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Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission  
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C/O: Long Beach City Clerk

Greetings,

First, I would like to extend much-deserved appreciation to the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and your efforts towards drawing equitable district lines to achieve fair representation for the people of Long Beach. This task speaks to the very foundation of our democracy and seeks to empower residents within your districts. A truly patriotic undertaking.

Second, a brief introduction is in order. My name is Derric Taylor, a Commissioner on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission along with my colleague Commissioner Isra Ahmad. Together, we are charged with facilitating outreach efforts related to redistricting matters on a State level to Los Angeles County, the full commission has a broader purview of ensuring outreach to the entire State. As we are sure you are aware, redistricting occurs on multiple scales within similar timeframes throughout the State. Because we have a similar mission, we thought it prudent to reach out to our redistricting partners in order to be most effective in your city within Los Angeles County.

We believe the redistricting commissions that are in existence, specifically the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission, are bound together by their shared purpose. Commissioner Ahmad and I believe the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission can work together to ensure that each commission's purpose is achieved. During these upcoming months especially, our commissions will be working to spread the word and activate the population to participate in the redistricting process, and we hold that it may be mutually beneficial for both of our commissions to work in concert.

Commissioner Ahmad and I welcome the opportunity to have a conversation, work together in messaging and purpose, and support our mutual effort to further the value of the redistricting process to achieve maximum participation from Californians. We hope this correspondence is welcomed and the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission agrees with our premise. We anticipate being of use and value to your commission and look forward to all responses. Please feel free to contact either of us at the below-indicated information.

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Yours in Service,

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