

eComments Report for Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda of July 21, 2021

Item	Name	E-mail	Address	Comment	Received
<p>3. (21-072RC) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the 2021 City of Long Beach redistricting process, requirements, timeline, and schedule; and</p> <p>Receive and file testimony from members of the public on Communities of Interest, a connected population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single City Council district, with a focus on Council District 6.</p>	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Although the U.S. has at least 320,000 Cambodian-American citizens, they are not historically concentrated or politically organized like Chinese or Korean populations. But here in Long Beach, we are home to the largest and oldest Cambodian community in the country with at least 20,000 people. Rather than dilute their political influence by slicing their neighborhoods into distinct city council districts, we should spotlight their unique contributions to our city and acknowledge their unique history and perspective. They are one of the most identifiable communities of interest within our city. District 6 should center around Cambodia Town and seek to empower those families.	7/17/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		It's not widely known, but Long Beach actually has more residents born in the Philippines than in Cambodia. Part of this is their lack of political organization. The West Side of Long Beach has always been sliced across 4 different city council districts. Despite being routinely labeled "Asthma Alley" and a "Diesel Death Zone", the people who live along the 710 carry on as minorities in their own city council districts. Little Manila should be unified as a single city council district representing the hardworking people of West Long Beach. Stop diluting the West Side's voice by joining it with other neighborhoods east of the LA River. They deserve a single political representative to address the unique problems and opportunities West of the LA River.	7/17/2021