

eComments Report for Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda of November 10, 2021

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SPECIAL MEETING	James Higgins	jthiggins@usc.edu		<p>This note is to express my support of Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). We would like to remain in the same district we have been part of for the last 10 years. This map not only keeps our current neighborhood intact; it also joins the five historic coastal neighborhoods together. While we live in Bluff Park, we take full advantage of being within walking distance of Belmont Shores, Belmont Heights, Naples & The Peninsula. We feel as much a part of those neighborhoods as our own and believe it is in all our best interests to be in the same district as we have common areas of interest, concerns, goals, vision and plans for the future. We hope you think similarly and appreciate the sense behind our reasoning. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>James T. Higgins</p>	11/10/2021
3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	Cheri Hawks	cheridvtek@gmail.com		<p>As a long time owner, resident of Bluff Park, I am in complete agreement of the view and proposed updates to the current IRC Draft Map 2 of our BPNA board members and want to add my name to the suggestions brought forth by them. I was unable to attend tonight, yet please don't take this as the issue not being very important to me. We do not see the proposed map without the updates as an acceptable choice.</p> <p>Thank you, Cheri Hawks</p>	11/10/2021
3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	PAUL GANZ	pganz7@verizon.net		<p>LBIRC rejected Draft Map 1 and, at the last minute, adopted a new Draft Map 1b. Map 1b gerrymanders previously contiguous districts. District 5, for example is grossly distorted and gerrymandered from its natural and community boundaries. The only purpose of Map 1b is to serve the political interests of the 2 political operatives promoting the map, Cory Allen and Paul Mitchell.</p> <p>Adoption of Map 1b is violation the duty the LBIRC has to be free of political influence. The LBIRC should be informed of the FULL details of the political benefits Allen and Mitchell receive from the adoption of Map 1b. Please do not corrupt the integrity of the Commission, reject Map 1b and return to Map 1, which is supported by residents.</p> <p>Thank You</p>	11/10/2021
3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	Reba Birmingham	rebaesq@aol.com		<p>My name is Rebecca Birmingham and I live in District 3, Bluff Park. First, thank you for all your hard work on redistricting, I appreciate you listening to the residents and hope you will support a "Whole and Together" approach. Boundries that keep communities together are good for the City of Long Beach and keep neighborhoods strong. Accordingly, my wife and I both urge you to adopt Final IRC Draft Map 2 (C) as adjusted by our neighborhood leaders, who have worked tirelessly to find consensus for the greatest good.</p>	11/10/2021

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3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	Melvin Ramos	melvinramosbixby@gmail.com		<p>Dear Redistricting Commission, Keep Our Neighborhoods WHOLE, and Keep Our Coastal Historic District Neighborhoods and Intercoastal Neighborhoods TOGETHER: Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Carroll Park, Lowena Dr, Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples & the Peninsula.</p> <p>Amend the Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). Bring five (5) coastal historic district neighborhoods together and binds the intercoastal communities together. Create equivalent populations and retain diversity makeup in Districts A, B, and C. In the Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2), plz make the following minor changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bet. E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4th St., move the W border of District C to Junipero Bet. E. 4th St. and E. 10th St., move the W border of District C to Redondo Bet. E. 10th St. and E. Anaheim St., move the W border of District C to Ximeno Bet. E. Anaheim St. & PCH, move the W border of District C to Termino Bet. E. 7th St. & E. 10th St., move the E border of District B to Cherry 	11/10/2021
3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	kathryn green	katgreen@aol.com		<p>Please do not split our Bluff Park neighborhood at Redondo. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4th St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave. Keep our neighborhoods whole and keep our historic district together!</p>	11/10/2021

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3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	dolores kneece	doloreskneece@gmail.com		<p>This will be the second time that I have written to you about the Redistricting Commission, I am sorry that I cannot be there in person tonight, but please know that my interest is not less. It took a long time to become a Historical Zone---It take a long time for a neighborhood to become a community and for people to be there to work together, support one another and get things done to improve the environment, the neighborhood and the City. I hope that the decisions being made at the board meeting tonight will honor these aspects of our community. . I stand united with the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association and wish to continue to work with people who will work hard to protect our community Dolores Kneece, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach.</p>	11/10/2021
3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	Ketty Citterio	w_il2000@yahoo.com		<p>Please, Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2) is workable and can be simply updated in 5 easy adjustments without significant disruption to the rest of the city. Our key tenets continue to be Whole and Together.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Our Neighborhoods WHOLE, and Keep Our Coastal Historic District Neighborhoods and Intercoastal Neighborhoods TOGETHER.</p> <p>This will result in bringing Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Carroll Park, and Lowena Drive into the community of interest with the neighborhoods of Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples and the PeninsulaBrings five (5) coastal historic district neighborhoods together and binds the intercoastal communities together.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Creates equivalent populations and retains diversity makeup in Districts A, B, and C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Corrects the division of some neighborhoods that came from discrepancies in actual neighborhood boundaries.</p>	11/10/2021

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3. (21-132RC) Recommendation to conduct a hearing to select proposed final map(s) for adoption at the Thursday, November 18, 2021 final map selection hearing.	Kelly Lindberg	kjlindberg@charter.net		<p>Dear Redistricting Commissioners:</p> <p>In 2008, we began our search for a home with a large lot in a desirable area with high property values. We narrowed our search down to Bixby Knolls and in October, 2008 we purchased our home on Marcellus Street.</p> <p>Last week, the redistricting maps were shared with us and we have serious concerns; as it appears that Bixby Knolls is being moved out of our District (District H) to District E based on the fact that the Southern boundary line is being moved North from Bixby Road to San Antonio Drive. Does this mean that the residents South of Del Amo Blvd. and North of San Antonio Drive (between Atlantic and Orange) will no longer be located in Bixby Knolls? Will Bixby Knolls Park and Bixby Knolls Shopping Center be renamed? Will our zip codes be changed from 90807 to 90805? If the answer is "Yes" to any of these questions, we cannot support the redistricting boundary changes.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Wayne Shimabukuro and Kelly Lindberg</p>	11/8/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Gina Redican	gredican@gmail.com		<p>I would like to recommend the following five minor amendments to IRC Draft Map 2 which are included in a written document submitted to the Commission and illustrated by map 76918. Note that this is not a suggested new map, but used as a tool to visualize the following suggested amendments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4th St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave. 2.Between E. 4th St. and E. 10th St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Avenue. 3.Between E. 10th St. and E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Avenue. 4.Between E. Anaheim St. and Pacific Coast Highway, move the western border of District C to Termino Avenue 5.Between E. 7th St. and E. 10th St., move the western border of District B to Cherry Avenue. <p>Thank you for your time and consideration, Gina Redican; President of the Belmont Heights Community Association</p>	11/10/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT	Reba Birmingham	rebaesq@aol.com		<p>Reba Birmingham & Stephanie Loftin, as District 3 long time residents, wholeheartedly support the proposed IRC Final Map 2 for District C, as amended by the November 9th, 2021 letter from thirty six neighborhood association Presidents, Past Presidents, Board Members and an officer from Historic Preservation. These folks are committed seek realistic adjustments to achieve a common sense "whole and together" approach and represent their areas well. Thank you in advance for showing Long Beach listens and responds to the people in its borders.</p>	11/10/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@g mail.com		<p>1. Share the Port</p> <p>As a consequence of splitting the Westside into 2 districts, now District G has no oversight of the Port. You can easily create a path to the Port along the western border,Â going due south from Cabrillo High School and taking in the warehouses and commercial properties. This would have almost no impact on population.</p> <p>2. District A Panhandle</p> <p>To remove it, you could do a small rotation between Districts A,Â F, and B. It would unify the Downtown neighborhood by pushing A up to Anaheim on the east side, extending Cambodiatown east to Obispo, and having B absorb the panhandle.</p> <p>3. On the border between Districts I and H, on the westside, there is a small neighborhood that's cut off from the district by the 91 highway. Everything north of the 91 should go to District I.</p> <p>4. On the border between Districts G and F, just north of Willow, there is a triangle of buildings that are a natural fit for District F, given that the train line separates them from the rest of District G</p>	11/7/2021