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CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
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RECOMMENDATION:

Transmit to the City Council the 2010 Census population totals by City Council District for use in the Councilmanic Redistricting process. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Section 103 of the Long Beach City Charter reads in part:

Commencing the second quarter of 1981 and at intervals of five (5) years, or at any other time the City Council may direct, the Planning Commission shall ascertain the number of inhabitants in each Councilmanic District and report its finding to the City Council. If the report shows that the Councilmanic Districts are not approximately equal in number of inhabitants, the City Council shall, by ordinance, redistrict the City into nine (9) Councilmanic Districts, each having approximately an equal number of inhabitants.

The City Manager's Office of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives is coordinating the preparation and processing of Census 2010 census data to be used in the 2011 Councilmanic Redistricting process. The Planning Commission has the role of reviewing the population figures by City Council District and forwarding that information to the City Council.

The City Council will use this data to determine if there is a significant imbalance between Council District populations, which would trigger the need to redistrict. The Council District ideal population (citywide population divided by nine) and percent difference from ideal population will be key factors in making this determination. District populations that are more than +/- 5 percent from the ideal population would be considered first for District boundary changes to bring their population totals within the +/- 5 percent threshold.

As shown in the table below, Long Beach's population increased by only 0.2 percent between 2000 and 2010, according to the 2010 Census data. Population change varied by Council District, with five districts increasing and four decreasing in inhabitants recorded by the Census. The largest increase was 2.6 percent in the 8th District and the largest decrease was -3.3 percent in the 1st District.

April 1, 2010 Population by Councilmanic District

Council District	2000 Population	2010 Population	00-10 Change	# Difference from Ideal Population	% Difference from Ideal Population
1	49,979	48,314	-3.3%	3,048	-5.9%
2	53,536	52,341	-2.2%	-979	1.9%
3	51,089	52,320	2.4%	-958	1.9%
4	52,198	51,456	-1.4%	-94	0.2%
5	49,129	49,852	1.5%	1,510	-2.9%
6	49,492	48,206	-2.6%	3,156	-6.1%
7	49,681	50,597	1.8%	765	-1.5%
8	52,684	54,075	2.6%	-2,713	5.3%
9	53,734	55,096	2.5%	-3,734	7.3%
Citywide	461,522	462,257	0.2%		

Ideal Population 51,280 **51,362**
 (Citywide Population
 divided by 9)

To fulfill its City Charter-mandated role in the Councilmanic Redistricting process, the Planning Commission is requested to transmit to the City Council the updated Council District populations based on the 2010 Census data.

Respectfully submitted,



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