



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

R-17

Date: December 23, 2003
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *LA for LR*
Subject: Feasibility Study of a Central Police Station

Several months ago, Central area residents and Central Project Area Committee members contacted me regarding the possibility of a Central Police Station. At that time, the residents and members suggested 1075 Pacific Coast Highway for consideration. This site is the former McDonald's location, which is now a vacant blighted property surrounded by at least five motels frequented by prostitution, drug sales and crime.

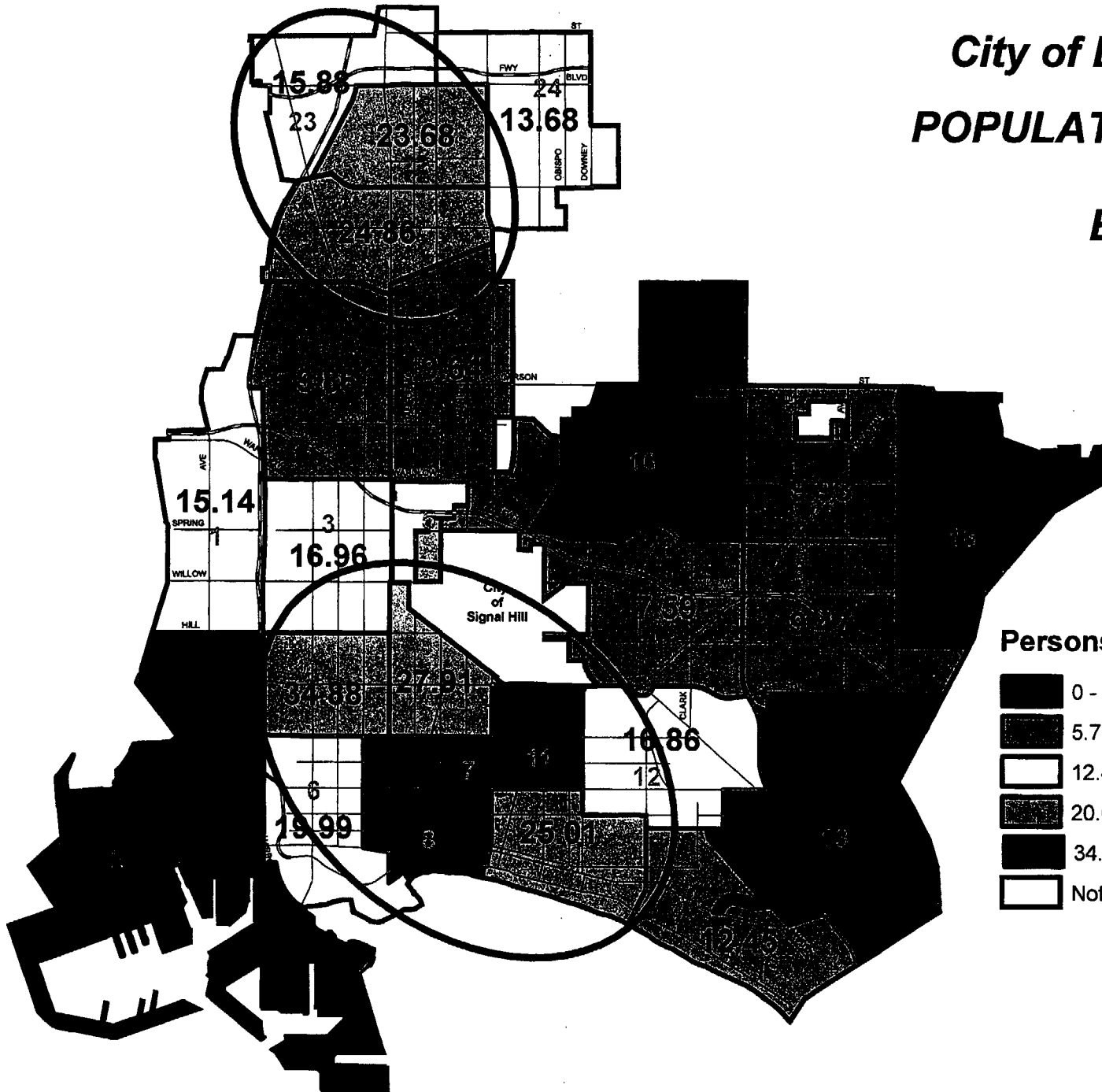
The most recent studies conducted in the Central Redevelopment Project Area highlight the need for additional police presence in Central Long Beach. First, in April of 2002, my office completed the Central and South Wrigley Master Plan for the 6th District. The Master Plan focused on six areas of citizen concern, of which one was the "City Services, Infrastructure and Safety." The community expressed that a new Central Police Station would address many of their crime and safety concerns. The second study is the Framework Plan of the Central Strategic Guide for Development of the Central Study Area currently being completed by the Redevelopment Agency. The Framework Plan states, "Crime and its effect on neighborhoods, must be addressed as the Central Project Area is developed."

I am proposing the evaluation of a new Central Police Station along the Pacific Coast Highway corridor between Martin Luther King Blvd and Alamitos because it will increase the police presence while lowering crime in an extremely densely populated area connecting to three other districts within less than half of a mile. Finally, a Central Police Station would give the residents of Central Long Beach the same feeling of safety and protection that other residents of Long Beach enjoy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of building a new full service Central Police Station.

City of Long Beach POPULATION DENSITY BY BEAT

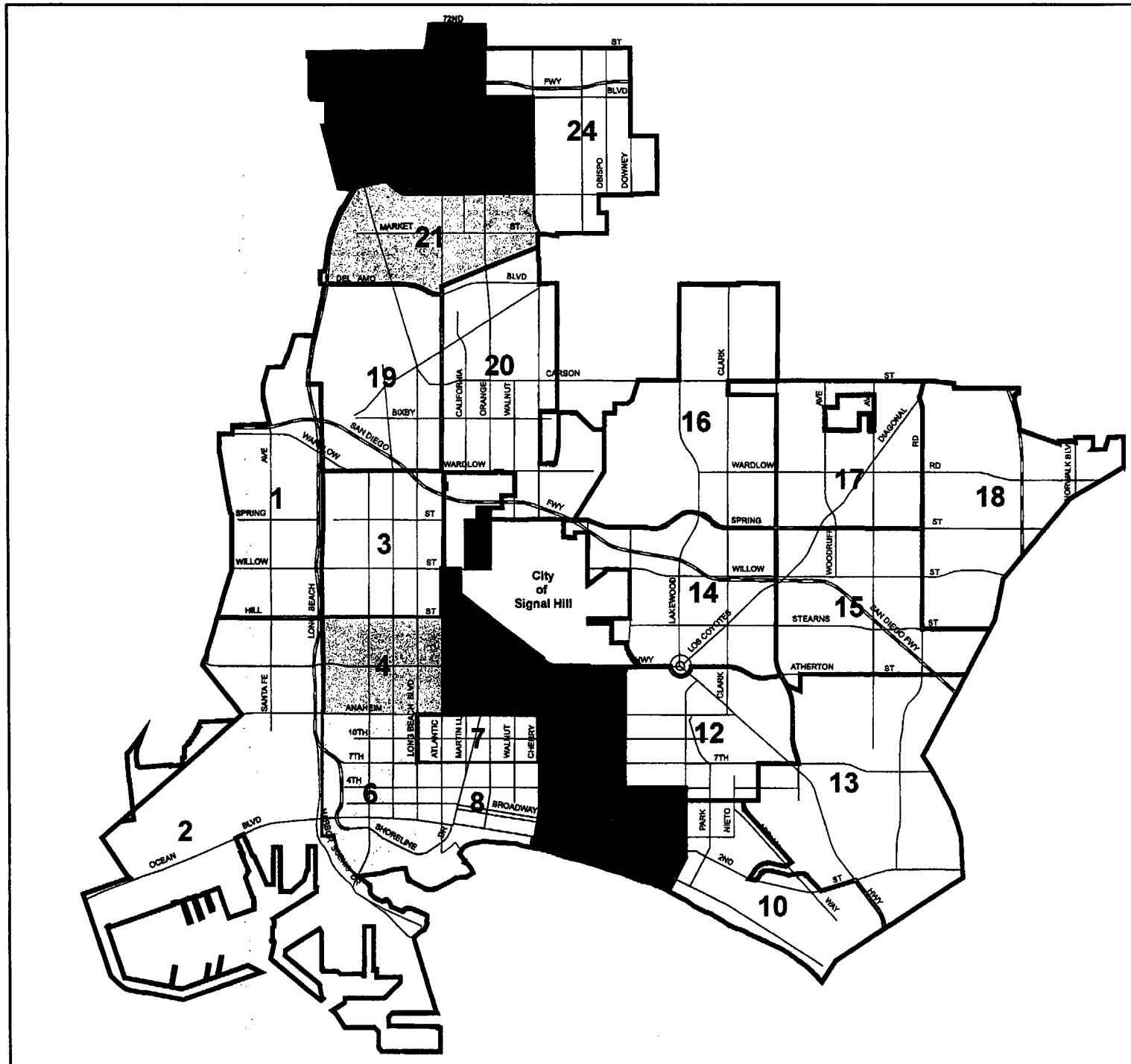


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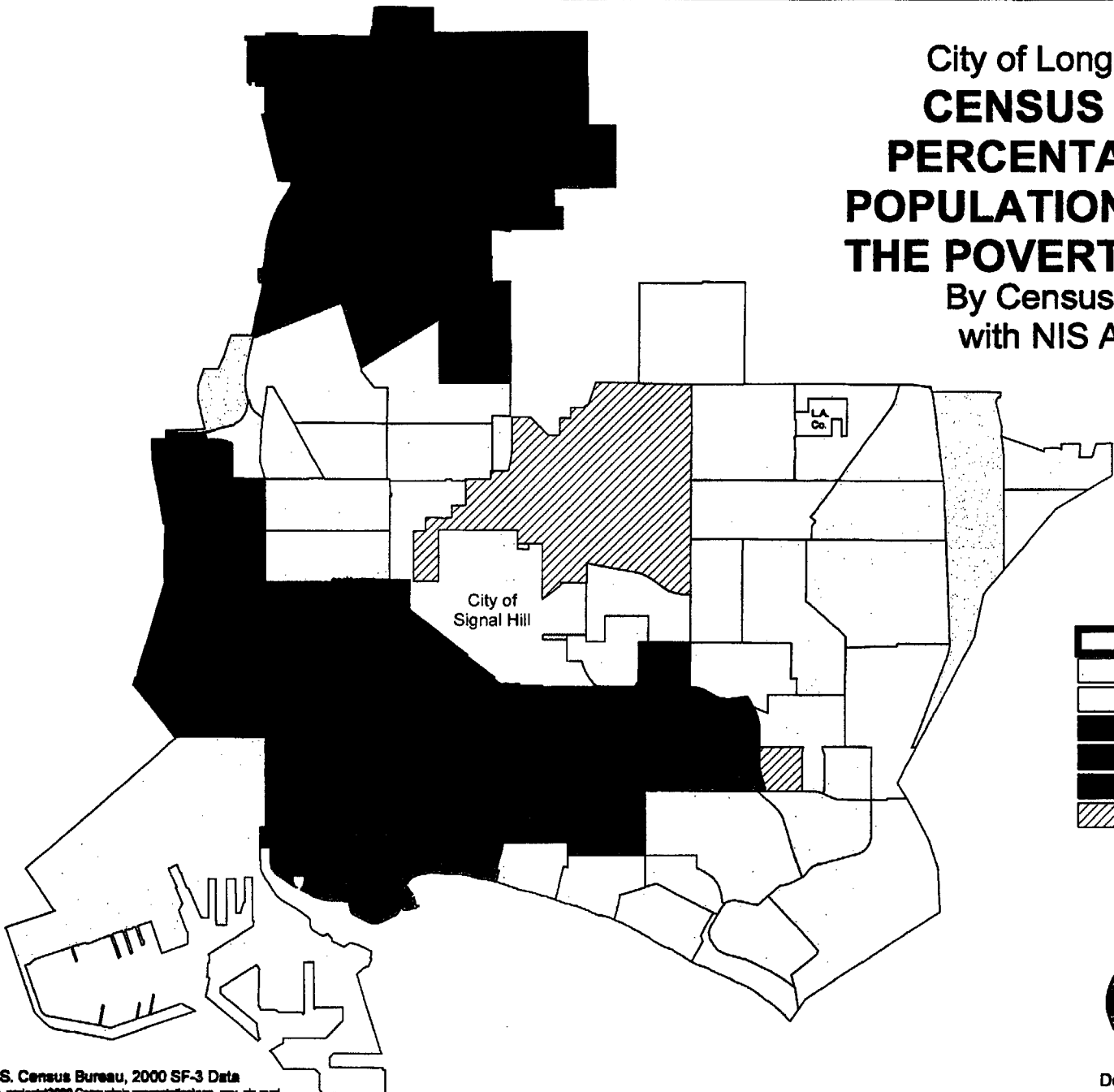
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5.7 - 12.45	Beats 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20
12.46 - 19.99	Beats 1, 3, 6, 12, 23, 24
20.00 - 34.88	Beats 4, 5, 9, 21, 22
34.89 - 59.15	Beats 7, 8, 11
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Long Beach Police Department

FOCUS BEATS



City of Long Beach CENSUS 2000 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL By Census Tract with NIS Areas



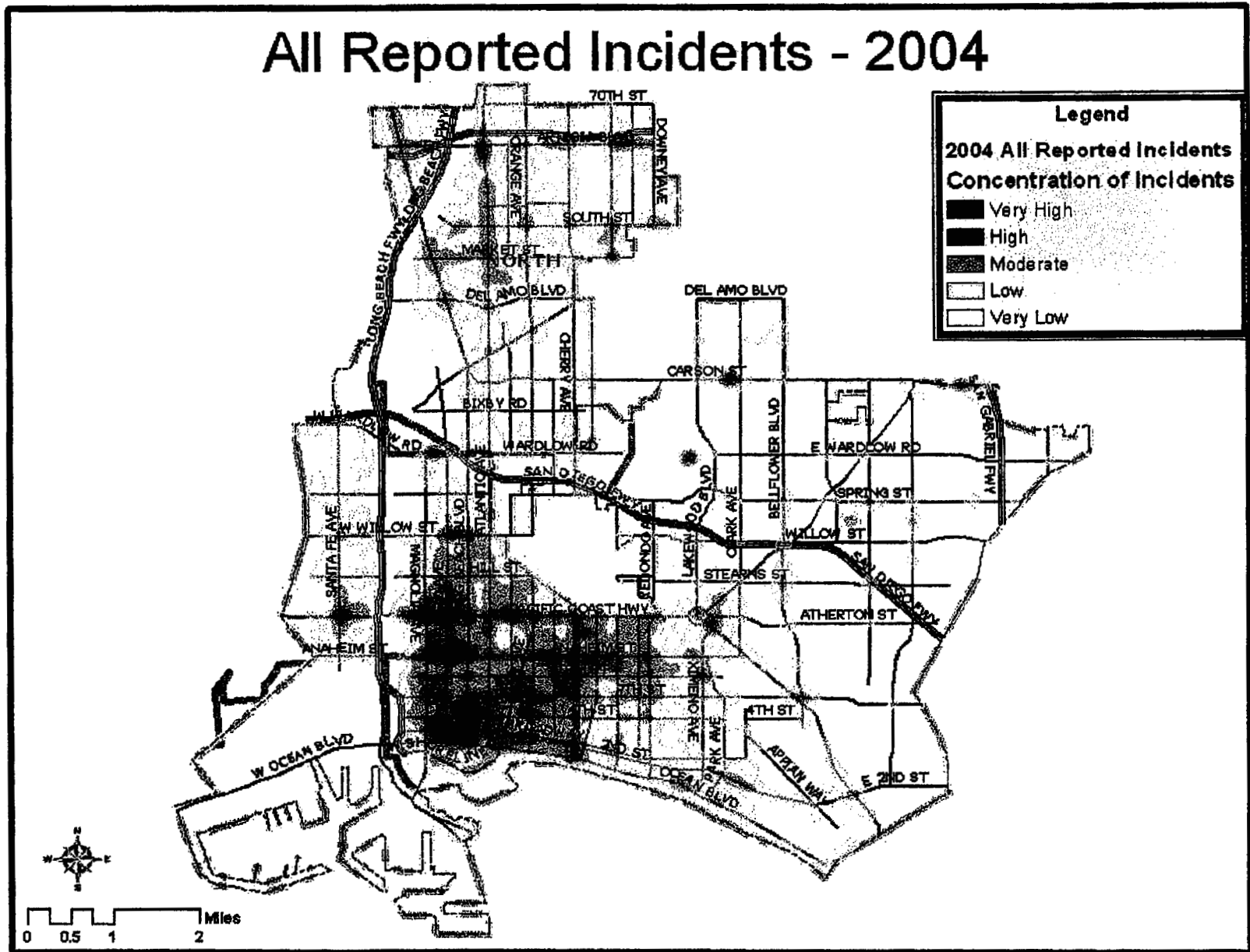
-  NIS AREAS
-  0 POPULATION
-  Less than 10%
-  10% - 24.9%
-  25% - 39.9%
-  40% or more
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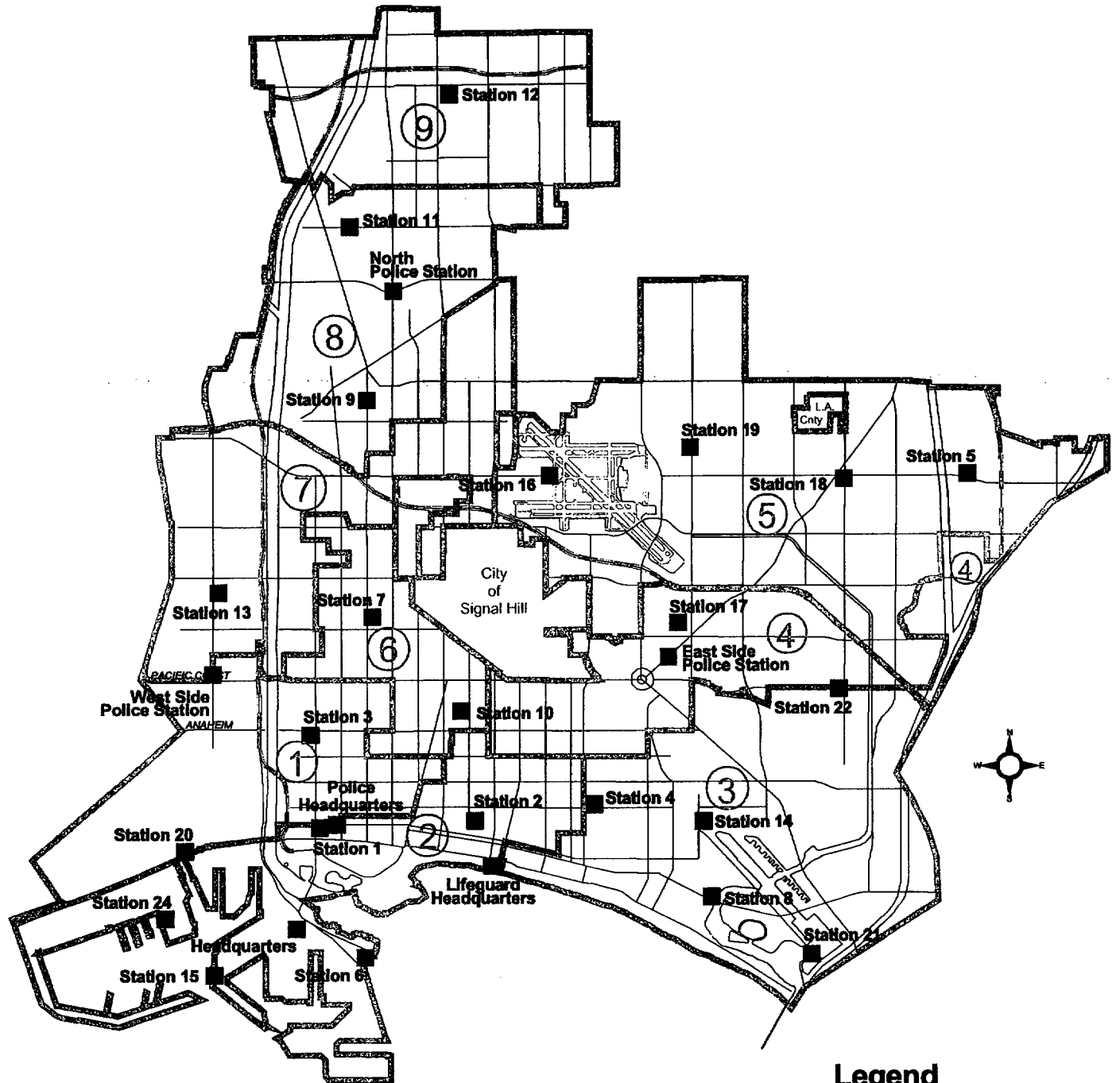
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 SF-3 Data
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All Reported Incidents - 2004



Long Beach Public Safety Facilities



Legend

- Police Stations
- Fire Stations
- Council Districts

Council District Boundaries Amended: 07-31-01 By Ordinance C-7756

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