

- 1.) Multiple districts for the port
- 2.) Keep our LGBTQIA+ together.

Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group (AANG) Community of Interest

REDISTRICTING ISSUES and the Redistricting Partners Draft Maps

GLOBE MASTER

Issue: The Globemaster property is the farthest west part of the 5th District on the other side of the airport, miles from 5th District residents. All the impacts are on the neighborhoods next to the industrial site. AANG COI asked that the Globemaster be reassigned to the council district west of the site. The Commissioners directed the staff to make maps with the Globemaster taken out of the 5th District.

Redistricting Partners DRAFT MAPS

Takes ONLY PART of the Globemaster site out of the 5th

- Map A 10% deviation
- Map A 5% deviation

Takes ALL of the Globemaster site out of the 5th:

- Map B 10% deviation
- Map B 5% deviation
- Map C 10% deviation
- Map C 5% deviation
- Map D 10% deviation
- Map D 5% deviation
- Map E 10% deviation
- Map E 5% deviation

AIRPORT

Issue: Neighborhoods most impacted by the Airport have no voice on the City Council regarding the airport. AANG COI asked that unoccupied parts of the Airport be reassigned to the council districts with neighborhoods impacted by the airport. The Commissioners directed the staff to make maps with the Airport divided between the 5th, 4th, 7th and 8th.

Redistricting Partners DRAFT MAPS

MAPS that divide the Airport between 5th, 4th, 7th, 8th

- None

MAPS that divide the Airport between ONLY the 5th and 4th

- Map A 10% deviation
- Map B 10% deviation
- Map C 10% deviation
- Map D 10% deviation
- Map E 10% deviation
- Map E 5% deviation

Differences between DRAFT MAPS for Airport

MAP A –10% deviation

- Does not include ALL of the UNOCCUPIED Globemaster industry in the 7th District (keeps part in the 5th) Airport North of Globemaster and South of Globemaster in remain in the 5th District
- Airport North of Globemaster and South of Globemaster in 5th District
- None of the Airport property is in the 7th or 8th District
- 4th District gets unoccupied part of the airport

MAP A – 5% deviation:

- All of the above EXCEPT 4th District has NO unoccupied part of the airport

MAP B –10% deviation

- ALL of the UNOCCUPIED Globemaster in the 8th
- Airport North of Globemaster and South of Globemaster in 5th District
- None of the Airport property is in the 7th or 8th District
- 4th District gets unoccupied part of the airport

MAP B – 5% deviation:

- All of the above EXCEPT 4th District has NO unoccupied part of the airport

MAP C –10% deviation

- ALL of the UNOCCUPIED Globemaster industry in the 7th District
- Airport North of Globemaster and South of Globemaster in 5th District
- None of the Airport property is in the 7th or 8th District
- 4th District gets unoccupied part of the airport

MAP C – 5% deviation:

- All of the above EXCEPT 4th District has NO unoccupied part of the airport

MAP D –10% deviation

- ALL of the UNOCCUPIED Globemaster industry in the 7th District
- Airport North of Globemaster and South of Globemaster in 5th District
- None of the Airport property is in the 7th or 8th District
- 4th District gets unoccupied part of the airport

MAP D – 5% deviation:

- All of the above EXCEPT 4th District has NO unoccupied part of the airport

MAP E –10% and 5% deviation

- ALL of the UNOCCUPIED Globemaster industry in the 8th District
- Airport North of Globemaster and South of Globemaster in 5th District
- None of the Airport property is in the 7th or 8th District
- 4th District gets unoccupied part of the airport

GREGORY JEFFERS
CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS – ARTISTS FOR HEALING AMERICA
COMMUNITY OF INTEREST REQUEST

October 20, 2021

Dear Commissioner Melody Osuna (alt),

On behalf of at least ten artists who reside in Long Beach, I would like to present a request for your consideration of a Community of Interest – East Village Arts District.

In early 2000's I lived at The Lafayette and made my premier art show at "A Futon Gallery" on 1st Street. I was approached by Casey Carver to represent the artists for the "East Village Arts Association". It was proposed that Long Beach have an Arts District, and it would be called just that. Somewhere along the way artists, who made the area what it is, were eliminated, not only from the name, but seemingly from the memory of those who have profited from our existence, and our work there.

Although there are still artists in the area, many of them, such as the world-renowned Raymundo Gardea, have had to leave do to skyrocketing rents, and lack of representation. The only art left of Mr. Gardea is the mural on Linden Ave, and one of the few remnants of the "Arts District" is a tiny little park on Elm.

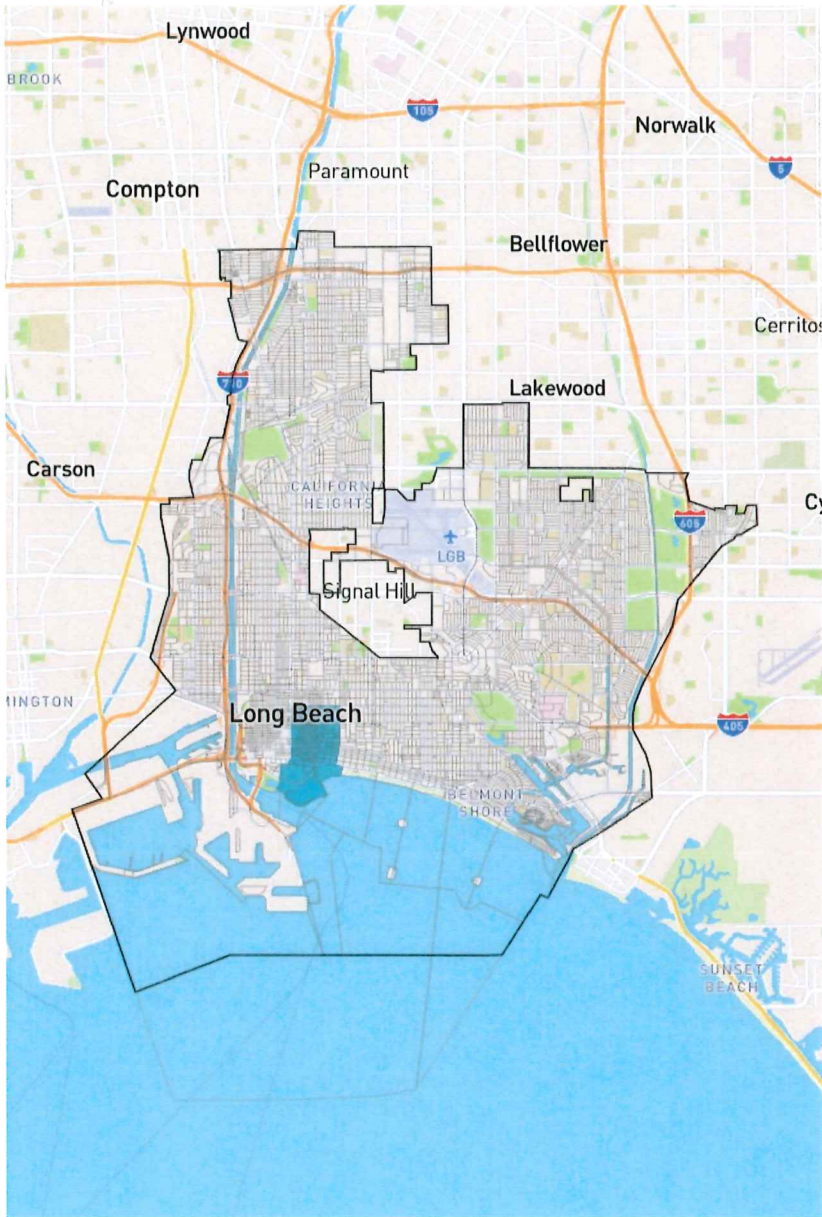
I implore you to bring the arts back to Long Beach. We need not only the Arts Council, but also a district. If not here in the East Village, then another location within the city limits which represents, and supports, through livable rent for housing and/or studios, and a community where artists can gather their creative energies and supply even more beauty to our great city.

Thank you for your time.

Gregory Jeffers

Host: "Creative Conversations – Artists for Healing America"





About redistricting

About the data

Save plan

Districtr homepage

New plan

Print / PDF

Export Districtr-JSON

Export COI plan as SHP

Export COI plan as GeoJSON

Export assignment as CSV (these units)

About import/export options

These details are updated automatically

▼ Important Places



October 20, 2021

Dear Commissioner Melody Osuna (alt),

First, I would like to thank you for your service to the City of Long Beach. I am sure that you were selected because in your heart and mind, you have what is best for the city and you know the decision you make here effects our city for the next decade.

I would like to point out some seemingly apparent flaws I have experienced so far. There were 10 plans which were submitted by September 21 which met only the guidelines of falling within 10% deviation. All of them broke up neighborhoods. None of the maps considered, prepared by the community (as requested and regulated) are considered here for selection.

I received a text, along with numerous other citizens on both Sept 23 and Sept 29 to join in the map-making process of redistricting. I am excited, honored, and proud to live in a city which fully immerses the community in decisions which they directly effect. I showed up for a workshop as soon as I could put it in my schedule, and I submitted a map of my own. I was very proud to have hit a 2.3% deviation. The only one flaw in my map was that it separates a bit of North Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos, however Bixby Knolls is already currently broken up into Districts 7 and 8, so didn't consider this a major flaw, with all due respect and apologies to the citizens of the Los Cerritos Neighborhood.

Plan A submitted, from my calculations breaks up Magnolia, Washington School, St. Mary's, Franklin, Hellman, Rose Park, Sunrise and Central neighborhoods.

Plan B is the best of the options of these plans

Plan C breaks up St Mary's, Hamilton, and Bixby Knolls neighborhoods.

Plan D breaks up St Mary's, Hellman, North Wrigley, South Wrigley, Upper West Side, Westside, and El Dorado Park South neighborhoods.

Plan E breaks up East Village, St Mary's, Hellman, Central, Washington School, Memorial Heights, Bixby Knolls, and Dairy.

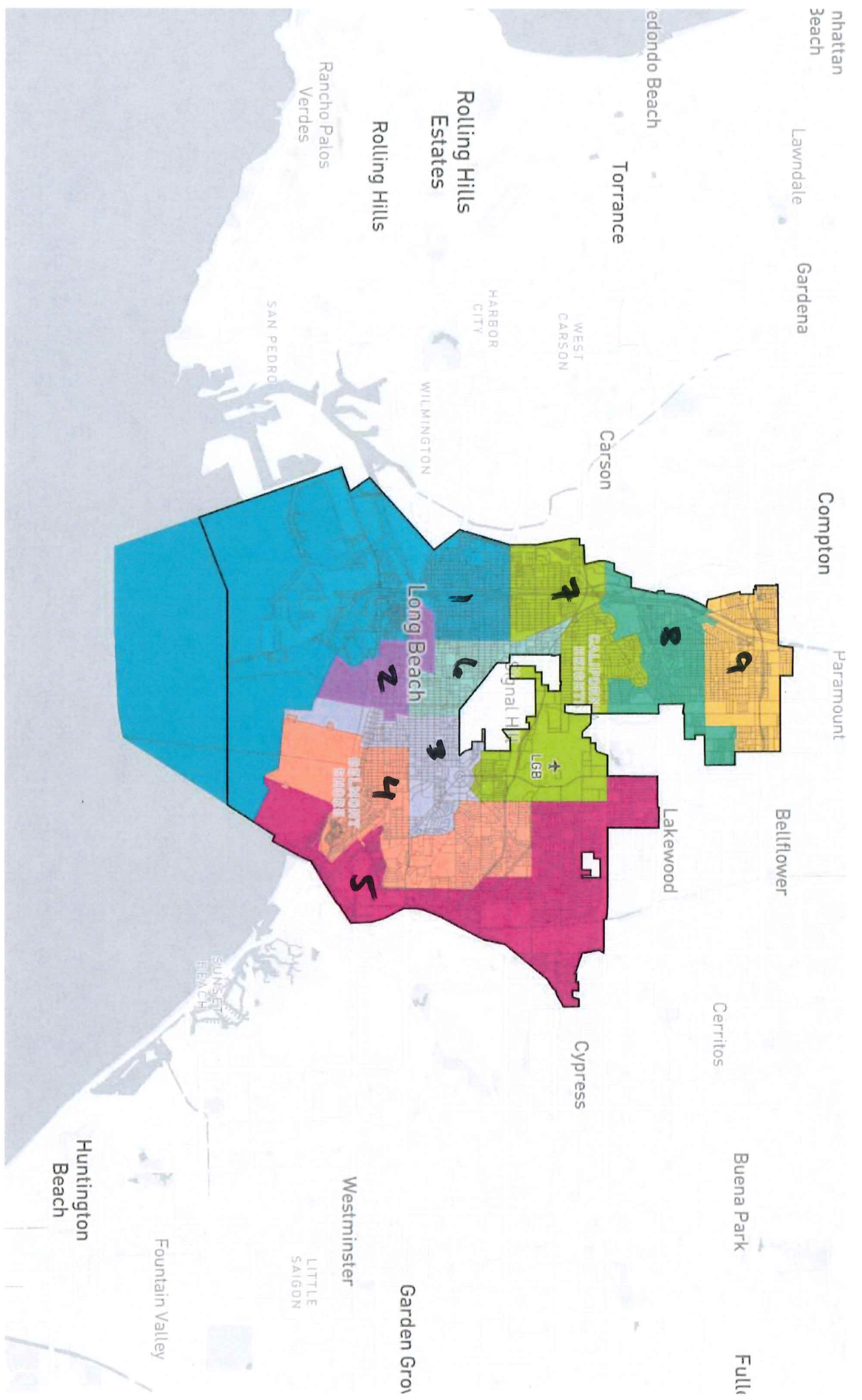
Map number 48228, in my humble opinion, is the best of the maps submitted, but not presented here for review, however it breaks up Central, Sunrise, Bryant, Rose Park, Recreation Park, Zaferia, DeForest Park, Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos neighborhoods.

Please consider map number 61852 which I have submitted to replace the four maps which break up too many neighborhoods. In addition, Long Beach is called Long BEACH, but currently only two districts claim the beach, and none of the plans provided change it to anything more than three. Doesn't it make sense to have a majority of districts in a beach city have claim to the beach!?! In no way do I gain to benefit from this proposed change, but my neighbors do!

Respectfully,

Gregory Jeffers





Manhattan Beach

Lawndale

Gardena

Compton

Paramount

Bellflower

Cerritos

Buena Park

Fullerton

Redondo Beach

Torrance

West Carson

Carson

Signal Hill

Lakewood

Cypress

Rolling Hills Estates
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Rancho Palos Verdes

San Pedro

Long Beach

Sunset Beach

Huntington Beach

Fountain Valley

Westminster

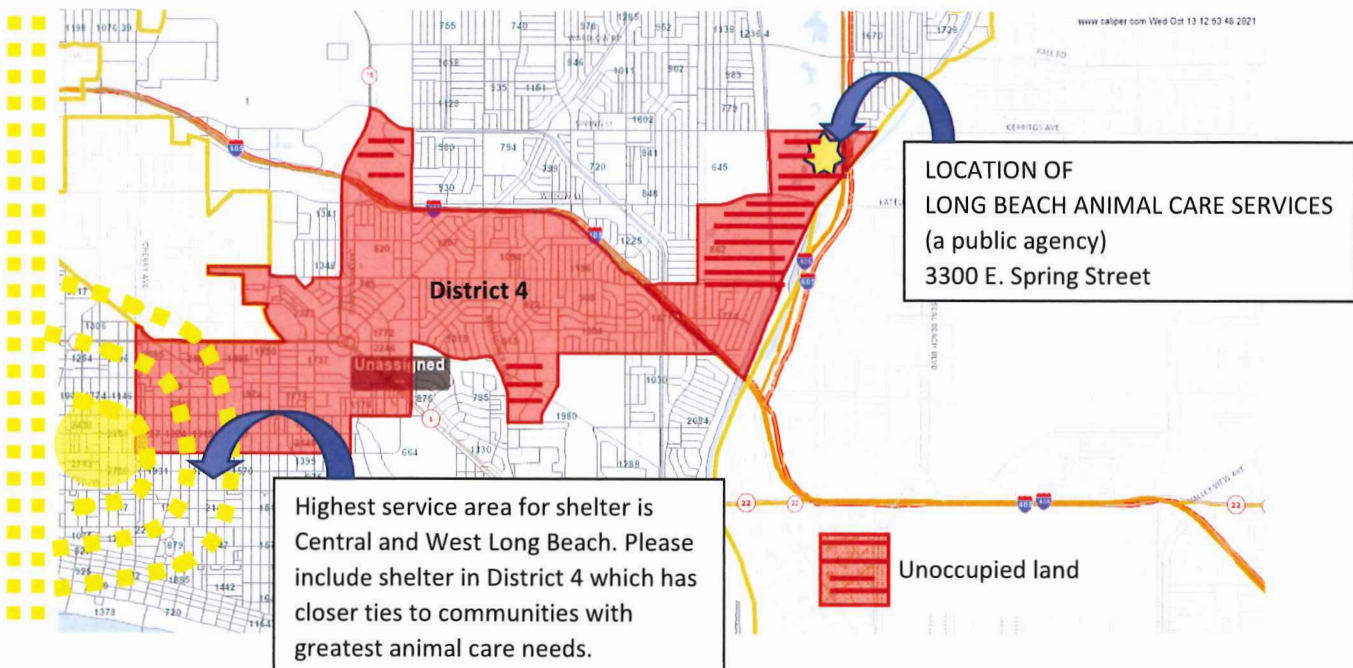
Garden Grove

Little Saigon

**THE "TAIL OF THE WHALE" SHOULD BE MODIFIED FOR DISTRICT 4
DO NOT CHOP IT OFF**

**GIVE A VOICE TO THE COMMUNITY
TO CENTRAL LONG BEACH WITH HIGHEST
NEEDS OF LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES.
MOVE THE SHELTER INTO DISTRICT 4.**

The Animal Shelter Community of Interest is urging the Commission to include the Animal Shelter in District 4. District 4's population, rental housing, racial diversity more accurately represents the communities that need Animal Care Services. High density and lower socio-economic populations place a much higher demand on the shelter services. Central and West Long Beach have the greatest needs. District 5, where the shelter is now, has the lowest needs and least understanding of communities that create biggest burden on shelter. It is unfair for shelter to have representation exclusively in the district 5, a community with the lowest needs for shelter services.



LONG BEACH ANIMAL SHELTER – COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

Animal Advocates have been working tirelessly over last decade to bring reform to the City's public animal control agency. We are asking the Commission to move the shelter out of District 5 and into District 4. Progress towards reform has been slow but we believe this change is essential. The City's own Audit in 2017 revealed the agency is failing. Both the needs of the agency and needs of the community are still being neglected. Even with the Mayors Animal Care Task Force in place for 2 years, the city has yet to address its low quality relationship with spcaLA, while the public experiences continuing depletion of resources by a non-profit exploiting city land and municipal operations. We believe councilmanic representation plays a large role leading to positive reform. There have even been reliable accounts of racism and economic prejudice in the spcaLA adoptions area, which is under the control of spcaLA, but cannot be distinguished as a separate agency. We think the true diversity of service has to start with City's decision for more diverse representation.

The wide cultural, social and economic diversity of Long Beach needs an animal shelter that captures the values of the entire City, including housing styles and variety pet ownership preferences. With District 5 placing the lowest needs on animal services, the shelter has naturally always been a low priority for councilmanic concerns and representation.

The Long Beach Animal Shelter Community of Interest is not defined by a single neighborhood geographical boundary. The COI is a citywide population combining both advocacy for animal shelter reform and members in most need of services and support, such as spay neuter vouchers, affordable access to veterinary care, adoptions, and even surrendering pets for responsible care instead of dumping animals on the streets.

By placing Long Beach Animal Care services in District 4, the socio-economic base of the councilmanic district changes closer to the wider needs of the City's diversity. The animal shelter's highest service load comes from central and west Long Beach. While you cannot physically move the agency, the Commission can tip the representation with closer ties to the communities that are served. It might even be possible to open service hubs in those districts with the highest need for service.

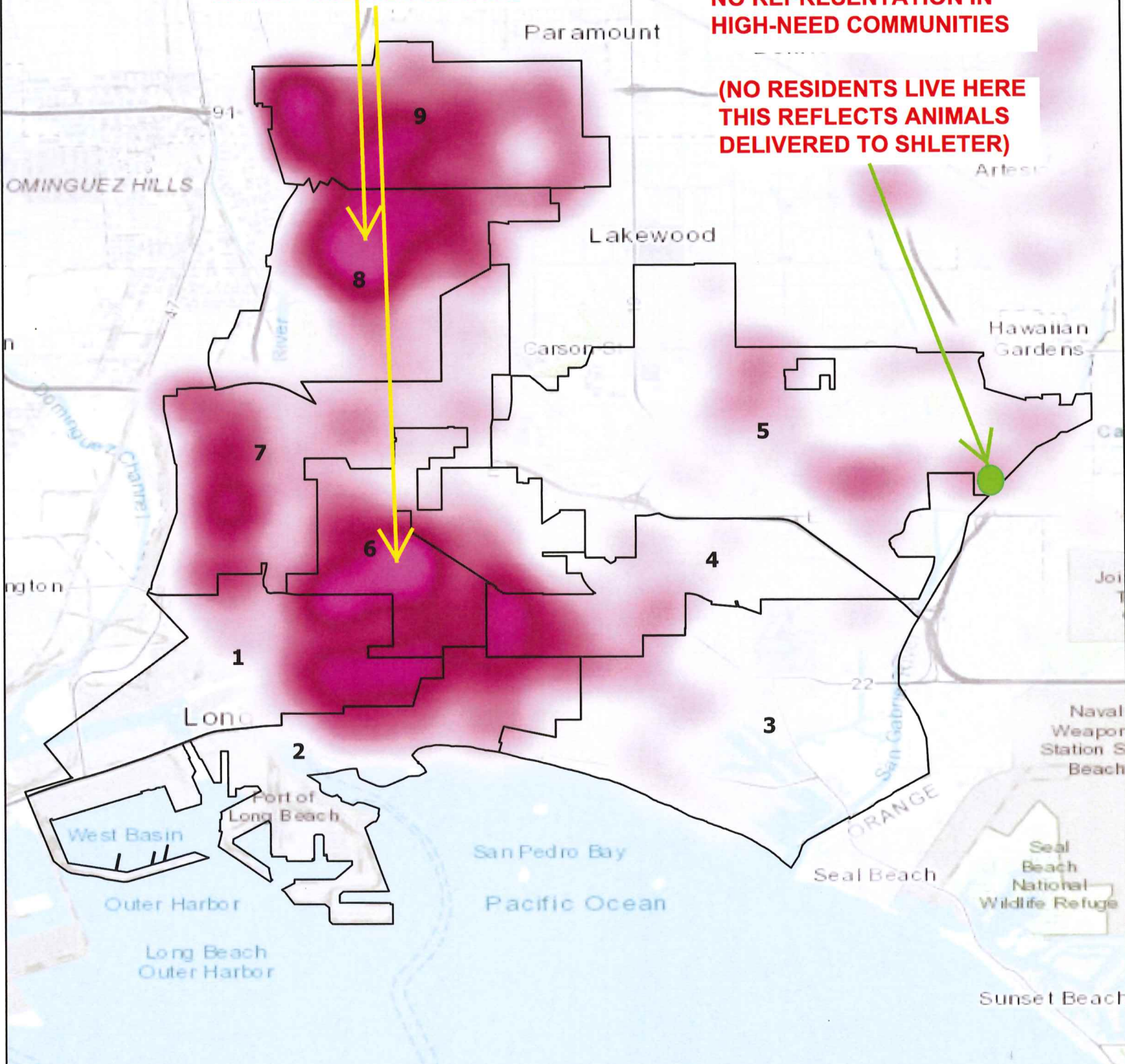
We have submitted an online COI map "LONG BEACH SHELTER COI" showing Long Beach Animal Care Services included in District 4. Our proposed map will also alleviate the gerrymandered "whale of the tail," which is another important goal of the commission.

ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICE

COMMUNITIES WITH HIGHEST NEEDS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICE

ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATION IN DISTRICT 5 NO REPRESENTATION IN HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES

(NO RESIDENTS LIVE HERE THIS REFLECTS ANIMALS DELIVERED TO SHELTER)



Stray Dogs City of Long Beach

As of May 2020



COMMUNITIES WITH HIGHEST NEEDS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES

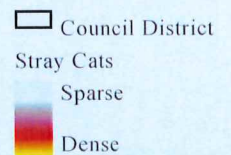
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Stray Cats

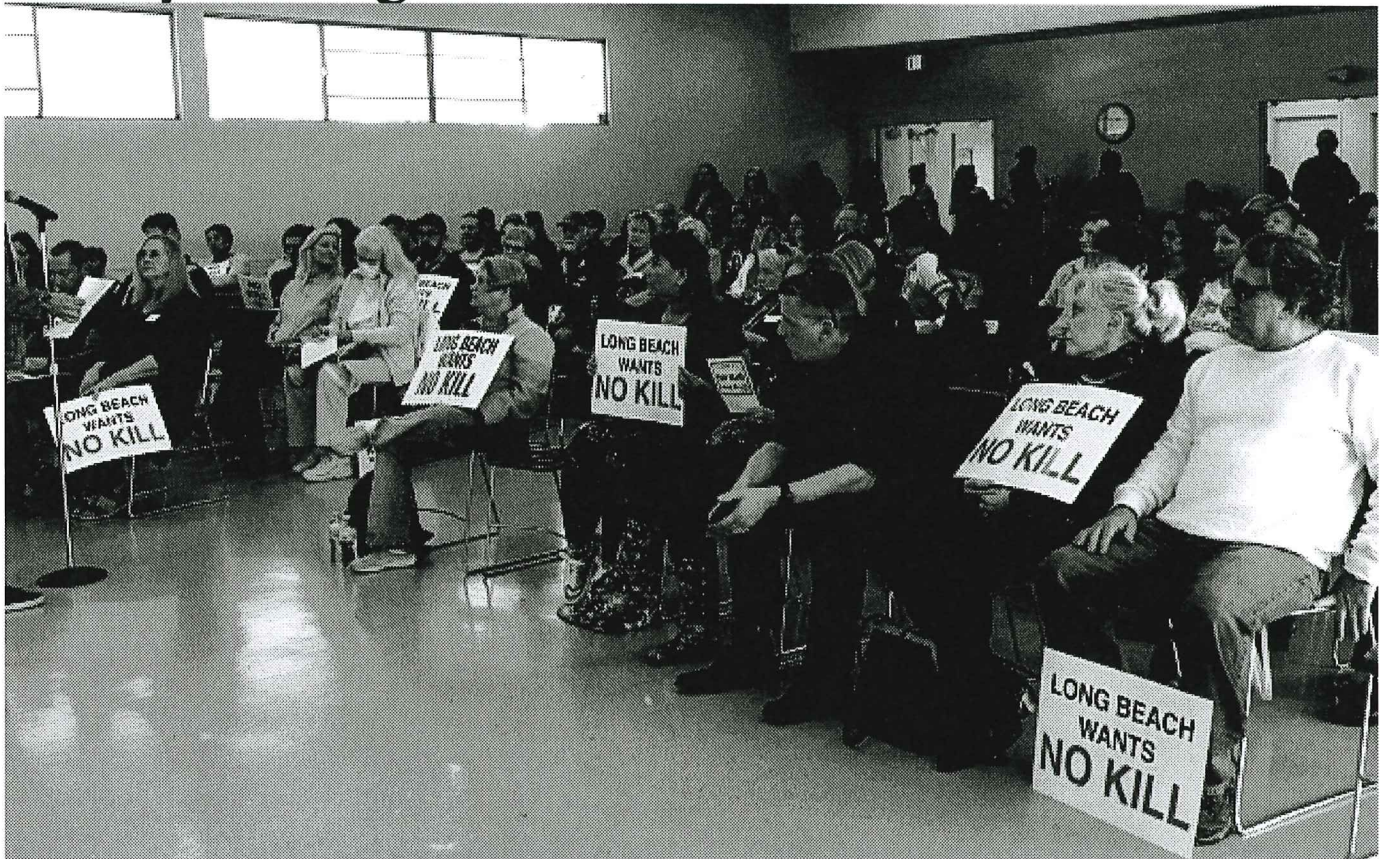
City of Long Beach

As of May 2020



March 5, 2019
Bill Pearl

City-Hired Consultant Sees/Hears Multiple Animal Advocates Urge No-Kill Animal Shelter Practices, Criticize Mayor, Seek City Policy Changes



Mayor Garcia wasn't present, and neither were any of LB's policy-setting City Councilmembers, but City Hall-hired consultants couldn't avoid seeing hand carried signs and hearing public testimony repeatedly urging the City to implement "no kill" policies at the City-run animal shelter. For roughly half a decade, LB's Mayor, Council and city management had resisted serious discussion of the building grassroots effort which couldn't be contained at the meeting.

City management described the meeting as an effort to hear public input as management develops a "strategic plan" for the City-run animal shelter. The event drew roughly 150 people to the El Dorado Park West com-

munity center on Sunday afternoon, March 3. Officials planned to allow guided public testimony in response to event-provided questions whose answers would be heard by JVR Shelter Strategies, LLD, a City-hired consultant (Principal Consultant is Dr. Jyothi V. Robertson, DVM) who will "help guide the creation of the Long Beach Animal Care Services Strategic Plan." However the meeting was conducted basically as a "Town Hall" in which public speakers were allowed three minutes to speak (on an initial round, with repeats allowed) but weren't otherwise restricted or censored.

Public speakers variously urged implementing "no kill" practices focused on more robust City-run adop-

tion programs. A number of speakers criticized Mayor Robert Garcia, who has supported animal rescue efforts and conducted “kitty hall” adoption events but to date has stopped short advocating “no kill” practices at the City-run shelter. Multiple no-kill advocates urged the City to end the current role of SPCA-LA (immediately adjacent to the City-run animal shelter) in the adoption process and have the City entirely control adoptions from its shelter. [No SPCA-LA reps testified. SPCA-LA, a non-profit which isn’t affiliated with any other SPCA or Human Society, details its position on “no kill” on its website at this link.]

Nearing the conclusion of the meeting, one man drew applause by calmly stating that the consultants and management could see that the people at the meeting were well informed, won’t be quiet and won’t accept anything less than no-kill practices at the City-run animal shelter.

In opening the meeting, Gerardo Mouet, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine (which oversees operation of the animal shelter) indicated that neither he nor the consultants would answer questions during the proceedings (later offering to do so after the meeting.) Mr. Mouet said the meeting’s purpose was to hear the public’s views as part of a strategic planning process recommended by a City Auditor performance audit that Mayor Garcia requested...but his narrative diplomatically sidestepped a contentious history.

The animal shelter audit was initially sought years earlier by “No Kill Long Beach,” a grassroots group (originally called “Stayin’ Alive Long Beach”) organized and led by Dr. Patricia Turner, Ph.D. Since its inception nearly six years ago, the group has moved discussion beyond non-controversial spay-neuter programs to City policy changes...and hasn’t shrunk from publicly criticizing

current City practices and holding LB elected officials, including the Mayor, responsible for changing things.

The group’s approach has split LB’s animal advocacy community. Some strongly support its unflinching approach; others have reacted by defending city management and the Mayor; a sizable number have remained publicly noncommittal...until now.

City management, citing the City-shelter’s decreasing euthanasia numbers (major reductions from previous years) has thus far resisted applying “no kill equation” practices. Faced with continuing pressure from No Kill Long Beach, Mayor Garcia sought a City Auditor performance audit of the animal shelter...which ended up validating several issues identified by No Kill Long Beach. To date, neither the Mayor nor any Councilmember(s) have agendized the audit for Council discussion and action. Instead, with the Mayor’s support and the Council’s silence, city management is preparing a City Auditor recommended “strategic plan” for the animal shelter. [“Strategic plans” generally aren’t binding and city management can control development of the plan.]

Simultaneously, Mayor Garcia created an “Animal Care Visioning Task Force” whose members he chose and excluded audible supporters of No Kill Long Beach. [One Task Force member, Jacqueline Case, has since publicly announced that she supports No Kill policies.] To date, the Mayor’s Task Force meeting agendas and presentations have been controlled by city management.

No Kill supporters now regularly attend each City Council meeting and use the period for public comment on non-agendized items to cite animal shelter issues and criticize the Mayor and Council for declining to agendize the issues for Council discussion.

MARCH 3, 2019

SHANNON M. HOFFMAN

“No kill”: Attendees at Long Beach Animal Care Services meeting share common goal



Beverly Leifer holds a “Long Beach wants No Kill” signs during the Long Beach Animal Care Services Strategic Plan Process community meeting as The City of Long Beach Director of Parks, Recreation, Gerardo Mouet, speaks at the El Dorado Park West Community Center in Long Beach on Sunday night, March 03, 2018. (Photo by Ana P. Garcia, Contributing Photographer)

“No Kill,” was a common sign, comment and conviction during a meeting Sunday afternoon in Long Beach aimed at starting the development of a strategic plan for the city’s Animal Care Services.

Long Beach Animal Care Services has been under fire after the City Auditor’s Office revealed multiple red flags regarding the care and services they provide, citing insufficient staffing and the lack of foster and rescue programs. City officials say they’ve begun to mitigate the problems — and a community-led meeting was among the first goals on the list.

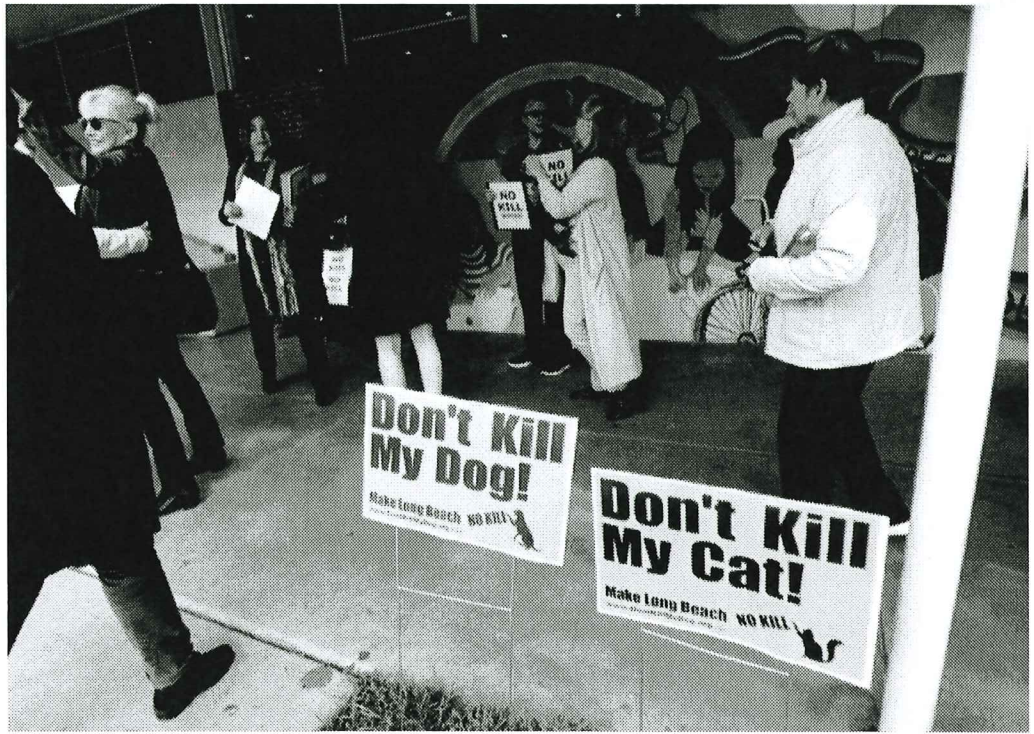
Stacks of chairs had to be brought out for the roughly 150 residents eager to have their voices heard at the El Dorado Park West Community Center.

“It’s very important to engage and get feedback,” Gerardo Mouet, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, told the audience. “Core values are the city’s structure and we need to decide how to move forward.”

The audience wasn’t always patient with the effort to arrive at a plan. “Strategic planning doesn’t mean ‘no kill,’” multiple people in the room shouted out, adding, “we want transparency.”

Members of the consultant group, Adisa, which included Laura Maloney, Principal, Betsy McFarland, Principal and Jyothi V. Robertson, Veterinary Advisor, sat before the audience and went over the bullet points of a “strategic plan”:

People enter the community meeting as “Don’t Kill My Dog/Cat!” signs are posted during the Long Beach Animal Care Services Strategic Plan Process with a Community Workshop at the El Dorado Park West Community Center in Long Beach on Sunday night, March 03, 2018. (Photo by Ana P. Garcia, Contributing Photographer)



Mission and vision;
Core values;
Environmental scan;
Integration and action plans;
Desired outcomes, goals and objectives;
Internal capabilities and capacity.
They also went over the process of getting there — and a timeline showing that anything they eventually decided on wouldn't be implemented until July.

The animal advocacy group Stayin' Alive Long Beach had a heavy presence Sunday as residents not only brought signs but banners and standing signs as well which read “no kill.” And once the residents took to the microphone they quickly embraced that sentiment.

“We should be able to brag about our services,” said Robert Harmon, who lives in the MacArthur Park neighborhood, during his three-minute slot to speak.

“We should be able to leave town and know that our animals are safe if they were to get out,” Harmon said. “SP-CALA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles) has got to go.” Long Beach's ACS shares a headquarters on Spring Street with SPCALA and the audit urged the city to clarify the responsibilities between the two agencies.

The room exploded in applause.

Phase One of the review came out in December. It found that the animal shelter, which takes in 8,000 impounded animals a year and has a \$5 million budget, has been without a clear system for housing, and caring for and treating impounded animals. That's resulted in “inconsistent decision making” and changes being made without proper direction or explanation, the audit said.

Phase Two reiterated that once a vision and strategy are established for the agency, the appropriate resources should be aligned with service goals and objectives.

The audit also concluded:

The agency's medical team cannot keep up with its workload, having one veterinarian to 235 animals per day, compared with an average among its peers of one veterinarian to 170 animals.

More than half of high-priority calls to animal control exceed the agency's 20-minute goal, “likely due to staffing levels and/or scheduling.”

Staffing is generally low for the agency, the audit found, but particularly for life-saving programs for shelter animals — such as rescue and foster care, and behavioral treatment.

The shelter does not have a foster program. But based on recommendations from a consultant, the audit said, “it is likely unfeasible to run a full functioning foster program at current staff levels.”

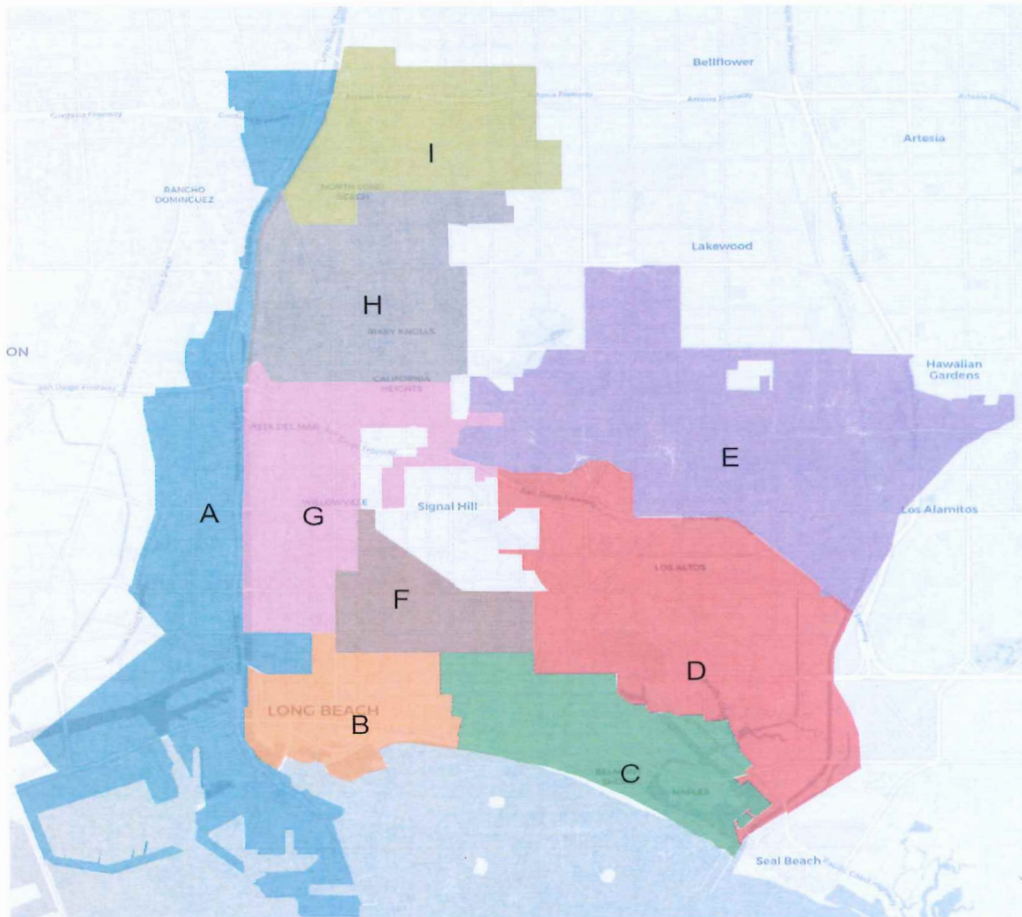
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To: Independent Redistricting Committee

Re: Draft Maps

Are you suggesting A-1st, B-2nd district, etc. Please clarify????

Comment on DRAFT MAP #A



Notes/ Observations

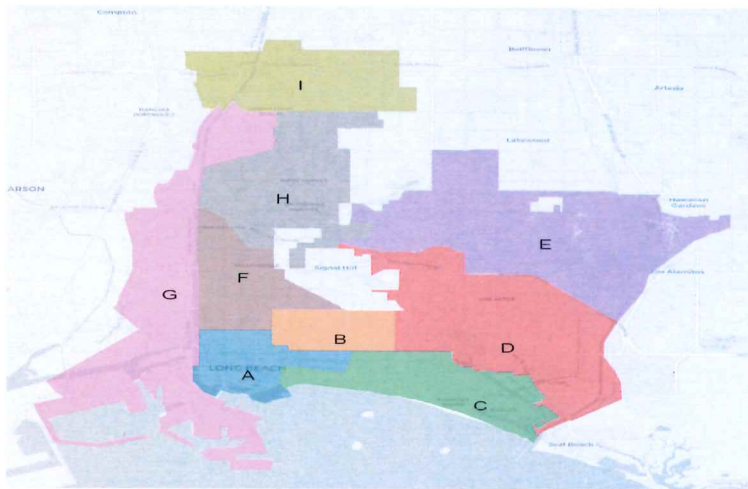
District A: While this may be an attempt to unite port impacted areas, and unite the westside, it brings unintended consequences like the single gerrymandered area carved out in District B leaving them in limbo.

It also ignores the real community of west long beach (clearly defined by the city as the neighborhoods of Arlington, Lower West Side and Upper West side) basically everything south

of Wardlow, west of I710 and the port north) while the communities north of Wardlow, north of 405 and north of 91 have more in common with 8 & 9th district communities and not part of West long Beach. While this is labeled as District A, if it is intended to be District 1, only the gerrymandered blue square in District B has any relationship to the present District 1 while the majority is in District 7 making it more reasonable to assume District A is District 7.

District G: the communities listed here (Cal Hits, Los Cerritos, Del Mar and Wrigley) only Wrigley (south of 405) has the working-class roots of the west long beach community. The other neighborhoods, especially Los Cerritos and Cal heights are not a community of interest nor has much in common with Wrigley) It would be more appropriate to couple Wrigley with west long beach. Many Westside and Wrigley families share homes and relatives on each side of the I710 and riverbed. Wrigley also has the impact of I710 and port in a way Los Cerritos, Cal hts and Del Mar do not and never will.

DRAFT MAP #B



Notes/Observations:

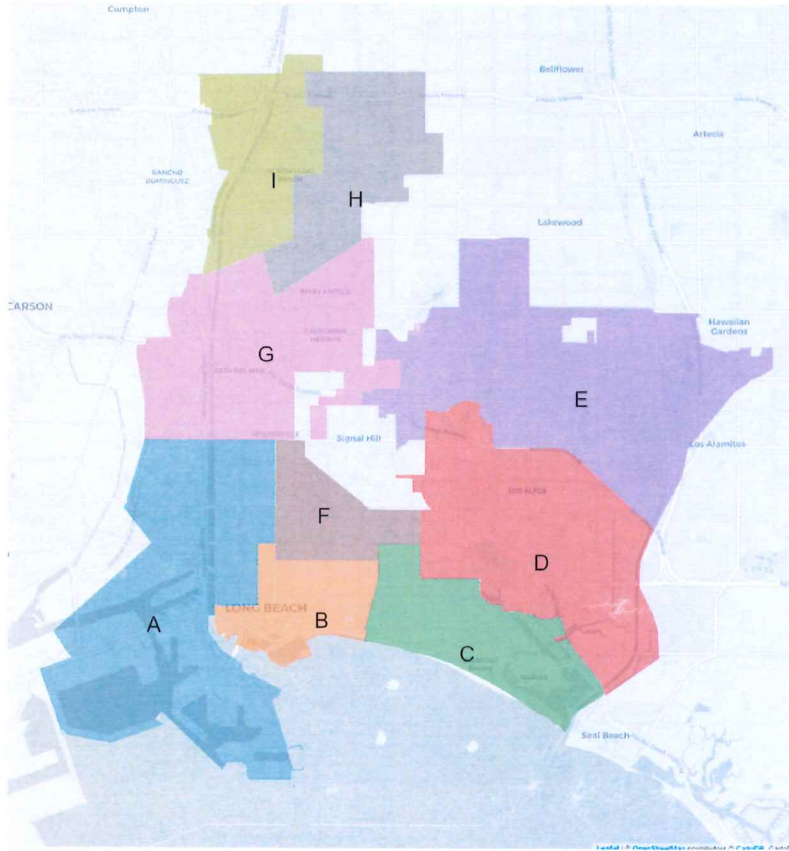
District G has what looks like a bulb adjacent to H what is the connection to west long beach?

District C should move more east-north and keep District B coastal this District B ignores the growth in the Central area and stresses a Cambodian community.

Once again north of 405 and south of 405 not community if interest.

Draft map B is the closest to what may work as it unites west neighborhoods, and north neighborhoods and keeps Bixby and Cal hits together. Please move map forward

DRAFT MAP #C



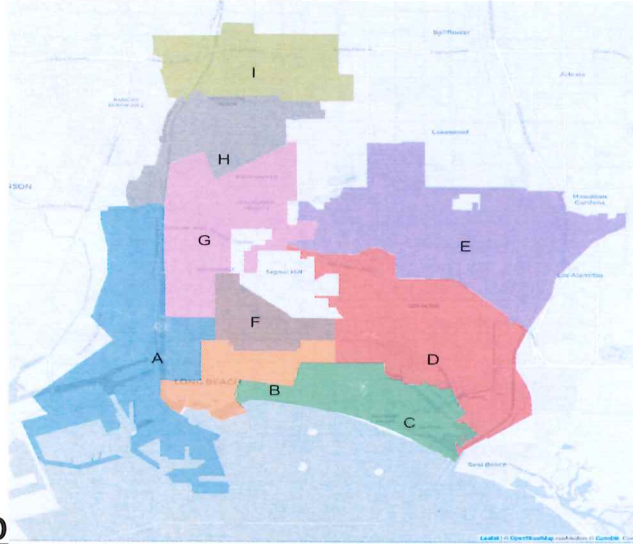
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Notes/ Observations:

*District A District G These districts **do not unite the west long beach neighborhoods** as defined as Arlington, upper west side, and lower west side. Uniting the west side neighborhoods was a stated desire of speakers and commissioners.*

It does address the port impacted areas but ignores the direct i710 impacts that are the strongest south of the 405.

It splits West side, Wrigley and Bixby knolls and north, 4 for 4 and should not move forward.



DRAFT MAP #D

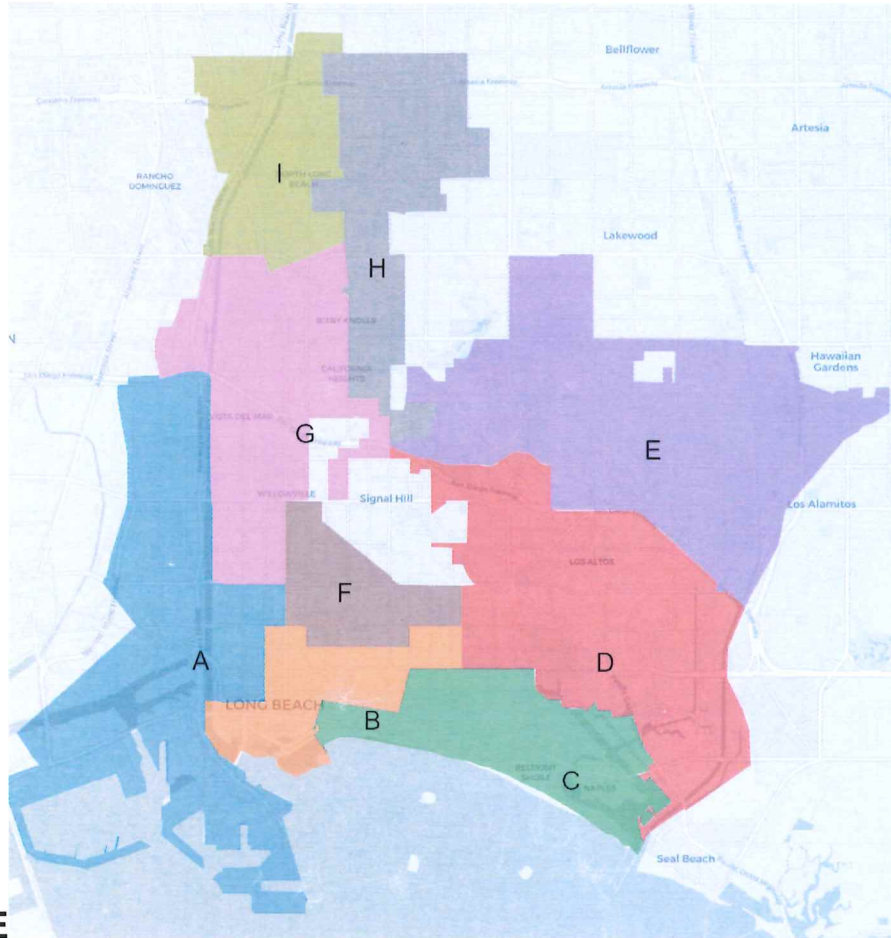
Notes/ Observations:

District A: Ignores the effects of I710 and port on the majority of Wrigley that lives along the riverbed & I710 and has nothing in common with the finger that touches District F.

District A is over 50% historically shares with Wrigley and the area in downtown appears as an afterthought.

District G: gains all of Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos. It has nothing in common with the neighborhoods south of the 405. Wrigley is south of the 405.

Wrigley should be taken out of G. again neighborhoods south of 405 have little in common with north of 405



DRAFT MAP #E

Notes/ Observations:

District H splits of the North Long Beach community in half is not a natural boundary.

District A ignores the port and I710 impacted Wrigley area and splits downtown neighborhoods.

District G split's the Bixby Knolls neighborhood, the Cal Hts neighborhoods. And splits Wrigley. And splits north town. You have 4 for 4 and once again 4 neighborhoods are split!

Map E is the least desirable and should not move forward

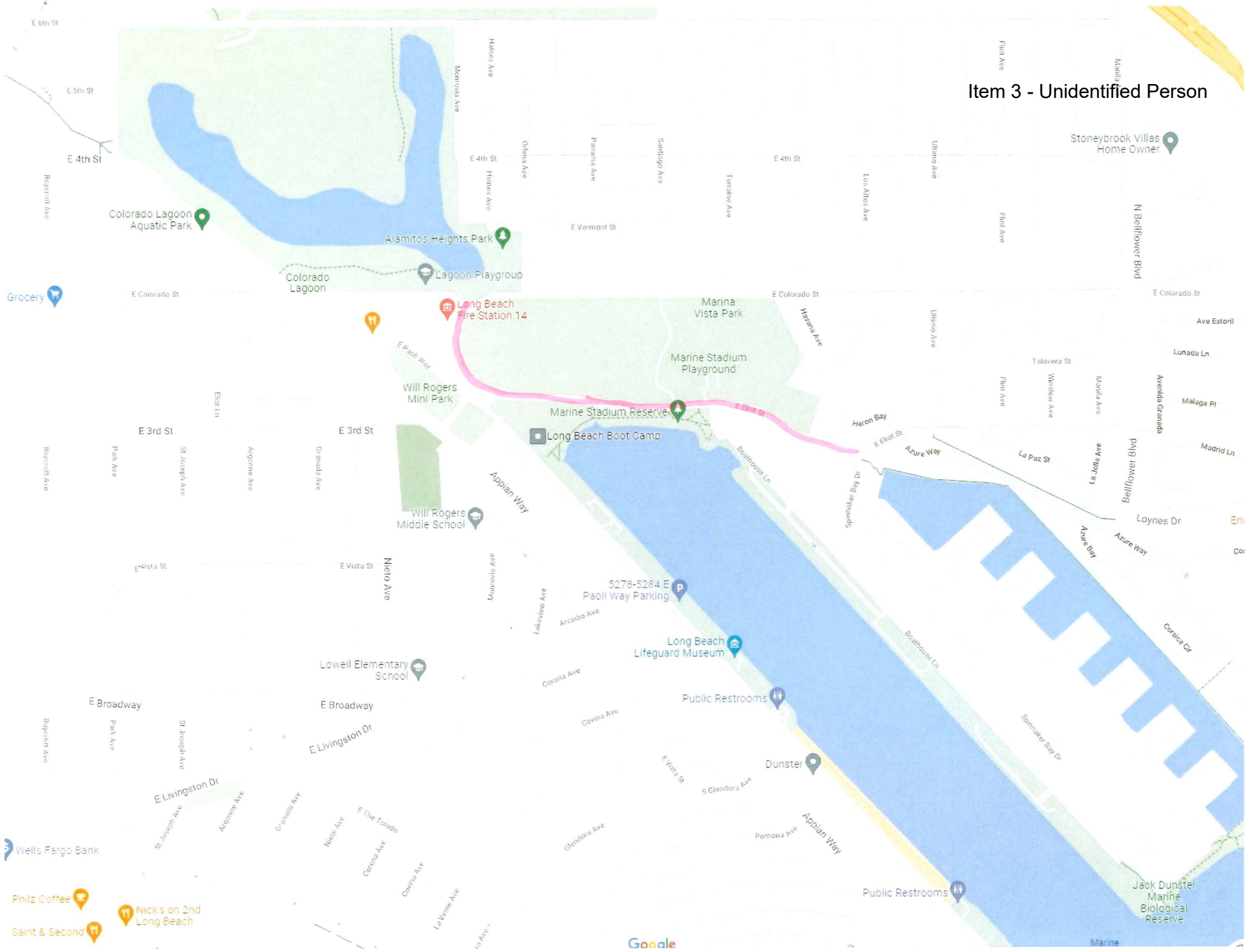
BROADER OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED MAPS:

- These maps do not connect the historic communities of interest as it relates to the Latino community.

- The lines create a community for the Cambodian population, but at the cost of splitting known community boundaries for the two elected Latinos on the City Council. The Voting Rights Act should guide your decisions as you populate the city council districts.
- We also expect that Latino populations in West Long Beach, Central Long Beach, and West of the Traffic Circle will be protected.
- Not a single map connects all of Wrigley with West Long Beach, even though those two communities are connected for most residents by way of business corridors and resources.
- *Wrigley and West long beach share port and i710 impacts to both neighborhoods. This is not considered in any map. Their community's impact is diluted.*
- *West Long Beach is not recognized as a neighborhood or community of interest, yet it is geographically defined by the neighborhoods of Arlington, Upper West Side and Lower West Side. Nowhere is anything north of Wardlow or 405 considered the neighborhoods of West Long beach. (Although technically they are west of i710 they are not a community of interest like the 3 neighborhoods mentioned and recognized by the city as such)*
- Draft Maps A & C misrepresent the Westside community, as everything citywide west of the 710 freeway. This minimizes the actual breadth of the need and wants of that area, and assumes they are “single issue” port impacted communities.
- It places the least amount of change and lines shifting on East Long Beach, somehow forcing Central, North and West Long Beach to absorb all the changes. In all draft maps, the historic CD 5 and CD 4 remain virtually unchanged, whereas massive changes to communities of interest are lumped into the historic black and brown communities. That is not equitable
- *The fact that CD4 & CD5 remain unchanged leads some in the residents in the minority majority districts of North and West Long Beach to believe that this is just an attempt to maintain the few remaining white representatives and leave their constituents in their familiar and comfortable lines while historic neighborhoods around navy housing are flipped and disrupted. Once again, the*

Voting Rights Act should guide your decisions as you populate the city council districts.

Item 3 - Unidentified Person



Stoneybrook Villas Home Owner

Long Beach Redistricting Proposal

OVERVIEW

- Power: independent
- Size: 13 members, 2 alternates
- Selection Method: random draw
 - Open application process
 - Screening panel narrows pool to 20-30 best & diverse candidates
 - Screening panel = Ethics Commission (if created by separate referendum) > panel with retired judge, academic, good gov nonprofit (if Ethics Commission isn't created) > panel with City Clerk, City Auditor, City Attorney (if other panel's spots cannot be filled)
 - Random Draw:
 - 9 selected at random from pool; one from each district
 - 4 selected by initial 9, to account for skill and diversity

WHO CAN SERVE

- Qualifications:
 - Registered voter who either voted in the last city election OR is a 1-year resident
 - Ineligible: elected officials, their family, their contractors, past candidates, \$250+ campaign donors, city lobbyists, city employees, redistricting consultants
- During & Post-Service Restrictions:
 - During: no political activity
 - 10yr post-service: can't run for city office
 - 4yr post-service: can't be appointed to another commission, serve as elected official's staff, receive non-competitively bid contract, or register as city lobbyist

CRITERIA

- Required: equal population; comply with US Constitution, Voting Rights Act, state/federal Law; contiguity
- Ranked Order Criteria: 1. neighborhoods, 2. communities of interest: common social and economic interests, 3. neighborhoods and communities: common language, culture, history, and identity, 4. geography & topography, 5. natural & artificial barriers, 6. compact, 7. follow census blocks, 8. others that do not conflict
- Prohibited: Using place of residence of candidate or incumbent; political gerrymandering

APPROVING A MAP

- Hearings: minimum 9, including 1 in each district
- Map Approval: 9 of 13 commissioners

California Common Cause supported fair redistricting with Measure DDD on Long Beach's November 2018 ballot. Voters in Long Beach voted to pass Measure DDD, giving residents a meaningful voice in choosing their representatives and ending the gerrymandering of City Council districts once and for all.

Redistricting is required after every census to ensure that districts have equal population, but it's like letting the foxes guard the henhouse when politicians control the process. The temptation to put personal political interests ahead of citizens' right to fair representation is simply too strong. The current system turns democracy on its head by letting politicians pick their voters, when it should be voters selecting their politicians.

California Common Cause worked with Equity for Cambodians to develop the charter amendment. We supported fair representation in the Long Beach City Council for the following reasons:

- The charter amendment ends the conflict of interest in which City Council members draw their own districts by stripping them of that power and creating an independent citizen redistricting commission.
- Political insiders need not apply for the commission because recent elected officials, candidates, lobbyists, donors, and their close relatives will be barred from serving on the commission.
- This reform will also bring redistricting out of the shadows by mandating public hearings across the city and prohibiting private communication about redistricting with commissioners and staff.
- **Strict rules for drawing City Council districts will focus on keeping neighborhoods together and ban the drawing of districts to advantage any politician or political party.**

With the passage of Measure DDD, Long Beach will give citizens a true voice in our democracy by implementing one of the strongest redistricting reforms in the country. The charter amendment will create a citizen-led redistricting process that will empower a broad cross-section of residents without ties to the City Council to draw districts that put the needs of our communities first.