
Date: October 27, 2021

To: Independent Redistricting Commission

From: Kevin J. Jackson, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Redistricting Neighborhood Map

Per Section 2506 of the City Charter, the Independent Redistricting Commission (Commission) is required to consider the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and communities of interest in a manner that minimizes their division. To assist the Commission in identifying neighborhood boundaries, the City has compiled a neighborhood map from various sources for the Commission's reference which is attached to this memorandum.

Background

The City of Long Beach (City) does not have a set definition of neighborhoods. However, the City's Development Services Department (Development Services) has identified 85 geographical defined neighborhoods based on input from the community. The original map from Development Services (Attachment A) was based on input from the neighborhoods and only considers primarily residential areas. This neighborhood map and data was used as a starting point for the updated redistricting neighborhood map being provided to the Commission and is available online using DataLB, the City's public GeoSpatial & Open Data Portal for exploring, visualizing and downloading data that has been made publicly available.

As the map from Development Services relies on input from the community, only those communities that previously provided input are reflected in the neighborhood map from Development Services. For the purposes of redistricting, it is important for the neighborhood map used by the Commission to identify as many neighborhoods as possible throughout the entire city, and to assign all parts of the city to a particular neighborhood. Therefore, staff has revised the map to reflect the information from Community of Interest testimony received by the Commission, planning documents, tract maps, real estate maps, books, and other resources. This revised map is included as Attachment B to this memorandum.

Furthermore, to ensure an accurate analysis of the division of neighborhoods as redistricting maps are drawn, staff and Redistricting Partners (Consultant) resolved discrepancies between the neighborhood map and: (1) 2020 Census geographies and (2) other miscellaneous gaps and issues.

Updated Neighborhood Map for Redistricting

The neighborhood map was updated by the City Manager's Office and TI-GIS to (1) assign all portions of the city to a neighborhood, and (2) remove any unincorporated areas that were included in a neighborhood but are not a considered population in the City. Next, the



neighborhood map was provided to the Consultant to align neighborhood boundaries to the census blocks.

Since neighborhood boundaries and census block boundaries are made from different sources, there were areas of the city where census blocks transgressed multiple neighborhood boundaries. In these cases, a census block was assigned to a neighborhood to prevent the splitting of the block and to ensure the population within that block is accurately counted. This does not mean that a resident within that census block is no longer a part of their geographically defined neighborhood. Instead, it allows any redistricting analysis to include the population within the neighborhood rather than dividing a census block and risking an error in counting.

Also, it is important to remember that this map was created for the specific purpose of assisting in the redistricting process and to provide a single benchmark against which draft redistricting plans could be compared to determine how effectively they minimized neighborhood divisions. Since the map was created for that specific purpose, it is not meant to be the official or definitive City position with respect to the naming or boundaries of neighborhoods.

Redistricting Neighborhood Map Changes

The table below lists the changes reflected in the neighborhood map and includes the source of information. In addition, the table is categorized by community of interest testimony and staff research.

Neighborhood	Change	Source
Communities of Interest Testimony		
Palo Verde	The neighborhood has been removed from the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written and Oral Communities of Interest Testimony
Los Altos South	The eastern boundary has been adjusted from Palo Verde to N Studebaker Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written and Oral Communities of Interest Testimony• Long Beach: The City and its People by Bill Hillburg, author; Tim Grobaty, photo editor• Keller Williams Realty Online Map• Keller Williams Realty Broker Map
La Marina Estates	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written and Oral Communities of Interest Testimony• Keller Williams Realty Broker Map• Historic Newspaper Real Estate Ads• Tract Maps (TR0549-001, TR0549-004, TR0594-088)• Nextdoor
Nehyam	Name changed from Grant to Nehyam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written and Oral Community of Interest Testimony
El Dorado Park South	The southern boundary has been adjusted to Atherton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written Community of Interest Testimony• 2040 Land Use Element

	and the eastern side of N. Studebaker Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keller Williams Realty Online Map • Monument Sign located on Atherton St. and N. Studebaker Rd. • Nextdoor
South of Conant	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Community of Interest Testimony • Long Beach: The City and its People by Bill Hillburg, author; Tim Grobaty, photo editor • The List of Neighborhood Groups Directory • Keller Williams Realty Broker Map • Nextdoor
Staff Research		
Atherton South	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2040 Land Use Element • Keller Williams Realty Online Map • Nextdoor
Bixby Hill	The removal of the "Palo Verde" neighborhood creates a gap in the map where Sato Academy is located. The Bixby Hill eastern boundary has been shifted to the Los Cerritos Channel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Beach: The City and its People by Bill Hillburg, author; Tim Grobaty, photo editor • Tract Maps (TR0737-076, TR0747-046)
Alamitos Ridge	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2040 Land Use Element • Tract Maps (TR1346-065) • Planning Commission and City Council Hearings in 2004
Dorado	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning App 1510-19 – Conditionally Approved
Artcraft Manor	Added to the map in place of "Stearns Park" neighborhood. The northern boundary is adjusted to Willow St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tract Map (TR0255-040) • Keller Williams Realty Online Map • Keller Williams Realty Broker Map • The List of Neighborhood Groups Directory • Long Beach Post Articles • Independent (Long Beach) Article - June 11, 1943 • Nextdoor
Old Lakewood City	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nextdoor • Keller Williams Realty Broker Map • Proposed City of Lakewood and South Lakewood Site Plan

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Piecemeal Annexation: How they do it” found on City of Lakewood History Website
El Dorado West	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nextdoor
Plaza	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tract Maps (TR0432-041, TR0472-013) • Increment 102 Annexation Documents • Long Beach: The City and its People by Bill Hillburg, author; Tim Grobaty, photo editor • Keller Williams Realty Broker Map
Sunrise	Added to the map where the Sunrise Boulevard historic district is located.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunrise Boulevard Historic District • Long Beach: The City and its People by Bill Hillburg, author; Tim Grobaty, photo editor
Central	Boundaries have been redefined to Willow St., Long Beach Blvd., Anaheim St., Junipero Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2040 Land Use Element • The List of Neighborhood Groups Directory
Slips	Removed from the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP)
Belmont Mobile Estates	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEASP
Bayshore	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEASP
Bixby Riviera	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEASP
Whaler's Cove	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEASP
Windward Point	Added to the map.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEASP

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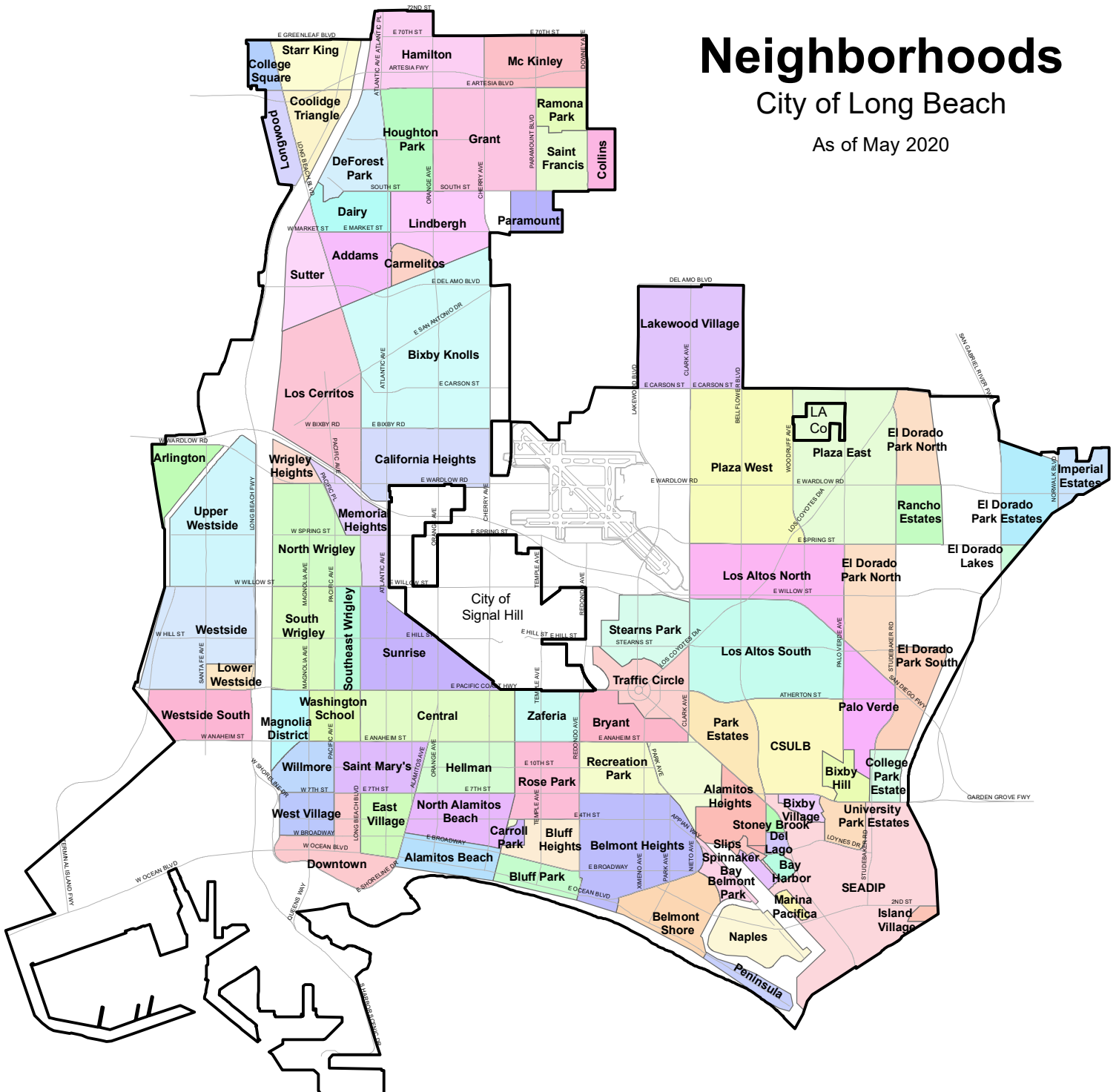
ATTACHMENT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD MAP – ATTACHMENT A
REDISTRICTING NEIGHBORHOOD MAP – ATTACHMENT B

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Attachment B

Redistricting Neighborhoods Map

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- Neighborhoods
- Parks/Golf Courses (Public & Private)
- Airport, Port Boundaries

SOURCES: Office of the City Manager, Redistricting Partners (October, 2021)

