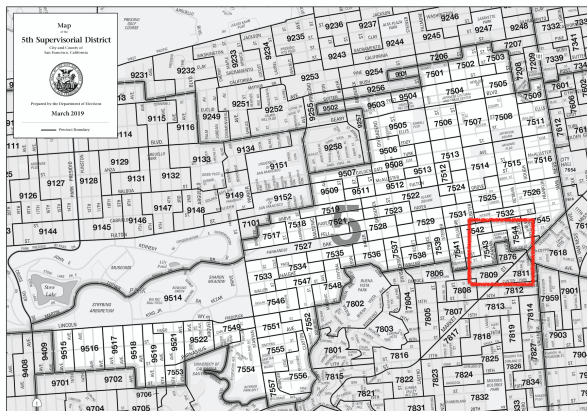


Figure 2: Existing D5 Map (Dept of Elections)



Figure 2A: Existing D5 Closeup around 55 Laguna area