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To: Independent Redistricting Commission

From: Kevin J. Jackson, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Redistricting Draft Map Selection Hearing

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On October 6, 2021, the Independent Redistricting Commission (Commission) provided direction to Redistricting Partners (Consultant) and City staff to draw City Council district maps that reflect the priorities of the Commission. In addition, members of the public have submitted draft maps for consideration by Commission using the publicly available mapping tools.

On October 13, 2021, the Commission and the public were provided a binder that contains both Consultant drawn draft maps based on Commission priorities and public draft map submissions. All proposed draft maps (“draft maps”) are available on the City’s website at . From these draft maps, the Commission will select three (3) draft maps for final consideration on which the Commission will receive public testimony. The maps are available at: [www.longbeach.gov/redistricting/maps/submitted-maps/](http://www.longbeach.gov/redistricting/maps/submitted-maps/). From these draft maps, the Commission will select three (3) draft maps for final consideration on which the Commission will receive public testimony.

### **Draft Map Selection Process**

Commissioners will identify draft maps they would like to either adopt as a draft map or amend to adopt as a draft map with specific changes.

To facilitate the selection of draft maps for final consideration, the Commission will conduct a nomination process. Any draft map that receives three (3) nominations from Commissioners from different Council districts will be placed in a queue for further discussion.

The draft map selection process will be as follows:

- 1) The Chair will open the agenda item and explain how the draft map selection process will be facilitated.
- 2) During a study session, the Consultant will provide a presentation on the draft maps drawn by the Consultant based on priorities communicated by the Commission.
- 3) The Commission will take public testimony on which draft maps should proceed to the Wednesday, October 27, 2021 Commission meeting.
- 4) The Chair will ask Commission members, not including alternates, which draft maps they would like to nominate for further consideration by the Commission. Draft maps to be considered by the Commission include any publicly submitted draft map or one of the draft maps drawn by the Consultant based on Commission priorities.



- 5) The nomination process will require a Commissioner nomination supported by at least two (2) other Commissioners from different Council districts, for a total of three (3) Commissioner votes. Commissioners may nominate more than one draft map and any draft maps that receive three (3) nominations from Commissioners from different Council districts will be placed in a queue for further discussion.
- 6) The Chair will begin the hearing portion of the agenda item in which the Chair will facilitate a discussion to determine which three (3) draft maps will move forward for further consideration. During the discussion, the Commission may request amendments to draft maps by the Consultant, which can be produced in advance of the next hearing. Any amendments to the draft maps must be made by motion and approved the Commission.

Consultants will be prepared to present on each of the nominated draft maps with information on the objective metrics and any Community of Interest testimony which was identified as a part of creating that draft map.

### **Communities of Interest Testimony (COI)**

The COI form submissions have been organized by current Council Districts to help navigate the submissions. Please note that residents will still have the opportunity to provide input to the Commission about their community until the final map is adopted. Also, Commissioners can review the videos of prior meetings on the Commission's website to view oral public testimony at <https://longbeach.gov/redistricting/agendas-meetings/>.

### **Additional Resources**

In addition to the COI documents, the [Redistricting Manual](#) and training documents, and the [video](#) of the presentation on Redistricting Fundamentals from the February 21, 2021, Commission meetings are available on the Redistricting website.

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