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**MAYOR LEE APPOINTS THREE TO REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE**

**San Francisco, CA**—Mayor Edwin M. Lee today announced the appointment of Myong Leigh, Sonia Melara and Marily Mondejar to the nine-member body of the San Francisco Redistricting Task Force to determine how the supervisorial district lines should be redrawn.

“The Census has shown the population of San Francisco grown, and changes to our voting districts must adequately reflect our communities and our City,” said Mayor Lee. “Leigh, Melara and Mondejar all will bring valuable community involvement and experience to the Redistricting Task Force that will have lasting impacts on our residents and our City.”

Every ten years, the Federal Government conducts a census to determine the number of individuals living in the United States. After the census is completed, the City Charter requires the Director of Elections to determine whether the existing supervisorial districts meet the legal requirements established by federal, state and local law. If the existing supervisorial districts no longer comply with these legal requirements, the Charter requires the Board of Supervisors to convene the Redistricting Task Force to redraw the supervisorial district lines. The process of redrawing the supervisorial district lines is known as redistricting.

The total population in San Francisco reported in the 2010 Census is 805,235. The Census data indicates that San Francisco's population added 28,502 residents, a 3.7% increase, from the 2000 Census count of 776,733 people. The reported increase in population, however, was not uniform amongst the 11 supervisorial districts.

The Director of Elections made this determination that the districts must be redrawn. The Board of Supervisors convened the Redistricting Task Force, which will consist of nine members. The Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Elections Commission each appoint three members.

**Myong Leigh** is the Deputy Superintendent for Policy and Operations for the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), overseeing most non-instructional operations that support SFUSD schools. Leigh has been a SFUSD staff member since August 2000 and has dedicated his career in public education to seeking adequate school funding and creating conditions for educators to do their best work with students and families. Prior to his work with SFUSD, Leigh was the Budget Director for the District of Columbia Public Schools for two years and was a financial advisor to state and local governments on capital facilities financing and budgeting. Leigh holds a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Sonia Melara** is the Executive Director of Rally Family Visitation Services of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. Melara has over 30 years of management experience in the non-profit and for-profit sectors. She is a partner of CommuniQue: Management and Communications Consultants, a firm founded in 1990 to serve the

management and marketing needs of for-profit and non-profit organizations. Melara also serves on the part-time faculty of San Francisco State University's School of Social Work. Melara has served as Executive Director of the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women where she implemented major initiatives on domestic violence funding for prevention, education and transitional services. Melara is co-founder of California's first shelter for survivors of domestic violence, La Casa De Las Madres. She is presently the Vice President of the San Francisco Health Commission. Melara holds a Bachelor of Arts and Masters degree in Social Work from San Francisco State University.

**Marily Mondejar** is President of the Filipina Women's Network, the nonprofit professional association for women of Philippine ancestry living in the United States. Mondejar is a senior business leader with 25 years of global experience as an entrepreneur, strategist and advisor to Fortune 500 organizations including Cemex, Siebel (Oracle), and Webex (Cisco). She advised executives on leadership and career derailment issues, and consulted on corporate image strategies, merger implications, scenario planning, and how to maximize performance, through work with executive teams, alliance-building, and inter-cultural communications. Mondejar serves on nonprofit boards and commissions including the Friends of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, Leadership California, Sweatfree Procurement Advisory Group and the Justice and Courage Oversight Panel. Mondejar earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in organization development and leadership from New College of California and public relations graduate coursework at Golden Gate University. She has also completed doctoral course work in organizational psychology at Alliant International University.

These three Mayoral appointees will join the nine member Redistricting Task Force and work with City staff and outside consultants to determine how the supervisorial district lines should be redrawn so that the districts comply with the legal requirements established in federal, state and local law. As part of this process, the Redistricting Task Force holds multiple community hearings to receive input from the people of San Francisco. Throughout this process and based on community input, the Redistricting Task Force will make several changes to the existing supervisorial district lines. The Redistricting Task Force must present a final plan outlining the new supervisorial district lines to the Board of Supervisors in April 2012.

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