

eComments Report for Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda of September 22, 2021

Item	Name	E-mail	Address	Comment	Received
1. (21-110RC) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.	Laura Sellmer	laurasellmer@gmail.com		Agenda Item 3, during the Sept 8 meeting, the PowerPoint on page 9, had inaccurate and misleading information. The slide was presented by Mr Mitchell of Redistricting Partners. The City Charter is very clear, in Section 2506, that the Commission has three (3) requirements and eight (8) prioritized criteria to use when drawing district boundaries. It is essential for the Commission to understand the difference between the 'requirements' and 'criteria.' Mr. Mitchell did not distinguish between them. In Section 2502 of the City Charter makes a clear provision in its instruction: "Commission shall explain the rationale for the Council district boundaries, including, at a minimum, an explanation of how the final map complies with the redistricting requirements and criteria in Section 2506 of this Charter and a reasonable justification for any Council district boundary that does not comply with any redistricting criterion." It is my hope the Commission will follow the Charter.	9/20/2021
3. (21-107RC) Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Draft Plan Selection to Final Adoption Schedule.	Corliss Lee	corlisslee@aol.com		There are 2 attachments that appear to be identical	9/21/2021
4. (21-112RC) Recommendation to receive and file a report on redistricting criteria relating to census blocks.	Laura Sellmer	laurasellmer@gmail.com		I respectfully request the Commission to ensure public comments is scheduled after the "report" is given to the Commission. This report has not been made available to the community, in any language, for any review prior to the time Agenda Item 4 is heard. Census Blocks area very important to the public. For months now, at every Commission meeting, Redistricting Partners has been misleading you, and the community using Maptitude, about Census Blocks. Mr. Mitchell has been telling the Commission that you cannot draw boundaries that do not conform to census blocks. This is patently false and misleading. In Section 2502, the City Charter provides the Commission with the ability to draw boundaries that do not follow the criteria in Section 2506 such as Census Blocks. The Charter is clear that you include a reasonable justification for not conforming to a criteria in Section 2506. Redistricting Partners has failed to tell you about this provision in the Charter.	9/22/2021
4. (21-112RC) Recommendation to receive and file a report on redistricting criteria relating to census blocks.	Corliss Lee	corlisslee@aol.com		There is no staff report or attachment available with this agenda item. Please post the presentation asap so attendees have a chance to study the information before commenting. If you cannot do that, the public should be allowed to hear the presentation before being called on to comment on this line item.	9/21/2021