

City of Long Beach COI Summary

The document is a summary of all of the Community of Interest testimony that has been received during public meetings or sent to the Commission from June 2nd to September 8th 2021.

Legend

- Agenda Attachment: letter, email, e comment, presentation or COI survey form attached to the meeting minutes
- Public Comment: comments given during the meeting either in person or virtually
- “quote”: direct quote from a member of the public

June 2nd District 1

Public Comments

1. No public comments from the public

June 23rd District 2

Agenda Attachments

1. Public Comment Correspondence: From Common Cause regarding the city attorneys’ comments on the use of existing lines as a starting point for the commission.
2. Public Comment Correspondence: Equity for Cambodians regarding the use of existing lines as a starting point for the commission.
3. Public Comment Correspondence: Regarding District 2 and the newly AOC7 neighborhood.

Public Comment

1. Concerned with the pollution from the port of Long Beach also referred to as “the kill zone”
2. California Common Cause: spoke about commissions public access and participation regarding the agendas and Long Beach Redistricting website.

July 7th District 3

Agenda Attachments

1. From Common Cause regarding the use of existing lines as a starting point for the commission.

Public Comments

2. Concern with the mapping tool and would like for the public to submit a paper map.
3. Would like for Block Park to be kept whole
4. Contiguity. Want to have districts be contiguous
5. Alameda Heights Neighborhood. Wants to start with existing boundary lines.
6. Question about meeting minutes and notes.

7. Would like more information on the mapping tool
8. Long Beach Emergency Assistant Organization Interested in seeing maps submitted by the public online and paper maps
9. Asks about a clarification on Census data and Census blocks.

July 14th District 7

Agenda Attachments

1. Community of Interest Survey. Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group-California Heights. They are in the Long Beach Airport flight path and would like to see District 7 expanded to join the airport boundary.
2. Email. Wrigley Alliance. The Historic Wrigley Community would like to be kept together.
3. Email. Would like for the neighborhoods in the March 2015 map to be preserved. They would also like the commission to review the “whale with a tail”.

Public Comments

1. Mentioned the lack of turnout in the meetings and spoke about potentially providing childcare at the meetings. Would like the commission to be objective and not listen to politics.
2. Concerned about resident involvement when the links and dates that are publicized are incorrect. Also concerned about the mapping tool. Would like for information on the redistricting process to be accessible and clear.
3. California Common Cause. Appreciate the hybrid meeting. Asked to add additional meetings due to low turnout in the first few meetings.
 1. Outreach. Would like for more outreach to be done.
 2. Mapping tool is a little confusing. Confused about dates and materials that are being published.
 3. Meeting dates. Praise for the commission for doing their work
 4. Mentioned mic error during the July 7th meeting. Would also like to see the meeting locations for the upcoming meetings

July 21st District 6

Agenda Attachments

1. A 26-page paper from the Equitable Redistricting for the Cambodian Community asking the commission to keep the Cambodian community together. The paper includes a letter from 2018, maps, data, and a letter from Mayor Robert Garcia supporting the Cambodian community’s efforts to unify into one council district.
2. E comment: “District 6 should center around Cambodia Town and seek to empower those families”.
3. E comment: “Little Manila should be unified in one district.” Also mentioned the West side of LB otherwise known as “Asthma Alley” and “Diesel Death Zone” should have more representation.

Public Comments

1. Historic African American Community. Blacks have been a part of the community. Speaker mentioned redlining and real estate and that there is a higher Black population in D6.

2. Equity for Cambodians. Cambodian Community. Spoke on the historical division between 4 council districts 1,2,4 and 6. Believe D6 is large enough to accommodate all Cambodians.
3. Equity for Cambodians. Mentioned that in 2010 there was an option to put Cambodians in one district but the final districts split the community in 4. Worked to create the LB commission. Asked to not use existing boundaries and to keep Cambodian community together.
4. Cambodian Community. Ask to keep Cambodian community together and to not use existing boundaries.
5. Cambodian Community. Asks to keep Cambodian community together and to not split other groups.
6. Co-chair Equity for Cambodians. LB has the largest Cambodian population in the nation. They ask to be kept in one central Cambodian district. Also asks to not use the existing districts.
7. Consider the Filipino community when drawing districts. Also stands in solidarity with Black and Cambodian Community.
8. Asks to preserve culture and COIs in the redistricting process.
9. Cambodian Community. Asks to keep Cambodian community in one district.
10. Cambodian Community. Spoke that the Cambodian Community never intended to come to the US but was forced to be here to stay alive. Also asked to keep the Cambodian Community in one district.
11. Co-founder of LA rethinking LB. Asks to keep the Cambodian Community together and to not use the existing lines. Said if you use the existing boundaries you will end up with the same problem of dividing COIs.
12. Cambodian Community. Asks to keep the Cambodian Community in one district. Also said that not all districts are created and funded equally.
13. Asks to keep the Cambodian Community in one district and to see the historic maps from 1986-2011
14. Chair Los Altos Neighborhood. Support Cambodian communities desire to remain in one district.
15. Resident of South Wrigley Neighborhood. Hard to hear commissioners on online platform. Communities of color have experienced redlining and long-standing inequity in the city. Would like the commissioners to look at air quality, pollution and life expectancy based on air quality.
16. West Side resident. Would like more amenities in the West Side of Long Beach.
17. Common Cause. Concerned with the legal memo and the attorney's explanation of the charter. Would like to keep communities whole and focus on what the 2020 data will tell the commission.
18. Supporter of Khmer community. Would like for Cambodian population to remain together. Would like the commission to look at real estate maps and redlining maps.
19. Would like core of districts and COIs to be kept whole.
20. Equity for Cambodians. Address issue of commission independence as a body. The Commission shall be independent of the mayor and city council control. Preserving cores of existing districts is not in the Measure DDD charter.
21. LB BAR foundation. Would like to partner with the Commission.

July 28th District 8

Agenda Attachments

1. Email. Long Beach Accountability Action Group. Sent a screenshot showing their Community of Interest.
2. Email. Would like the commission to consider “including all of Los Cerritos in one council district vs part in 7 and 8.”
3. Email with maps attached. Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group. Attached a map of the Long Beach Airport Noise footprint and another map proposing a portion of the airport to include districts 4 and 7.
4. Email. Airport Adjacent Neighborhood. The letter addressed the following: noise abatement, Globemaster area, southside of the airport, El Dorado Park, and neighborhoods. The letter also has a list of neighborhoods and maps attached.
5. Map of the 1986 Council Redistricting
6. Aerial map and map with 2011 council districts
7. “Don’t Break Bixby Knolls” postcard from 2011 with Mayor and Council members contact information

Public Comments

1. President of Los Cerritos NH Association. Would like for the Los Cerritos neighborhood to be placed in a single district.
2. Airport Adjacent Neighborhood Group. Would like Commission to review and consider the airport noise map.
3. Los Cerritos NH Association. Would like to have Los Cerritos in one district.
4. Airport. Would like for the airport to be split amongst district 4, 5 and 7. Would also like to use the existing districts as a footprint.
5. Los Altos and airport adjacent neighborhood group. Would like for District 4 to have a part of the airport.
6. El Dorado Park and Airport Adjacent Neighborhood group. Would like the commission to consider the AANG group maps. Would like for the airport to be a shared assets among many districts.
7. Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods. District 5 is not impacted by the airport. Would like for the census blocks to be split so impacted areas can have a piece of the airport in their district.
8. South of Bixby. Spoke about the airport.
9. Bixby Knolls. Would like the flight path to be considered as a COI.
10. Airport. Would like the airport to be split into multiple census blocks to allow for it to be in multiple districts.
11. Would like representation for the airport, Cambodian community, and central LB. Also noted that the West side is most impacted by air pollution and the ports.
12. Would like to know how to access the paper maps.
13. Spoke about the neighborhood layer. Specifically, Los Altos and Pale Verde. Referenced Real Estate neighborhood names.
14. Gave the Commission a postcard from 2011 about Bixby Knolls.
15. Neighborhood Map. Noted that some neighborhoods were not named correctly.

16. Airport. Would like the airport to be split into multiple census blocks to allow for it to be in multiple districts.

August 4 District 5

Agenda Attachments

1. Letter and three maps. Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group. The letter asks the commission to split the airport into multiple census blocks.
2. Presentation. Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group the presentation asks the commission to split the airport into multiple census blocks
3. Letter with Voter Registration data tables. The letter asks the commission to consider voters in the redistricting process
4. E comment: Ask to unify the West Side into a single district. Specifically referenced Little Manila and the “diesel death zone” and “asthma alley”. Also asked to unify Cambodia Town in a single district.

Public Comments

1. Mentioned the NH file and how Redistricting Partners split a few Neighborhoods to comply with not splitting any blocks.
2. Tried to review minutes from the last meeting and was not able to access them. Spoke about a potential Brown Act Violation.
3. Realtor. Would like to have shared amenities in districts. Also, would like for the Airport to be in multiple districts
4. Would like more police presence on the East Side.
5. Airport Adjacent Group. Would like to split the airport into multiple census blocks.
6. Concerned with the number of voters in each district.
7. Lakewood Village. Would like for District 5 to have a stronger voice and for District 7 to have some portions of the airport.
8. Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association. Would like to remain in their current district and would like to keep the airport in district 5.
9. Gave a history on the airport and the HUSH ordinance. Would like to split the airport into multiple districts.
10. Los Altos Neighborhood. Spoke about the Whale Tale and the importance of CSULB.
11. Spoke about a parking problem near the university and a desire to see an updated neighborhood map.
12. El Dorado Park South. Spoke about a powerline easement.
13. Equality California LGBTQIA+ community. Would like to keep the queer community in D5, El Dorado Park and near 405 together.
14. Spoke about Census blocks and if a block with no people can be split?
15. Having an issue with the mapping tool. Would like to see voters in the mapping tool.
16. Los Altos Neighborhood. Would like to update Neighborhood map.
17. Spoke about the neighborhood file and real estate neighborhood lines
18. Spoke about mapping tool and would like more tutorials on how to use it.

August 11th District 9

Agenda Attachments

1. Email: El Dorado Park South Neighborhood.
2. Email: The email requests “that each Historic District recognized by the city be considered a Community of Interest (there are at least 16 of them)”
3. Map of the Los Altos Neighborhood and CSULB
4. Map of Los Altos Neighborhood and CSULB
5. Maps of Council 9 neighborhoods and historic Long Beach City maps
6. Screenshot of Maptitude: The screenshot shows the “Los Altos X-100 neighborhood”

Public Comments

1. Hamilton Neighborhood. Diverse community that is working with agencies to improve their infrastructure. North LB neighborhood alliance.
2. Pomona Park. Would like for LB to be at large.
3. 9th District. Neighborhood Associations. Would like to keep South Street as boundary.
4. Hamilton Neighborhood. Would like to keep the 9th District the same.
5. Dolores Park. Non-Profit Neighborhood Association. North Long Beach Community. Wants South Street to be the border. Want to keep the current border of the 9th District.
6. Would like to keep the 9th District the same. College Square Neighborhood Association.
7. Neighborhood Association. Would like for D9 boundaries to remain the same.
8. Grant Neighborhood. Concerned about a Census undercount.
9. Los Altos and CSULB. Speaking about CSULB dorms.
10. Los Altos/CSULB neighborhood. Speaking about parking and student population. Would like for District 4 to have some of CSULB.
11. Would like to expand District 9.
12. District 9. Romano Park is important to District 9.
13. Hamilton Neighborhood. Would like to see the Census data on the mapping tool.
14. Grant Neighborhood. Would like to keep historic district in District 9. Would also like to keep Michelle Obama library in the district.
15. Would like to keep District 9 together.
16. Would like the immigrant community to be represented
17. Airport Adjacent Community. Would like the commission to look into census blocks without population and if they can split census blocks. Would like if the neighborhood map could be updated.
18. Would like to keep District 9 together
19. Would like more shopping centers in District 9.
20. Los Altos neighborhood
21. Palo Verde Neighborhood. Like the commission to review the neighborhood map.

August 18th District 4

Agenda Attachments

1. Emails. 86 pages of emails.
2. Letter. Community of Interest Statement. Los Alto, Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods and CSULB
3. Long Beach Municipal code with sections on the Redistricting criteria highlighted
4. Letter and two maps: The letter and maps ask the Commission to split the airport into multiple census blocks

Public Comments

1. Like the Neighborhood map to be modified and not have Palo Verde
2. Los Altos neighborhood would like to remain in the 4th district
3. Los Altos. Involved with CSULB and the Puvunga site. Also concerned with the airport landing area.
4. Would like to redistrict Puvunga into District 4.
5. Keep District 4 the same
6. Would ask the boundary change to include Puvunga site. Can't draw a circle around the Native American community, makes it challenging to protect sacred sites.
7. Lives in Los Altos a ¼ mile from the college. Does not want to be in District 3. Mentioned Palo Verde is a street not a neighborhood.
8. Los Altos. Would like to keep districts contiguous. Would like Puvunga to be preserved. Mentioned Airport and living under the flight path.
9. Airport Adjacent Neighborhood Group. Would like to split census blocks to divide the airport into multiple districts. Gave an example of blocks that have been split.
10. Long Beach Municipal Code. Spoke about Census blocks and highlighted areas of the municipal code.
11. Los Altos submitted a COI map and paper
12. X100 Neighborhood otherwise known as Los Altos. Mentioned police divisions and El Dorado Park.
13. Had a question on the 10% total plan deviation requirement.
14. Los Amigos de Long Beach. Asking for proportional representation for Latinos in Long Beach. Latinos have the largest ethnic group in Long Beach at 42.6%. Disproportioned representation of People of Color is unacceptable.
15. Commentor does want to have People of Color represented and would like the commission to know that District 4 has elected someone who was part Native American
16. Comment about not getting a response from the redistricting email
17. Would like to see all 9 districts equally proportioned.

September 8th Citywide Outreach

Agenda Attachments

1. Email: "There is no such neighborhood as 'Palo Verde'"
2. 68 page: Maps, Presentations and letters: COI maps submitted via mapping software, presentation from Greater Bixby Knolls, letter from Los Cerritos, testimony from Wrigley Neighborhood, and COI from the Airport Adjacent Neighborhood,
3. Long Beach Municipal code with sections highlighted
4. Long Beach Municipal code with sections highlighted

Public Comments

1. Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association request that Los Cerritos remains in a single district and would like to be in the 8th district.
2. Los Altos Center Adjacent Neighborhood between the Airport and Long Beach and would like the airport census blocks to be split and to split CSULB so a portion of the school can be in the same district as Los Altos.
3. Airport Adjacent Neighborhood Group would like the airport to be split into multiple census blocks to allow for multiple districts to have a portion of the airport.
4. Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance. The board is currently split into 2 districts. Would like to be combined with West Long Beach to create a new District 7
5. Long Beach Reform Coalition. United Bixby Knolls is a clearly defined community. Located in the flight path. Would like to reunite the Bixby Neighborhood in one district.
6. Collective Black Long Beach. Movement of Black Community in Long Beach was due to racism. Would like for the Black community to be in one district.
7. Equity for Cambodians asks to keep the Cambodian Community in one district
8. Los Altos, district 4. Issues: Airport noise pollution, Cal state student parking and littering. Representing friends of Puvunga. Include Cal State Long Beach and Puvunga historical site in district 4.
9. Friends of Puvunga. Puvunga is oldest community in Long Beach. Preserve the historical site.
10. District 7. Include globe master corridor business park. Submitted a map to staff. Currently part of district 5, but the only way to get to it is through district 7.
11. District 8. 710 freeway neighborhoods should be united in 7th district. Los Cerritos division should be reunited. Airport neighborhoods group. Globemaster plan should be in 7th district.
12. Issues with Maptitude
13. Friends of Puvunga – Puvunga village national registered historic site – key landmark. Includes Los Altos neighborhood and CSULB campus.
14. District 4: Cambodian speaker. Neighborhood should not be with business area.
15. District 9: Collins neighborhood. Supports friends of Puvunga.
16. Los Altos should be in same district as CSU Long Beach/Puvunga
17. with Los Amigos de Long Beach. District 8. West Redondo Ave area – high Latino population. East Long Beach Latino pop underrepresented
18. Will send COI in writing
19. Keep waterfront tourism within current boundaries of district 2.
20. Keep downtown district lines the same

21. Downtown Long Beach hospitality community – keep district lines the same
22. District 6 and 1: need more resources – lowest income areas in the city. Keep these communities in mind
23. District 5. Airport adjacent neighborhoods group. Separate airport into districts 4, 5, and 7. Should be able to split census blocks in Maptitude.
24. Keep Long Beach downtown tourism area together.
25. Downtown Long Beach hospitality – keep district lines the same.
26. Long Beach hospitality – keep downtown lines the same
27. CSU Long Beach should be in district 4. Puvunga as well.
28. Visitors bureau. Keep lines the same, benefits the tourism industry.
29. Hospitality – keep downtown district lines the same
30. Keep district lines the same downtown
31. District 2 – Bixby Park. LGBT community – keep Bixby Park together, keep district 2 the same
32. Hospitality. Keep downtown the same
33. Collins Neighborhood Assoc. – farthest northeast neighborhood. Keep neighborhood together.