

# The METNA News

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## MERCED EXTENSION TRIANGLE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SPLIT BY CALIF. CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Sometime in late 2021, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission in Sacramento redrew the 2022 Congressional District boundaries throughout the State of California. Prior to the 10-year redistricting, the Merced Extension Triangle sat in Congressional District 14, which encompassed the south-western portion of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. The rest of San Francisco was located in Congressional District 12.

With no notice or input from local residents the boundaries and districts were reformed by the 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission, on November 10, 2021. Here is where you have been impacted by the new Congressional Districts. Whomever drew the boundaries split not only the Merced Extension Triangle, but also the OMI, north of Brotherhood Way. This also has a major impact on our voting precincts.

First off, a new Congressional District 15 was carved out in the south-central part of San Francisco, realigning with San Mateo County, while a new Congressional District 11 includes the vast majority of San Francisco. Heading north, from the San Mateo County line, rather than using Junipero Serra as a boundary, the new line splits St. Charles Avenue. with the west side of St. Charles in District 11, and the east side in District 15. The line then turns east at Alemany Blvd. for one block, placing OceanView Village in District 15, while the north side of the 3900 block of Alemany is in District 11. The boundary then heads north on Arch Street, so that the western side of the MET is in the new District 11, while the south and eastern portion of the MET is in District 15. The boundaries also impact our voting precinct. Precinct 9756 remains in District 15, while western residents (District 11) move to Precinct 1106 for the time being.

That means that west side METNA residents must vote in Precinct 1106, currently at Temple United Methodist Church, 65 Beverly St., just north of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The S. F. Department of Elections is aware of the difficulty of an expanded 1106, and is looking to re-draw its precincts soon. Meanwhile "Vote by Mail" may be the best option. District 12 is currently held by Nancy Pelosi, while District 14 is currently held by Jackie Speier. A call to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission in February yielded no concrete answer as to why the boundaries were drawn as they were, only that they will remain as such for the next ten years. Their home page is [wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov).

In response from the San Francisco Department of Elections, METNA president Marc Christensen received this explanation: **cont'd on page 4**

## CITY & COUNTY OF SF INTENDS TO BUY PG&E's ELECTRICAL POWER GRID

The City and County of San Francisco intends to purchase all of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E's) distribution assets and substantially all of PG&E's transmission assets that are needed for the city to provide reliable electricity service to customers in San Francisco. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) would acquire property rights as needed for the construction, installation, operation and sustained maintenance of proposed infrastructure on public and private lands.

Any PG&E facilities outside the City and County of San Francisco would have to be separated from PG&E's electricity grid within the city. Therefore, the southern portion of San Francisco, including the Merced Extension Triangle, would have to be modified along the Daly City and Brisbane borders.

The San Francisco Planning Department filed a Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration dated January 5, 2022 on behalf of the SFPUC. The distribution assets include substations, transformers, transmission and distribution lines, and other operational equipment such as street lights. The new main distribution alignment would be approximately 5 miles long, with up to 15 miles of distribution and transmission lines and vaults, within streets, sidewalks and publically owned land. . A portion of the planned new alignment would begin at

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### METNA MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
7:00pm, at Palmetto Meeting Hall  
640 Palmetto Avenue  
(between St. Charles and Chester)

### Invited Guests

Phil Ting, State Assembly Member  
19<sup>th</sup> Dist., California State Assembly

Myrna Melgar, District 7 Supervisor  
S.F. Board of Supervisors

Eric Vintero, Captain  
Taraval Police Station, SFPD

Laura Atkins, MET Community  
Connectors  
Community Living Campaign

### ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

Those persons attending must show proof of vaccination, and will be required to wear a nose & mouth face mask during the meeting

**METNA presents: REGIONAL SERVICE NUMBERS**

*METNA annually provides important service numbers as a courtesy to our neighborhood residents. Please understand that telephone numbers do change from time to time, so we cannot guarantee the accuracy of all numbers listed. Numbers were in service as of April, 2022. All numbers are area code 1+ 415, unless otherwise noted.*

**Emergency: 911** (from cell phone: in San Francisco: 911 in/out SF: 553-8090)

**Police, Non-emergency: 553-0123**

**Human Services Hotline: 211**, (direct service link M-F, 9:30a-5:00p)

**SF Customer Service Line: 311**, (TTY: 701-2323), (outside S.F.: 701-2311)

**Telephone Information (Directory Assistance): 411**

**Transportation Hotline: 511**

**Telephone Repair, AT&T: 611**

**California relay for hearing impaired: 711**

**Underground Service Alert (USA) locating utilities: 811**

Anonymous Tip Line: (Taraval Station) 242-9753; (General) 392-2623

Animal bites to report: 554-9422

Animal Care & Control: 554-6364; Emergency: 554-9400

BART Customer Service: 510-464-7134

BART Lost and Found Line: 510-464-7090

BART Police: Emergency: 510-464-7000; Non-emerg: 877-679-7000

BART Transit Information: 989-2278

Bay Area Air Quality Management District: 800-334-6367

Bee Swarms (police non-emergency, info on beekeepers): 553-0123

City Attorney, office: 554-4700

City Attorney, Hotline (incl. code enforcement): 554-3977

Clipper Card, registration/information: 877-878-8883

Crime Stoppers (Anonymous): 553-9755

District Attorney, office: 553-1751

District Attorney, Victim services: 553-9044

Emergency Services Management, (Dept. of): 558-3800

Emergency Services, Office of Disaster Preparedness: 558-2700

Fire Department, Non-emergency: 861-8000 or 558-3300

Garbage pickup/ Trash not emptied (Sunset Scavenger/Recology): 330-1300

Graffiti, Police Report Hotline: 278-9454

Hazardous Waste Disposal: 355-3777

Homeless Outreach Team, (SFHOT) 24-hour service line: Urgent 355-7445, Non-urgent 355-7401, Office 355-7555

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services: 554-5975

Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development: 554-6969

MET Community Connectors: Laura Atkins, 341-4713

Mosquito activity, reporting: 252-3806

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT): 970-2022

P. G. & E.: 24 hour service: 800-743-5000; Outage: 800-743-5002

Pets, lost hotline: 567-8738

Poison Center: 476-6600 or 476-2845, 800-222-1222

Public Health: Code Enforcement/Environmental Resource: 252-3872

Residential Permit Parking: 701-3000 or 554-5000

Resilient MET; Glen Hatakeyama, Chair: 333-0197

SamTrans Information: 800-660-4289

SF SAFE: 673-7233 or 553-1982

Spare the Air Alert: 877-466-2876

Suicide Prevention: 24 hours, 781-0500; S.F. Mobile Crisis: 355-8300

Supervisor Myrna Melgar, District 7: 554-6516

**Taraval Police Station: 759-3100 or 553-1612**

Captain Eric Vintero; Taraval Captain's Clerk: 759-3113

Code Enforcement Officer & Permit Officer: 759-3123

Taraval Lieutenant's Office: Day and Night Platoon Commanders:

759-3102

Trash/hazardous waste on private property, M-F, 7:30am-5:pm

252-3800 (Office of Environment)

Water, Power, Sewer Emergencies: 923-2400 or 551-3000, 24 hours:

550-4911

West Nile Virus hotline: 877-968-2473

**COVID-19 Information: Text COVID19SF to 888-777 for official updates**

**\*\* CONTINUE TO CALL: 311: to connect to all City Services \*\***

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR****METNA MEETINGS**

**7:00pm on the following dates**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, TBA

Tuesday, November 15, 2022,\* TBA

\* (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November, as 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday is Election Day)

**SISTERHOOD GARDENS' BUILD DAYS**

**10:00am – 1:00pm on the following dates**

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Saturday, July 9, 2022

Saturday, August 13, 2022

**MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

There are daily on-line classes. Go to:

[www.sfcommunityliving.org](http://www.sfcommunityliving.org)

To receive your own monthly copy of classes,

Contact Laura Atkins:

[laura@communityliving.org](mailto:laura@communityliving.org)

or call 415-341-4713

**RESILIENT MET**

To sign up as a Block Champion contact

Glen Hatakeyama at 415-333-0197

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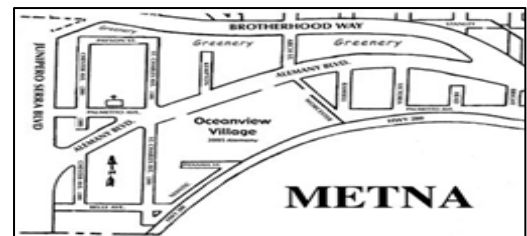
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## PARKMERCED DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE

The \$1.2 billion Parkmerced Redevelopment Project is more than eight years behind schedule for its groundbreaking. In May, 2009, the proposed renovation of Parkmerced went before the Planning Commission and on May 20, 2009, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was issued. On May 24, 2011, the Board of Supervisors passed legislation to include the re-zoning of Parkmerced as a Special Use District providing for increased density and increased height and bulk. Final approval was given on the EIR.

In May, 2013, METNA reported that "Parkmerced is on target to break ground some time in 2014. The developers are currently engaged in the planning and developing of phase one of the 30-year project."

In May 2014 the project was on hold waiting for a court date on a final appeal. Oral arguments were presented to the First District Court of Appeals in the case of *Parkmerced vs. the City and County of San Francisco*, by the plaintiffs San Francisco Tomorrow and the Parkmerced Action Coalition. On August 10, 2014 the court ruled 3-0 in favor of the Parkmerced developers and the City and County of San Francisco, clearing the way for the development to begin. In the fall of 2016, Parkmerced developers stated that they would break ground in December in subphases 1A and 1B. Since that time there has been one delay after another.

Then in May 2017, with information provided by Parkmerced, the METNA News reported that "within the next month or so groundbreaking will take place at Parkmerced...." In September 2018, Parkmerced announced that they would break ground "within the next few months." However it was stated at the time, "The (new) timeline was representative of the most accurate schedule to date. Dates are (still) tentative and may shift."

Since that time they apparently are still "shifting." It remains to be seen when this project will commence.

## ZOOM HAS HELPED DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Switching from live meetings to virtual meetings on the internet, through Zoom and other video conferencing companies has helped people navigate the pandemic world to continue meaningful meetings.

The San Jose based software company Zoom has transformed how people meet and communicate with their easy to navigate go-to-app. Benefitting from this technology are individuals, corporations, public and private entities, as well as educational institutions. METNA also benefitted from this technology when our quarterly neighborhood meetings went viral, through Zoom. The District 7 Leadership group meetings every Thursday evening, over the past two years lasting several hours each, has also brought community leaders in District 7, District 8 and District 11 closer together. Thanks to the leadership of Daniel Homsey and the Neighborhood Empowerment Network, linking neighborhood groups together, we have formed a strong network of community resiliency, sharing our thoughts

and ideas with one another. Also, our monthly Community Police Advisory Board at Taraval Station has kept us informed regarding crime statistics and crime safety initiatives. Furthermore, through the Community Living Campaign and our MET Community Connectors program Zoom has offered daily on line classes linked with Zoom.

Overall, Zoom has provided direct communication in a meaningful meeting setting from within our own individual environments during a very difficult period of human existence. Zoom, as well as other on-line services, has gone from a suitable product for businesses to serving a myriad of vital connections.

How this connection will continue once we leave the Covid-19 period remains to be seen. It is certain that this form of video conferencing will continue to serve many entities in the future.

Earlier this year Zoom held a digital "Work Transformation Summit" for clients and journalists. Zoom is interested in exploring the future of how people work. Eric S. Yuan, Zoom founder stated, "Work is no longer a place, but (rather) a space."

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**May 10th METNA Meeting will be in person at 640 Palmetto-see page 1**

### SPEED BUMP INSTALLED ON PALMETTO

The 600 block of Palmetto, a one-way street heading west from St. Charles to Chester, received a speed bump on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Neighborhood residents on the 600 block of Palmetto requested the speed bump.

### ORIGINAL EXTREME PIZZA OWNERS RETURN

Jackie and Betty Gan, the original owners of Extreme Pizza from October, 2004 to February, 2020, have repurchased the franchise at OceanView Village. As of late April, 2022 they have reopened with expanded hours, 11:00am to 10:00pm daily, with their same top quality pizzas, "monster subs," and garden fresh salads.

Located at 3911 Alemany Blvd., Suite #1001, at the eastern end of OceanView Village, they can be reached at 415-661-9300, or 650-992-9800. Plan to visit and support our local businesses.

### H-MART TO EXPAND INTO 24-HOUR FITNESS SPACE

Hmart plans to expand its footprint at OceanView Village by taking over and renovating the vacant space left by 24-Hour Fitness. The space needs to go through a formula retail process with planning before expansion can take place. Possible uses of the expanded space may include a larger retail space, expansion of the food court, plus more storage space. No timeline has been given.

### 7 LEAVES CAFÉ IS COMING TO OVV

7 Leaves Café is moving into OceanView Village at the site of the former XM Global Express space, next to Hmart. 7 Leaves Café is working with the City Planning Department on the retail formula process, with their next meeting scheduled for May 16.

Alex Anderman of 7 Leaves Café states, "We are excited to open our latest store at OceanView Village and look forward to joining the community. Coffee, Tea, and Goodness are the very essence of what we serve."

There is no timeframe yet for their opening. Once opened the café hours will be 7:00am to 10:00pm, daily.

### BROTHERHOOD WAY CLEANUP

On Saturday, April 9th, 16 METNA members along with 8 community volunteers and members of Public Works, raised the tree canopy on the south side of Brotherhood Way from Junipero Serra to the Alemany-Sagamore intersection.

Along with tree trimming, low growing shrubs were cut back and trash removed. METNA wishes to thank Public Works and the many volunteers who participated in the clean-up project on District 7 Neighborhood Beautification Day.

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"Because the new Congressional District Line drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission cut through a number of existing precincts (including Precinct 9756), we were forced to split many precincts in the area. We did not create any new precincts, but instead absorbed the area into neighboring precincts on the correct side of the new district lines".

The Senate District 11, finalized on December 20, 2021, places all of San Francisco and the majority of Daly City, and the western portion of South San Francisco within its boundaries. The western portion of San Francisco is in Assembly District 19 while the eastern portion is in Assembly District 17, also completed on December 20, 2021.

Prior to May 2022 the local San

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Junipero Serra Blvd. and go east on Holloway Avenue to Byxbee Street. The line would then travel south on Byxbee Street to Sargent Street (also connecting to the Randolph Substation), east on Sargent St. to Arch Street, then south on Arch St. to Brotherhood Way.

It would then go east on Brotherhood Way to Alemany Blvd. (also connecting to the Plymouth Substation) and continuing north-east on Alemany Blvd. to Geneva Avenue. At Geneva Ave. it would travel east to the Martin Substation at Bayshore Blvd., in Brisbane. Yes, there is also Gas Transmission Line #109 on Alemany Blvd.

The work would also require severance west of Junipero Serra, along the San Francisco-San Mateo County line, in and around the Olympic Club. There would also be work done on Potrero Hill to the north-east.

The work on the new distribution lines would require either overhead lines or underground lines within duct banks. Undergrounding would require a trench 4.5 feet wide and 5 feet deep.

The project is called the PG&E Power Asset Acquisition Project (Case No. 2019-017272ENV) which began in the planning stages in 2019. According to the Planning Department findings "This project could not have a significant effect on the environment."

While the project is in the planning stages, PG&E has yet to agree on selling its electrical grid to the SFPUC. The cost of such a purchase will have to be determined by both parties if the plan is implemented.

For further information, including timelines for the project to move forward, contact Sue Chau at the SFPUC (415-554-3238) or SF Planning staff lead, Julie Moore (628-652-7566) and info at: CPE.PGEPowerAssetMND@sfgov.org.

**PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROJECT FOR THE MET**

METNA president Marc Christensen has submitted a District 7 Participatory Budget Project to place a 24-hour Surveillance Camera on the west side median on Alemany Blvd. at St. Charles. The camera will focus only on the Alemany/St. Charles/Palmetto intersection and **not** on any private property.

The camera will focus on pedestrians and bicyclists safety in the intersection, as well as capturing any illegal activity such as "side shows," illegal dumping, and any vehicle break-ins. The project is supported by residents living near the intersection, as well as by OceanView Village retail ownership, Captain of the Taraval Police Station, plus the Taraval Community Police Advisory Board, and SF SAFE. The priority areas are for public safety and Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety.

If the project passes the preliminary review then all D7 residents will be able to vote for the project along with other proposals from June 13 to June 27. A minimum of 400 votes are needed for any project to be funded. METNA will need your voting support. METNA will put out a notice to all residents if the project goes on the D7 ballot.

Francisco Redistricting Task Force will complete its portion of the redistricting and finalize new Supervisorial District Lines for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

The METNA Executive Board officers requested to remain in District 7, as some individuals outside the MET suggested that we return to District 11 (where the MET was prior to 2002). It is important for the MET to remain in tact for the Supervisorial District to better align and coordinate legislative and neighborhood projects.

In 2032 if and when Parkmerced, San Francisco State University, Stonestown, and the Balboa Reservoir Projects are underway or completed, then most likely that population-wise the MET will return to Supervisorial District 11.

**CRIME WATCH****DOGNAPPINGS ON THE RISE: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR DOG**

When walking your dog it is important to practice vigilance. Walk in well lit areas that you consider safe and familiar and always be aware of your surroundings. Additional tips are:

\*Have a micro-chip implanted in your pet. A GPS tag attached to a dog's collar can also help locate a stolen pet.

\*Walk your dog with other dog walkers when possible (there is safety in numbers).

\*Walk on a sidewalk in the opposite direction of traffic, whenever possible, (eg. on the north side of sidewalk, traveling east, when vehicles are vehicles are traveling west). It is more difficult for a vehicle to back up.

\*Try not to be alone when visiting a dog park.

\*If confronted, give up your pet so that you are not seriously hurt.

\*Then, get a good description of the dognapper(s) clothing, including shoes and a description of the vehicle, if possible.

\*Call 911 immediately and give a detailed account of where, when, and description of your dog. A photo of your dog is very helpful.

\*Meet police officer(s) in a safe environment to give details and make the report.

\*Contact your insurance carrier.

\*People without a dog can be helpful by keeping your eyes on dog walkers when you are outside. Call 911 to report suspicious activity or a dog napping in progress.

**METNA REMINDER****DO NOT SET OFF FIREWORKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

METNA residents are being warned by the San Francisco Fire Department and the San Francisco Police Department that it is illegal to store and set off fireworks on private or public spaces in San Francisco. Last year (and previous years) around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, several neighbors set off fireworks upsetting many of their neighbors. Many neighbors who have small children and pets are disturbed by the sound and sight of fireworks. Fireworks at times cannot be controlled and may cause an unwanted fire on neighboring property. Anyone setting off any type of firework or projectile is ultimately responsible for the outcome of their actions.

San Francisco has several firework displays that residents can observe from a safe distance. SFPD encourages residents to report anyone storing fireworks or setting off fireworks at any time. Call 9-1-1 to report any firework violations.

Above all, be respectful of your neighbors and enjoy a safe Independence Day.