

**2022 WARD 3 ANC/SMD REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE
TASK FORCE OBJECTIVE, GUIDELINES, RULES, AND MEETING
SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS §1-1041.01 of the D.C. Code requires the Council of the District of Columbia (“Council”) to appoint ward task forces to recommend adjustment of the boundaries of its ANC single-member district (“SMD”) areas, with such recommendations being delivered to the Council Subcommittee on Redistricting (part of Committee of the Whole) and in accordance with Council’s Rules of Organization and Procedure for Council Period 24; and

WHEREAS pursuant to §1-1041.01, a Ward Three Redistricting Task Force has been created and consists of eleven voting members. Ward Three Councilmember (Mary Cheh) has appointed nine members including one Chairperson, and At-Large Councilmembers (Christina Henderson and Elissa Silverman) have each appointed one member, with all members being registered voters and residents of Ward 3; and

WHEREAS the Ward 3 Task Force members were duly assembled virtually for its first formal meeting on January 18, 2022 (7:30pm, via Zoom) (a quorum being six voting members); and

WHEREAS the Ward 3 Task Force deems it appropriate and intends to conduct its proceedings in duly-noticed public meetings open to any and all members of the public; and

WHEREAS the Ward 3 Task Force deems it appropriate to adopt a statement of objectives, guidelines, rules, and meeting schedule to govern its proceedings, all consistent with the D.C. Code; the December 2022 “ANC Redistricting Procedures” distributed by the Subcommittee on Redistricting; and other guidance;

THEREFORE, the Ward 3 Task Force adopts [by unanimous vote] on this 25th day of January, 2022, the following statement of its objectives, rules, and meeting schedule to govern its work, through completion of its final report making recommendations to the Subcommittee on Redistricting.

OBJECTIVE: The ultimate objective of the Ward 3 Task Force is to submit a report to the Subcommittee on Redistricting by March 29, 2022, which date falls within the required 90 days after the Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2021 was signed by the Mayor (which date was December 29, 2022). The report will contain recommendations for the adjustment of any boundaries of the SMDs and ANCs within Ward 3, as well as any other recommendations with respect to the operation of ANCs that the taskforce feels are appropriate. Consistent with the

procedures and guidance supplied by the Subcommittee on Redistricting, the Ward 3 Task Force will abide by the following guidelines:

- A. The Task Force will strive to keep SMDs as close as practical to 2,000 residents each, and within a 5% deviation range of 1,900-2,100 residents, but with the proviso that an SMD can fall below or above such preferred 1,900-2,100 range to the extent necessary to maintain a specific natural geography, neighborhood cohesiveness, or a certain compact or contiguous SMD area.
- B. The Task Force will strive to keep census blocks intact and not split, and further strive not to allow an SMD to cross Ward boundaries, but with the same proviso as above, especially for census blocks that have a large population.
- C. No redistricting plan or proposal shall be considered if the plan or proposal would have the purpose or effect of diluting the voting strength of citizens on the basis of race or other protected status.

TASK FORCE RULES:

1. All task force meetings will be public and virtual.
2. All task force meetings will be held weekly and advertised through as many means as is practical, such as through Councilmember Cheh's website and other communications, individual ANC websites and other communications, community listervs, newsletters, etc.
3. The following will be posted on Councilmember Mary Cheh's website, community listservs and other communication outlets as appropriate:
 - A. these Task Force rules;
 - B. the Task Force meeting schedule;
 - C. the links to recordings and chat messages of each Task Force meeting;
 - D. the census data and maps made available to the Task Force;
 - E. the Task Force email addresses ward3ancredistricting@gmail.com for purposes of receiving public comment;
 - F. formal proposals or drafts of the Task Force report;
 - G. the final Task Force report.
 - H. any other relevant Task Force material

5. At all Task Force meetings, time will be allotted for public comment. In addition, public comment will be received by email and will be distributed to each Task Force member.
6. Task Force meetings will be conducted by the Chairman following a simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order.
7. All matters will be decided by a majority of voting members present at a meeting where a quorum is established.

SCHEDULE

1. The Task Force schedule is for meetings to be held every Tuesday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm EST via zoom ([public link](#)), beginning January 18, 2022 and ending on March 29, 2022. If other meetings are needed they will be publicly noticed.