

From: Johnna Jackson <jnatrl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Sean Bernhoft <Sean.Bernhoft@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting Map and the Del Mar Tract

-EXTERNAL-

Good evening. The purpose of my email is to express concern over the proposed redistricting map. It would change the district and all of the community ties for our Del Mar Tract area.

The Del Mar Tract essentially includes the neighborhood between the east/west boundaries of Long Beach Blvd. to Del Mar Ave. and the north/south boundaries of Wardlow Rd. and Spring St. I personally reside at 3350 Pine Ave. where my husband and I have been homeowners since 2017.

According to the map that I am viewing, our neighborhood faces enormous changes if this map is adopted. We are not in favor of these changes.

My concerns are outline and explained below:

1. This map separates us from the community ties that have been established with the District 7 field office, with the Bixby Knolls area, with our Cal Heights neighbors, and with the Wrigley neighborhood. We do not want to be separated from them by district!
2. Our children attend elementary and middle schools in California Heights, Bixby Knolls and Wrigley. We do not want to be separated from them by district!
3. We have invested years of time and effort with forming a Neighborhood Watch group including a valuable relationship with the District 7 field office and the West Division of the Long Beach Police Department. We do not want to be separated from them by district!
4. Even though we are in close proximity to shopping centers on Willow and and further south, most of the residents of our area shop in Bixby Knolls and the uptown area of the city. This for important reasons: *There is a clear and visible shift in the retail options and customer experience south of Spring Street into Willowville—including quality of life and safety concerns. We do not want to join this area by district!
5. We spend our recreational time walking, exercising and relaxing in the city parks of the Bixby Knolls and the Wrigley area. We do not want to be separated from them by district!

Please take a closer look at our Del Mar Tract and reconsider the changes to the redistricting map for these reasons. I look forward to hearing your response to my concerns and most hopefully seeing this change on the proposed map.

Sincerely,
Johnna Jackson

From: Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:40 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Kevin Jackson <Kevin.Jackson@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; tsemoydavy <tsemoydavy@gmail.com>; elaine.bernal <elaine.bernal@gmail.com>; Derald Tucker <eye.evolve@gmail.com>
Subject: Concerns With Paul Mitchell's presentation tonight

-EXTERNAL-

Commissioners,

I have a serious concern with the consultant, Paul Mitchel of Redistricting Partners, asserting that "the commission already decided to discard all of the low population variance maps" - I was told at the last meeting that the Commission would consider the maps that I created (ID#70760, ID#75241) at this meeting.

As a starting point, I must insist that the basic principles of these maps, along with the memo emailed to your earlier this evening, be considered at this meeting tonight.

Yours,
Dave Shukla
Operations Director
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY

(DRAFT) MEMORANDUM

Date: November 10th, 2021

To: Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission

From: Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy

For: 2021 Redistricting in Long Beach, California

Subject: **Climate and Environmental Justice Concerns in Council Redistricting**

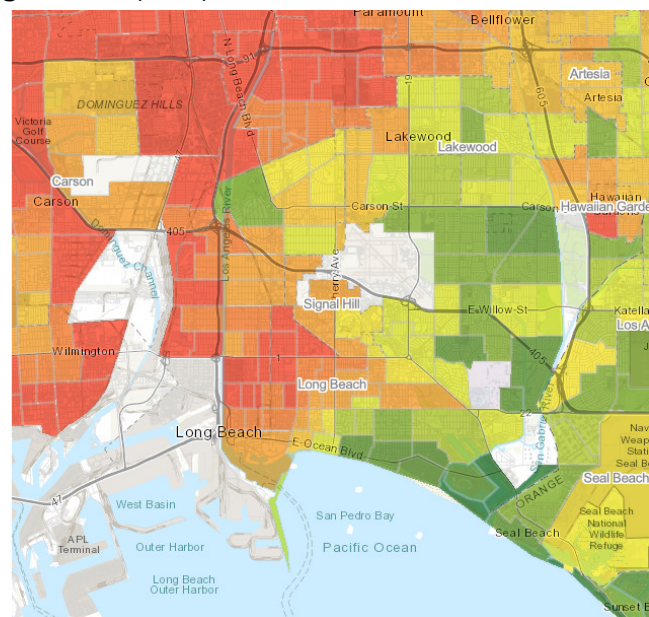
Attached for your consideration is a memorandum on climate and environmental justice concerns in the ongoing process of redrawing Long Beach city council district boundaries. These concerns, highlighted in the global discussion of climate change impacts concurrent with the ongoing UNFCCC COP-26 climate negotiations in Glasgow, Scotland, are of unique, timely, and foundational interest for the Independent Redistricting Commission. Recommendations herein address justice and equity considerations informed by spatial and statistical analysis of these concerns, as well as public testimony following the release of IRC Draft Map #1 on October 20th, 2021 to present. This memorandum is preliminary and subject to revision prior to the conclusion of the COP-26 talks, as these concerns bear in the IRC selection process for a final council district map on or before November 17th, 2021.

Background:
(To be completed)

Environmental and Climate Injustice in Long Beach: (TBC)

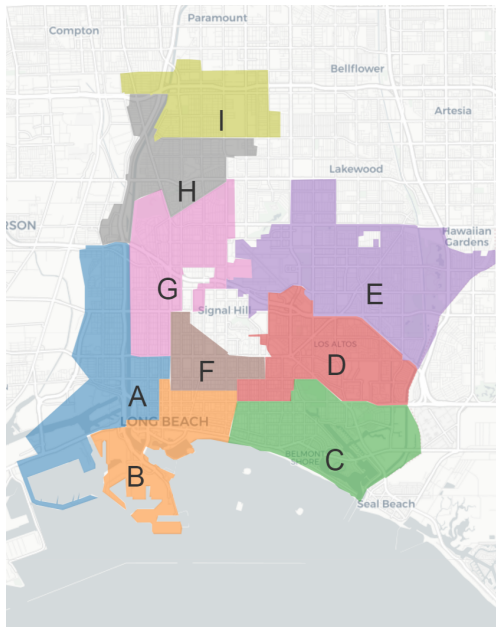
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CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Results



Analysis:

How do the current Redistricting Maps, IRC Draft Map #1 as amended 10/27/2021, and IRC Draft Map #2 as amended 11/03/2021, address existing climate and environmental justice concerns in Long Beach? (historical comparisons reproduced on next page)

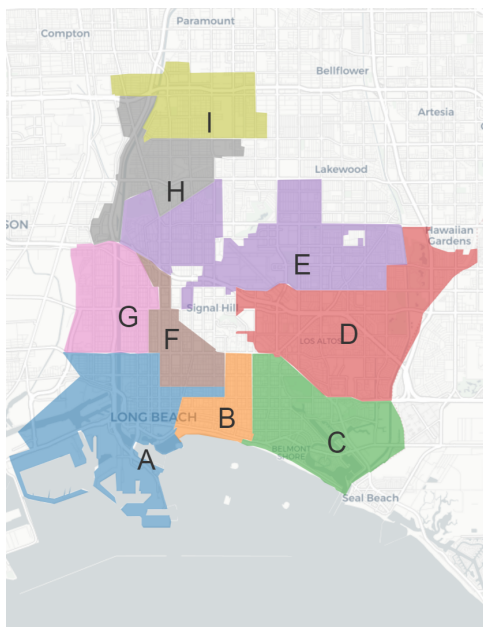


IRC Draft Map #1 Improvements:

- **A** has access to the coast, more of the Port that directly impacts residents
- Keeps Coastal Zone together in its historical boundaries
- Has three districts, **G**, **E**, and **D** directly adjacent to Long Beach Airport

Problems:

- District **G** extends further south than at any point in its history, cuts off historical westside parts, segregates by wealth
- District **A** concentrates poverty, impacts to the port, along diesel death zone
- Too much land area, city resources and assets concentrated in district **E**

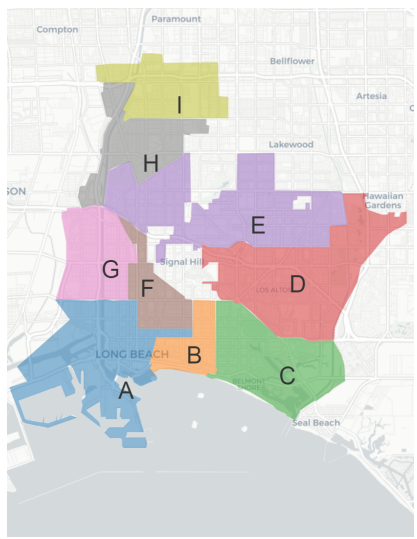
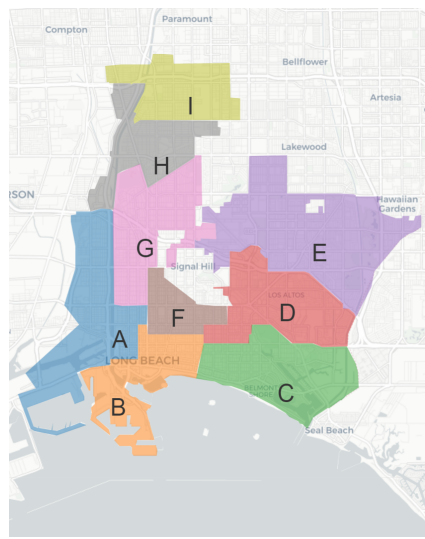
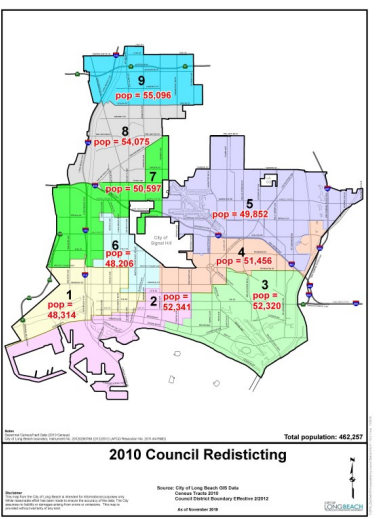
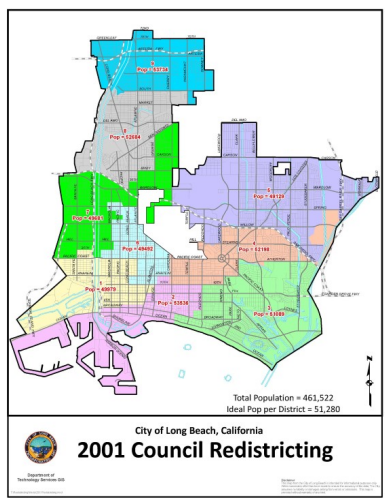
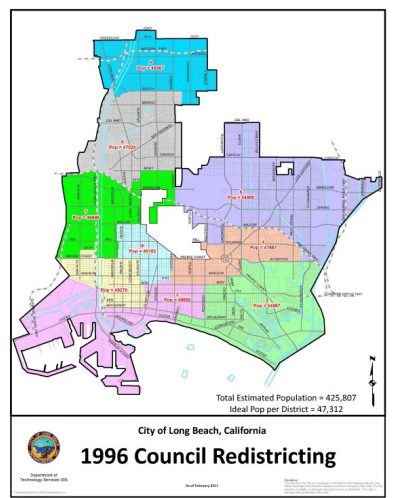
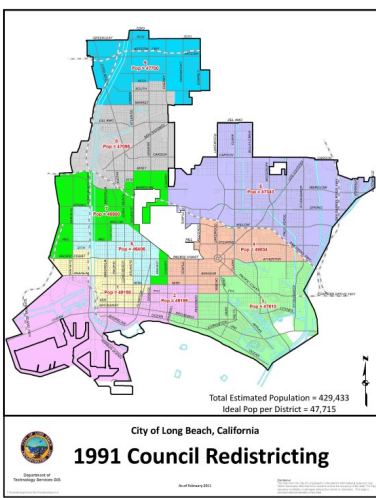
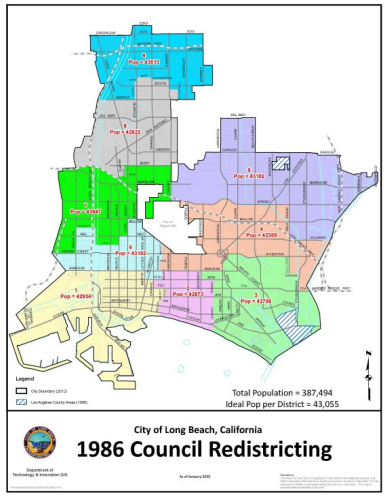
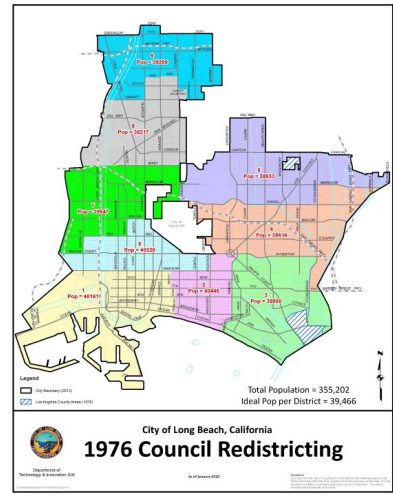
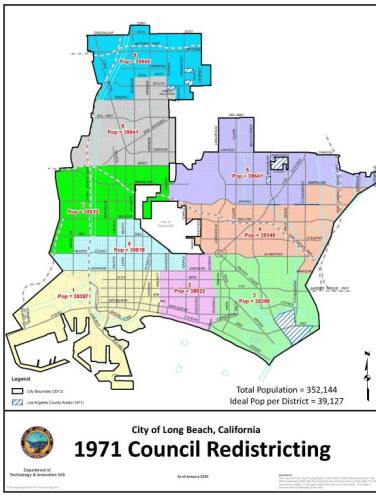


IRC Draft Map #2 Improvements:

- Better northwestern border for **D**

Problems:

- District **H** still contorted, non-compact
- *Segregates **G** to only the poorest, most vulnerable neighborhoods on Westside, = environmental apartheid*
- Non-historical boundaries for **A**, eliminates power of **B** to affect Port
- *Creates a new “superdistrict” in **E** that concentrates disproportionate number of parks and city assets = env’l apartheid*
- Takes Community Hospital away from where it has always been in **D**, concentrates schools and parks in **D**
- *Locks in the voting power, by CVAP, for incumbents/whites in **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E***
- *Wildly distorted shapes/ population shift*
- *Dilutes the Latino Vote throughout LB.*



(Analysis, continued)

As is clearly evident, gerrymandering around principal city assets - the Port, Airport, and City/County facilities adjacent - has been concurrent with demographic changes since the 1991 redistricting in Long Beach. This is most clearly observable in the boundary shifts in **G**, **F**, and **D** along the southern Signal Hill border. It is important to recognize that many of the demographic shifts from 1991 to the present in these areas reflect historical redlining between PCH and Anaheim St., and the rapid growth in housing in the late 1970s/early 1980s. The City of Long Beach is currently anticipated, over the 2015-2025 period, to have a similar uptick in housing construction, centered in Transit Oriented Development neighborhoods along and adjacent to the Metro Blue Line, and in the Downtown area - districts **B**, **A**, **F**, **G**, **H** and **I**.

One of the clearest examples of the necessity for dual representation in the Port by districts **A** and **B** - on which former Councilman Evan Braude gave detailed testimony on community efforts to establish - is the increased pollution load that these communities, first and foremost, are at present affected by with the record number of container cargo ships (111 as of 10am 11/10/21) idling in the San Pedro Bay: one can easily smell the diesel fumes and particulates from City Hall (as of 9pm 11/09/21). Both the downtown and the southwesternmost districts need representation directly in the Port: district **A** boundaries should seek to retain industrial Piers S, T, C-F, and coastal access through the Back Channel to the Outer Harbor; and district **B** boundaries should include what is walkable south of Broadway St.

Where IRC Draft Map #1 did incorporate most of these criteria into district A, the population imbalance created by adding neighborhoods on the westside also results in direct problems for how to draw the adjacent district G, and what to do about access to the Long Beach Airport. These, and resultant problems that cascade along drawing districts that border Signal Hill, have occupied considerable time at the 10/27/21 and 11/03/21 IRC meetings, and have resulted in even more significant problems for IRC Draft Map #2.

They are soluble, if the commission is willing to consider where certain well-traveled surface roads that run through Long Beach - 7th St, PCH, Willow St. in particular - are boundaries that can and do bring neighborhoods and districts together as much as they separate them. This concept can be extended to other streets that clearly delineate neighborhoods - San Antonio Blvd., Temple St., Pacific Blvd., etc. - as often previous Redistricting Maps have utilized.

The IRC must avoid constructions that unfairly concentrate climate risks or environmental health burdens in districts on the westside of town, especially as these boundary constructions (**G**, **E**) are made at the behest, and for the benefit, of districts on the eastside of town that have some of the highest rates of incumbency in California. Note that those constructions also dilute the power of the Latino vote. It is possible to create a 2021 Long Beach City Council Redistricting Map that evenly balances population change, voting power, *AND* climate / environmental justice considerations, as one can see below in Map ID#70760 and Map ID#75241.

Recommendations:

1. *Keep both unifying the Cambodian Community, and the Historical Black Community in the Central District, as coextensive as possible* - The IRC has done an admirable job balancing these delicate issues, with inherent tradeoffs between DM1 and DM2, but more public testimony, and balancing with other districts, is needed.
2. *South St. as the border between the two districts in Northern Long Beach* - The IRC has incorporated this, recognizing these districts will have to trade population. For population balancing reasons throughout the rest of the map, it may be preferable to keep the Longwood, Coolidge Triangle, College Square, and Starr King Neighborhoods west of the LA River into the northernmost district.
3. *Keeping Coastal Area communities together* - This was one of the first issues addressed after the release of IRC DM1, but IRC DM2 distributes out Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, and Carroll Park out of the southeasternmost district - these neighborhoods belong in **C**.
4. *Port needs to be represented by both communities it directly impacts* - Industrial facilities in Piers S-T, C-F should be added to the southwesternmost district, and the downtown district should retain Census Blocks along Pier H, Queen Mary, etc. that are walkable.
5. *Airport needs to be represented by all three communities it directly impacts* - IRC DM 2 entirely misses the mark, save for the northwesternmost border of **D**, which should be retained. Without having to break up the large Census Block with the airport runways, all three districts adjacent to LGB can be distributed in a way that helps balance population, as well as neighborhoods, and direct access, and thus representation, in the Airport.
6. *Balance Pollution Impacts on the Westside, and Freeway Corridors* - generally speaking, mobile sources of pollution from freeways, particularly where multiple freeways connect, can be as pollutive and harmful as the Port/Airport/Power Plants - every neighborhood along the westside has a stake in what happens along the LA River and 710/Alameda Goods Movement Corridor. The 405/710 Interchange is a natural border between **G**, **H**.
7. *New Homes = New Voters* - Along with balancing out pollution impacts on the westside, there is the added benefit of balancing out areas where there is appreciable anticipated growth, due to new housing construction, especially Transit Oriented Development. There are a number of districts that we can anticipate are undercounted two-fold, both in the Census, and in terms of new construction.
8. *Evenly Distribute County and City Public Infrastructure*: Hospitals, Schools, Parks, Fire Stations, the Water Department, the Gas and Oil department, etc. should not be over-concentrated in a handful of districts, or deprived from other districts.

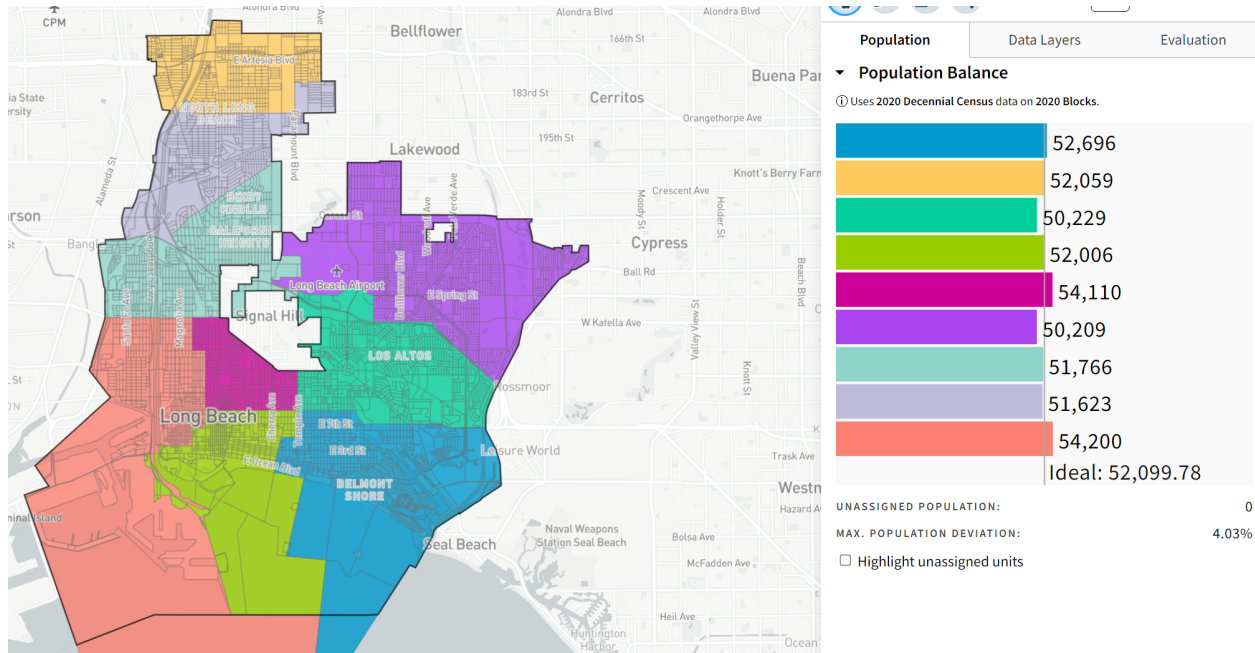
Climate and Environmental Justice in Redistricting

November 7, 2021

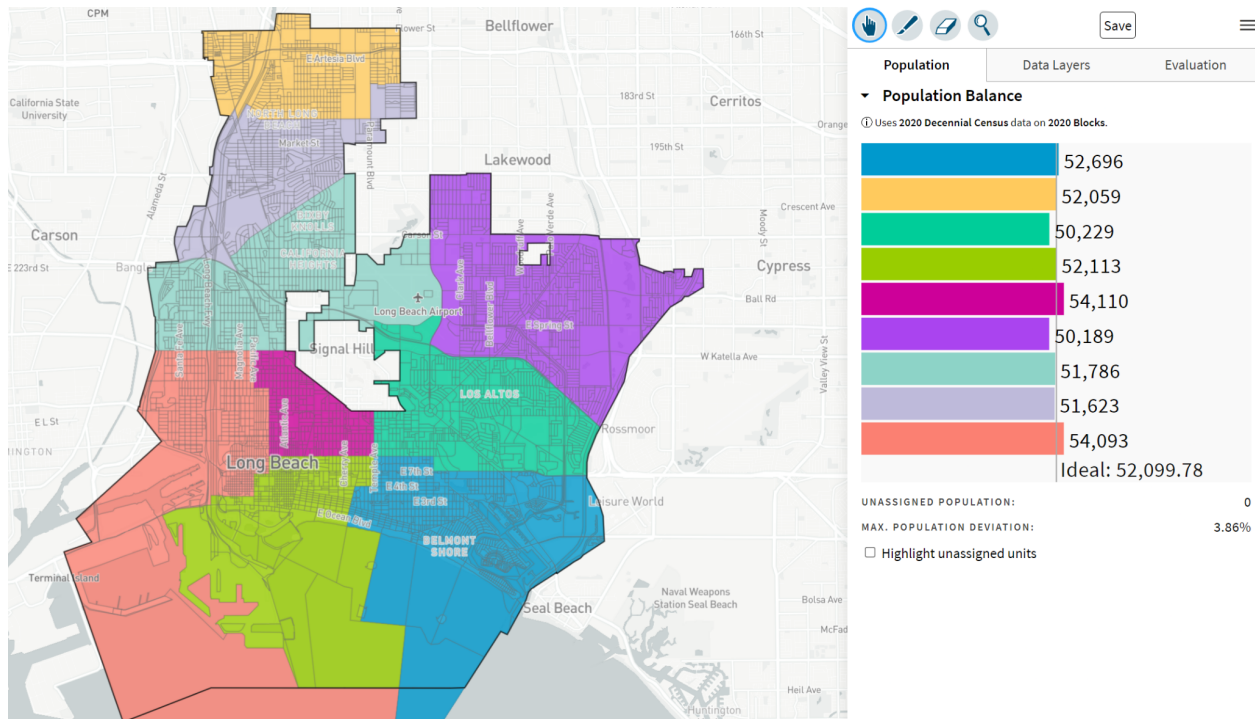
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9. *Every District Must Compromise* - The IRC should be explicit about how to balance priorities between Statutory Criteria and Public Testimony. Of particular concern here is balancing the Total Population, given problems with Census Data undercounting, as well as predictable growth and changes in CVAP from 2022-2028 as youth become voters.

<https://districtr.org/plan/70760>



<https://districtr.org/plan/75241>



From: Fred Janssen <fejanssen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:42 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 3 Redistricting Meeting

-EXTERNAL-

30 years ago this month, my wife and I moved into our home in the 3500 block of Lees Avenue. We raised our sons here, and this is where we now are firmly rooted. Like many of our fellow neighbors we contribute, volunteer, and engage with the other active, voting citizens who reside in this area. We have no intention of leaving. So it is of great concern to learn that the proposed re-districting map has our 5th District leaving us!

Anyone who has spent a Friday evening in July with fellow residents picnicking while listening to the Long Beach Municipal Band will tell you that the current 5th District is a *community that is centered around El Dorado Park*.

Because the residents north of Spring St. share this common and social interest with El Dorado Park, we should be included within that district for purposes of effective and fair representation.

Any plan that would split up the 5th violates the geographic integrity of our neighborhood by attaching us to a district that stretches far across town.

Long Beach might as well have an "at-large" City Council if that's the way the city will be sliced.

WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSED RE-DISTRICTING MAP.

Fred & Mary Janssen

From: Alex Cherin <alex@ekapr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:20 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Concerns About Districts 1/2

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Alex Cherin and I am a lifelong resident of Long Beach and former Managing Director of the Port of Long Beach. In my current practice, I represent a number of terminal operators , local trucking companies and other Port stakeholders . We are all unified in our concern that the redistricting process currently underway may result in the Port being represented by a single council district, as opposed to the two districts that currently share representation of the Port.

Given the complexities of Port operations, the significance of the Port to the regional and National economies and the need for “checks and balances” in governance of the worlds 5th largest Port complex , moving the Port into a single City Council district would be alarming. Such a move would potentially concentrate the impact of Port operations and our goods movement system while diluting the ability of other Council districts to influence Port policy.

Keeping the representation of the Port diversified among multiple council districts is consistent with the current and future operational expectations of Port tenants, users and other relevant stakeholders

I appreciate your time and consideration .

Regards,

Alex Cherin

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jeannine Pearce (via Google Docs) <jeannine.pearce@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:58 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Support for Map 2 letter for signers

-EXTERNAL-

jeannine.pearce@gmail.com attached a document



jeannine.pearce@gmail.com has attached the following document:

please find the document to match map <https://districtr.org/plan/78898>



Submitted 11/08



Support for Map 2 letter for signers

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UNITY COALITION LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MAP 2 WITH CHANGES (i.e. Map 2.2)

Link to Map: <https://districtr.org/plan/78898>

November 10th, 2021

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

We applaud the commission for your time and effort to ensure the new districts in Long Beach reflect the diversity of the city, maintain neighborhoods and ensure key assets like the Airport have multiple representatives. **The undersigned strongly support Map 2, submitted at the last commission meeting, with minimal shifts outlined below** as a means to protect neighborhoods, increase accountability and prosperity, and ensure communities across the city have a voice.

This letter includes residents and organizations from all 9 districts. Including **190 Individuals, 53 different neighborhoods, 60 organizations, and members of the African American, Latino, Cambodian, Filipino, LGBTQ and several businesses and even labor representatives who represent construction workers, port workers, painters, grocery workers and hotel workers**. Our shared interest is to have an Equitable City where we can work together for the best interest of every resident from the Ranchos to the Westside.

This letter achieved a coalition through years of collaboration, listening and understanding that we need a CITY WIDE view that respects neighborhoods and communities of interests. We ask that you respect the work we have done citywide and **adopt IRC Map 2 with Changes as outlined below**.

Downtown, residents, businesses and the Port will have representation and accountability; in Central Long Beach, we protect historic black communities while unifying the Cambodian Community and increasing representation for the Latino Community. It meets the requests of the Friends of Puvungna Community as well.

In east Long Beach, the Map ensures neighborhoods are maintained, including Rancho Estates, and increases representation for the Airport to two councilmembers, while creating a district of shared interests from Bixby to Rancho Estates.

In North Long Beach, it creates 2 council offices to ensure the region historically left behind has representation to support economic development and community preservation.

On the Westside, the map keeps the neighborhoods of Wrigley and West Long Beach as communities of interest and does not dilute the majority minority votes.

We believe the 65% of residents of color in our city will have an opportunity at representation and will ensure that we have representatives that are reflective of Long Beach Values.

Map 2 Community Edits:

Area A & B

- Create 2 districts that have a share in the prosperity and oversight of the Port, the Downtown, and include cultural centers like the downtown Art Museum and the Museum of Latin American Art. Two districts, where every resident can find pride.
- Ensure the Port of Long Beach and Downtown have two council representatives by drawing the district line at Ocean Blvd (Northern section to Area A and Southern to Area B) Then move north at Pine, to 3rd Street then Alamitos. Extend East at 4th street over to Cherry, maintaining Map 2's boundary up to 10th Street and creating a robust district that protects communities of interests in the Latino and Black Community.
- *The map submitted did separate PARA neighborhood Association, at Pine, and requests were made to move that line back to Pacific, but we did not want to change the map due to the signers on the map not being able to discuss this proposal fully.*

Area B:

- Lines adjusted for changes to Area A.
- Maintain the district line from Ocean blvd to Junipero street to keep the Ocean Residents Community Association and the LGBTQ Community of interests in one district.

Area C

- No changes.
- *We would like to recognize the requests of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association to be entirely in Area C, doing so on complicated lines in other areas and creating a greater deviation number. One option would be to bring the Broadway district line to a more natural border at 3rd street and equally divide the Bluff Heights Neighborhood to North (Area B and South Area C), creating one representative for each area that is not divided by a business corridor. We did not make this change in the map, but understand it is an option the signed residents of Bluff Heights would support.*

Area D

- Expand the northern boundary past Spring Street at Studebaker to East Wardlow to adjust for population and variance balance, maintaining Rancho Estates

Area E

- Only changes impacted by Area D expansion

Areas F, G, H, I

- No Changes

These edits were made with a coalition not yet seen before in Long Beach's history. We applaud your efforts and hope you will take our collective voices and let them weigh heavily on your decision. The Coalition Unity Map 2.2 can be found at: <https://districtr.org/plan/78898>

Sincerely,

Coalition in Unity for Map 2.2 (IRC Map 2 with changes)

A list of over 190 names can be found in your packet, a digital copy is being emailed to the Commission Staff.

From: Aliah Khan <a_khan2014@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:52 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Map 2.2

-EXTERNAL-

Use map 2.2 the map you are working on is wild! Traffic circle snobs have nothing to do with aoc7 and other diverse neighborhoods this is awful why does B need to touch the airport???

Sent from my iPhone

From: jabaskcom@aim.com <jabaskcom@aim.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:20 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Bryant neighborhood

-EXTERNAL-

Why does commissioner Lopez care about Bryant neighborhood if they didn't bother to show up to any meetings?

Move Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, and the park into district C.

Swap the finger in A (AOC 7) with alamos beach in B. Now, B doesn't go from the beach to Bryant.

Regards.

From: Connor Lock <connor.a.lock@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:33 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Long Beach Downtown Neighborhood is actually many neighborhoods

-EXTERNAL-

Please consider the Ocean Residents Association

<https://www.facebook.com/ORCAOceanResidentsCommunityAssociation/>

From their Facebook: Boundaries: ORCA is located in the vicinity of downtown Long Beach, CA. Its boundaries are the I-710 on the West, the Rainbow Harbor, shoreline and Marina on the South, Junipero Avenue on the East, and the north side of Ocean Blvd on the North.

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Connor Lock

From: Connor Lock <connor.a.lock@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:34 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: Long Beach Downtown Neighborhood is actually many neighborhoods

-EXTERNAL-

Please also look at the Promenade Area Residents Association:
<https://www.facebook.com/PARALongBeach/>

The "Downtown" Neighborhood you are using is not actually a neighborhood. It's a business designation.

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 12:33 AM Connor Lock <connor.a.lock@gmail.com> wrote:
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From: Mike Kahn <mkahn717@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:23 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Long Beach Airport <lgbapt@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Give impacted residents a voice in the airport!

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern -

Please give Long Beach Airport Impacted neighborhoods in the 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th Districts a part of the Long Beach Airport in the redistricting.

The consultant needs to comply with the Commission's wishes to **share the airport for better neighborhood representation.**

I live in the 4th district.

Thank you!

Michael Kahn

From: Vine [<mailto:info@vinelb.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:11 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: 1 of 493 Redistricting Comment - AGENDA ITEM 3. (21-123RC)

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

My name is Emily and I'm Secretary on the board for the 4th Street business improvement district. I want to quickly state that I support "Map 2 with the new community edits". This map keeps our BID within a single district as well as keeps 4th Street connected to other entertainment areas: downtown, Queen Mary, Pier H and Shoreline village.

*Thank you for your time,
Emily Rollins*

From: Tuphsouf Frepty [<mailto:godanw@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Gabriela Yates <Gabriela.Yates@longbeach.gov>
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: Redistricting Comment

-EXTERNAL-

Good day District Office Director Gabriela Yates.
You do wonderful work.
Thanks, I'll take a look.

As a Sociologist and citizen, also I would like to mention I hope the following will be considered in decision making.

From: <https://calmatters.org/politics/2021/11/california-redistricting-what-you-need-to-know/>

This probably a recap to review as well - <https://www.kpbs.org/news/politics/2021/10/26/how-local-independent-commissions-are-changing-california-redistricting>

Guide suggestion:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/6-tips-making-effective-comments-redistricting-hearing>

From an article:

What are the rules the commission must follow?

There are six criteria that the new districts must meet, ranked in the following order:

1. Equal population: Each district must have approximately the same number of people
2. Compliance with [the Voting Rights Act](#): Minority groups must have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
3. Geographically contiguous: All parts of a district must be connected to each other.
4. Communities of Interest: As much as possible, districts must not split cities, counties, neighborhoods or "[communities of interest](#)" that share social and economic interests.

5. Geographically compact: Districts must include the closest populations, not bypass them for others who are further away.

6. Nesting districts: Wherever possible, each Senate district should be made up of two complete, adjacent Assembly Districts; Board of Equalization districts should be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate districts.

Blessings to you, my district (I hope will be the same) Council member Price and the staff

Danny Wilson Sociology Major, Masters Degree Public Administration, Recommended City Commissioner City Of Long Beach 2007, Writer/Author, U.S. Navy Veteran

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021, 10:12 AM Gabriela Yates <Gabriela.Yates@longbeach.gov> wrote:
Good morning Danny,

I'm not sure if you've been in the loop with Redistricting, but I wanted to update you on the latest changes in Map 2 about Bluff Park. It'd be split between District 2 and 3, also the majority of Bluff Park would be in CD2.

I wanted to reach out in case you weren't aware and were interested in going to the meeting tonight. It's the final meeting to provide any input.

I'm including a screenshot of Map 2 splitting the neighborhood, and sharing the website you can zoom in and see the changes.
https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/Draft_Map_2.html

Thank you,

Gabriela Yates

District Office Director

Office of Councilwoman Suzie Price, 3rd District

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From: anngadfly@aol.com [<mailto:anngadfly@aol.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:53 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Final Maps

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Decision Makers:

As a resident of the current 5th District, I urge you to adapt **IRC Draft Map 1**, which keeps most the district intact and shares the Airport with other affected districts.

Please reject any division which joins the East side of Long Beach with the West side.

Respectfully,
Ann Cantrell

From: Paloma Yates <fakejunkfireball@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: SHAMEFUL not KEEPING THE BLUFFS WITH THE HEIGHTS!!!

-EXTERNAL-

What a mockery. The redistricting commission disregarded neighborhood associations speaking WEEK after week, up until 2am about their desire to be with particular neighborhood associations that they work with!!

Commissioner advocating for the Bryant neighborhood should be ashamed of herself. She was looking out for her own special interests vs. respecting the ACTUAL organizations that were there in person-week after week. Corrupt Commissioner.

Another corrupt move was to keep the LGBTQ community in one district. Excuse me but there's been gays all around Long Beach. IN EVERY SINGLE NEIGHBORHOOD. The mayor for goodness sakes doesn't even live in that area Commissioner Buttface was constantly advocating for.

The commissioners failed to do their assignment. They didn't listen to communities of interests and shaped District boundaries off race, sexual orientation, and politically motivated. Corrupt moves, and a shameful decision to move bluff heights and bluff park out of the 3rd District. This was a chance to unify the neighborhood associations that work together and that's why there were so many board members "getting loud" by clapping!! Get over yourself.

We wanted to protect our communities of interests that's why we had signs, stayed week after seeking making the same cry FROM MULTIPLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COIS!

No one from Bryant advocated or was part of this process, just ONE commissioner who was unprofessional to bark at the audience. There was no need to be disrespectful to the PEOPLE showing up for testimony to speak their 60s. Begging to stay with CD3 neighborhoods WHY??? Because they do community events, share historical interests, share the coastline.

My god. There's working families in these neighborhoods. Mixed families of race, multigenerational families, and these two commissioners said the "other groups" are wealthy? We work hard for where we live and I'm stunned to see that two white ladies are being incredibly selfish about their special interests.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura Sellmer <laurasellmer@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:41 PM

To: Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama
<Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4
<District4@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Posting Final Map and the Written Description

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

When are both (1) the final map and (2) the written description going to be posted online for public review. The only public discussion to date has been specific to the maps, while the the written description has never been discussed publicly during any Commission Meeting. Since both these elements comprise "the Work" of the Commision, please advise on who is preparing the written portion and when that portion is released for both Commission and public review.

Thank you for your service to Long Beach.

Laura Sellmer

From: Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:59 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Kevin Jackson <Kevin.Jackson@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: Memo and Recommendations Regarding Maps ID# 70760 and ID #75241

-EXTERNAL-

Good Afternoon,

Hope we all were able to get some rest after last night's meeting!

I wanted to make sure you all are aware of the updated map I made last night - at least as a reference point, if nothing else, it is possible to keep things (more or less) close to IRC Draft Map #1, as illustrated in this latest update - ID#79366, based on the testimony / commission proceedings last night.

Thanking You,
Dave Shukla

On 11/11/21, Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello,
>
> Just in case it's needed, here's an update of the maps I made (
> MapID#70760 / #75241), that keeps Bluff Park in "C".
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> [https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://districtr.org/plan/79366_!!MKV5s95d00KnVA!8_wZGT7hfcsPCfVVXNbGKySjY2zJxNkqErKdIw6tqHHGP7NG1rYFp4XxezrQKcOLcOYJmLpY\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://districtr.org/plan/79366_!!MKV5s95d00KnVA!8_wZGT7hfcsPCfVVXNbGKySjY2zJxNkqErKdIw6tqHHGP7NG1rYFp4XxezrQKcOLcOYJmLpY$)
>
> It is inevitable that some neighborhoods will be split, and that there
> are tradeoffs - Commissioner Diggs-Jackson helped me see how to keep
> BK more whole.
>
> All best,
> Dave
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> On 11/10/21, Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com> wrote:

>> ----- Forwarded message -----
>> From: Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com>
>> Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2021 16:38:42 -0800
>> Subject: Memo and Recommendations Regarding Maps ID# 70760 and ID
>> #75241
>> To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
>> Cc: tsemoydavy <tsemoydavy@gmail.com>, Derald Tucker

>> <eye.evolve@gmail.com>, "elaine.bernal" <elaine.bernal@gmail.com>
>>
>> Good evening IRC commissioners,
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>> As I mentioned in public comments at your last meeting, I am drafting
>> a memo on Climate and Environmental Justice Concerns in Council
>> Redistricting.
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>> For this evening, I would like to share a short summary of the
>> Analysis and Recommendations coming out of the Memo, so that you have
>> time to read them and compare the two maps I've made with the IRC
>> Draft Maps #1 and #2.
>>
>> It bears repeating that these maps are simply modifications of IRC
>> Draft Map 1 as originally proposed on 10/20/21, incorporating as much
>> of the public testimony as was practicable.
>>
>> Please accept my apologies for not getting this work to you sooner,
>> or for not completing the memo - the COP talks are the busiest time
>> of year for LB ACE.
>>
>> I will have printed copies available at tonight's meeting.
>>
>> Thanking you,
>> Dave Shukla
>>
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From: Ann Reynolds <lareynolds44@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: 90810

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It My Concern:

Please explain how the redistribution effects the area of the 3700 block of Delta and Easy Avenue.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.
Lelia A. Reynolds

From: Timothy Schugt <tshookie39@cs.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 7:14 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Craftsman Village Historic District

-EXTERNAL-

Based on a number of factors including history, focus on preservation, proximity to similar historic/neighborhood groups to name a few, the residents of CVHD request that the newest map be adjusted so that our area (the "panhandle" in the newest map Alamitos to Junipero, and 7th to 10th) be returned to what was formerly 2nd district (I believe it is B in the new map) as it has been in the past and until this most recent map was created where it was. Thank you.

Tim Schugt
CVHD Co-Chair

From: Thelma Valenzuela <thelmamedina@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:47 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Urgent Request: Keep Cal Heights Whole & Together with Bixby Knolls

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work and for listening to the concerns of residents throughout the redistricting process.

I am a resident of the neighborhood of California Heights, and I urge you to keep our neighborhood whole and join us with our neighbors in the Bixby Knolls community as we share so many commonalities. It is critical that we can continue to work together with Bixby Knolls to increase safety, accessibility and improvements to the businesses and services that we both use so frequently.

Please do not negatively affect our community with your decision to split our neighborhoods into separate districts. This will be detrimental to the progress that we have already made together with Bixby Knolls. Even more harmful will be to place Cal Heights alone with the 5th district as our voices will go unheard and will be hindered by the natural airport barrier.

I, together with my neighbors in the California Heights neighborhood, implore you to keep California Heights and Bixby Knolls in the same district.

Sincerely,
Thelma Valenzuela

From: Monica Keller <gretakit@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:33 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: 9th District

-EXTERNAL-

Good evening,

My name is Monica Keller, I live in the 9th District, in the Starr King Neighborhood. I would like to advocate to maintain the 9th the same. My neighborhood lies west of the 710 FWY, as do the Longwood and Coolidge Triangle. We share many of the same issues and one of the few parks in our community, which is in Coolidge Triangle. We have seen all the other neighborhoods advocate for themselves and reach a happy medium. Please do not leave the 9th to the very end. We ask that you make slight modifications that will allow us to stay together.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Monica Keller, Starr King Neighborhood Association

From: LM Harris <lmharris005@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 8:05 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: current "final" maps 1 & 2 and CVHD

-EXTERNAL-

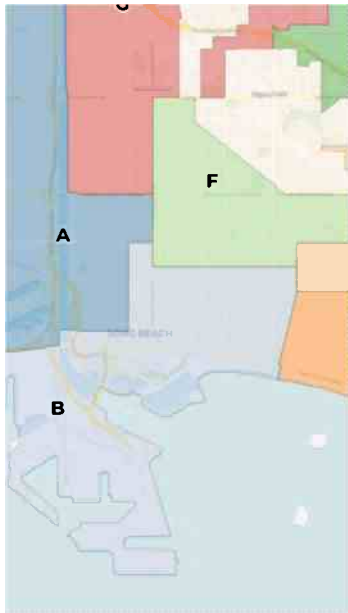
Dear Commissioners

I live in Craftsman Village Historic District which on city neighborhood maps is part of "Hellman neighborhood".

We were established as one of the first historic districts in 1992 consisting of mixed historic buildings and we have submitted docs to the planning department back during the time 2nd District Council Suja Lowenthal was our council, for historic expansion east.

Please keep Craftsman Village Historic District in area B, 2nd district. Move the boundaries closer to what web map 1 of Oct 10th. As a historic district we want to remain in 2nd district council. Our HD chair spoke and will come back to speak about the reasons we wish to remain in district 2.

See web map from Oct. Keep CVHD residents whole.



B boundaries from Oct. We belong as a historic district to collaborate with like neighborhoods to the east and south.

We are not a just a neighborhood boundary to be pushed/dropped into district A. Please rethink our eastern edge. Move us back to B.

Lisa Marie Harris
Hellman Street

From: Scott Fleming <fscottfleming@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Craftman Historic District stay in zone B

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,
I bought my house in 2017 because it was in a historic district and area that cared about its preservation. I love walking through my fellow historic districts in the Los Alamitos Beach area. I could have bought downtown but chose not to.

It makes sense for the street and neighborhood to stay with the other historic districts. Please reconsider the district lines that keep us together.

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Scott Fleming

From: Sunshine Daye <sunshine@sunshinedaye.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: craftsman-village Group <craftsman-village@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Area B for Craftsman Village Historic District

-EXTERNAL-

Beloved Redistricting committee,

Thank you for the important work you do in our city. I notice and I appreciate you!!!

I strongly urge you to place Craftsman Village Historic District in Area B as it has been for over 30 years.

These are the reasons:

- *We are an active historic district with a 30 year history working with Council District 2 established in 1992 in Area B
- *We are one of the oldest historic districts in the city working in Area B
- *Our current boundaries are 10th, 7th, Orange, Walnut currently in Area B
- *We are located near other historic districts with similar interests in preservation, safety and growth in Area B
- *Historic districts are set and we are a designated historic District in Area B
- *The current interest and priorities of Area A lack inclusion of historic districts like ours thus requiring new relationships and history building that sets us back in progress
- *Moving CVHD to area A thwarts our progress as a historic district in Area B
- *We are NOT an association, AOC7 was established 10 years ago as a neighborhood group whereas Craftsman Village Historic District was established 30 years ago and was voted upon by the City Council as a district in Area B Council District 2
- *Craftsman Village Historic District was approved by the Planning Commission in Area B
- *Craftsman Village Historic District is collaborating with neighboring Historic Districts like Rose Park Historic District in Area B

This is a big deal for those of us who have worked so hard to improve Long Beach by improving our neighborhood. We who live in Craftsman Village Historic District Area B certainly appreciate the time and effort you have undertaken for this process. We know you have lots on your plate and are trying to figure this out.

Let me help PLEASE - place Craftsman Village Historic District back in Area B

Warmly,

**Rev. Sunshine Daye & Sunny Daye
Craftsman Village Historic District Residents
since 2000**

Please note I read & respond to emails on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

From: Tuphsouf Frepty <godanw@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting Comment DWilson

-EXTERNAL-

Good day Long Beach Redistricting
You do wonderful work.

Here are some comments I would like to provide.

As a Sociologist and citizen, also I would like to mention I hope the following will be considered in decision making.

From: <https://calmatters.org/politics/2021/11/california-redistricting-what-you-need-to-know/>

This probably a recap to review as well, but I wanted to mention this link.

- <https://www.kpbs.org/news/politics/2021/10/26/how-local-independent-commissions-are-changing-california-redistricting>

Also this Guide suggestion as well:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/6-tips-making-effective-comments-redistricting-hearing>

From one of the articles. I feel strong about. Thank you:

What are the rules the commission must follow?

There are six criteria that the new districts must meet, ranked in the following order:

1. Equal population: Each district must have approximately the same number of people
2. Compliance with [the Voting Rights Act](#): Minority groups must have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
3. Geographically contiguous: All parts of a district must be connected to each other.

4. Communities of Interest: As much as possible, districts must not split cities, counties, neighborhoods or “[communities of interest](#)” that share social and economic interests.

5. Geographically compact: Districts must include the closest populations, not bypass them for others who are further away.

6. Nesting districts: Wherever possible, each Senate district should be made up of two complete, adjacent Assembly Districts; Board of Equalization districts should be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate districts.

Blessings to you, my district (I hope will be the same and all the great efforts for fairness being made.

Danny Wilson Sociology Major, Masters Degree Public Administration, Recommended City Commissioner City Of Long Beach 2007,

Writer/Author <https://booklocker.com/books/11610.html>, <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-clever-toad-in-color-danny-wilson/1124078139>, <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1480833665?tag=vecitiromantik-20&linkCode=osi&th=1&psc=1&keywords=The%20Clever%20Toad%20In%20Color>

, U.S. Navy Veteran

From: Michelle Arend-Ekhoff <marendekhoff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re Craftsman Village Historic District

-EXTERNAL-

Redistricting Commission:

I am writing this letter to in order to effect a change to the latest maps from the Nov. 10, 2021 Redistricting Meeting.

Craftsman Village Historic District was established in 1992 by a vote of the City Council and approval by the Planning Commission. Craftsman Village is one of the oldest of the 18 historic districts in our city. We have, at least for the last 32 years, resided within Council District 2 (Area B), with the exception of the West side of Orange Ave., which is in Council District 1 (Area A).

Craftsman Village Historic District submitted our map to the Redistricting Commission in October 2021. We provided a history of our neighborhood, the boundaries we wished to reside within and our commitment to the collaborative relationships we have established over the last 30 years with our neighbors to the South and East of our historic district. Until about a week ago, according to the map, our historic district was still in Area B. But, after the Nov. 3, 2021 meeting our Northern boundary was moved from 10th St. to 7th St. and we were placed in Area A.

Currently, Craftsman Village Historic District is working with Long Beach Development Services to expand our historic district East to Cherry Ave., along the 10th and 7th street boundaries. This would place our historic district next to Rose Park Historic District, one of our collaborative partners. Our boundary is also going to move West to Cerritos Ave. We are currently in 'Phase 1' of this process whereby the Cultural Heritage Commission has approved of our plan and we will now move into 'Phase 2'.

Our neighbors and friends, AOC7, are in alliance with our request to move the boundary on the map of our historic district at 7th St. and the portion of AOC7 that overlays Craftsman Village Historic District, back North to 10th St., which would put us back into Area B.

AOC7 is preparing a letter to send to the Redistricting Commission requesting this change, as well.

Finally, when we submitted our draft map to the Redistricting Commission in Oct. 2021 we also requested that our historic district be intact in one council district (Area B). The portion of our historic district, which is currently in Council District 1, as stated earlier in my letter, is on the West side of Orange Ave. This side of Orange Ave. also includes Craftsman Village Park, established through many years of collaboration between our historic district and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. We still maintain the position of keeping our historic District in one council district (Area B) as it will certainly come into play when we have expanded our historic district boundaries to the East.

I thank you for your commitment and time it has taken to come to this point in the process and it is my hope that you will recognize how important this issue is to Craftsman Village Historic District residents.

Sincerely,

Michelle Arend-Ekhoff
Co-Chair, Craftsman Village Historic District

From: Padric Gleason Gonzales <padric.gleason@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 11:59 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Support Proposed Final Map 2

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

I write in support of Proposed Final Map 2. In addition to the achievements that were recognized along the way- such as preserving neighborhood boundaries, uniting West Long Beach, uniting Downtown, protecting the Historic Black community, protecting Cambodiatown, splitting oversight of the Port and oil islands, and creating 6 minority-majority districts...

...in addition to *all of that*, your revised final map proposal achieves the following:

1. **Map 2 Aligns with the Airport Noise Map-** The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Transportation Noise Map shows the importance of having a single district that includes both sides of the airport. Noise extends both east and west, into Cal Heights and Plaza West/Plaza East. Because of the runway orientation, noise also extends diagonally into Bixby Knolls and south into Los Altos. Specifically, the part of Bixby Knolls *most* impacted by sound is captured with the addition of the community north of San Antonio Drive. Consistent with your approach of sharing major assets like the Port and oil islands, across districts, your proposed final map shares oversight of the airport across Districts E and D.
2. **Map 2 Protects the LA River-** Your proposed final map creates four districts with LA River access (and for what it's worth, it also creates three districts with San Gabriel River access). It's important to community groups like the Riverpark Coalition, of which I'm a member, that river-adjacent communities stick together. For that reason, moving Los Cerritos into District H ensures that debates like the fight over 3701 Pacific Place get the hyperlocal attention they require.

I caution this commission about the inevitable wave of political influence you'll receive this week. At least three current City Council incumbents will be angry about this map and they'll mobilize their bases against it. Resist the pressure. Hold firm. You achieved an equitable map that satisfies an amazing variety of interests. Don't let any group persuade you otherwise.

Support Proposed Final Map 2.

Regards,
Padric

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Padric Gleason Gonzales

(City Council District 1)

From: Padric Gleason Gonzales <padric.gleason@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Technical fix for proposed final maps- Carnival cruise port

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

In both of your proposed final maps, looking at the southern portion of the downtown District A... you inadvertently placed the Carnival cruise port and the outer harbor seawalls into District B instead of District A. This can be resolved by swapping the uninhabited marine census block along the eastern border of the Port from B to A. Doing this does not impact the oil islands, which would remain shared across each of the beachfront districts. Making this swap will ensure there is no ambiguity about the cruise line dock or the harbor seawalls.

Regards,
Padric

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Padric Gleason Gonzales

(City Council District 1)

From: richl3060@aol.com <richl3060@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: You've got to be kidding!

-EXTERNAL-

How do you justify B?

What does OCEAN BLVD by the park, have in common with PCH by SIGNAL HILL?

ANSWER-----NOTHING!

From: Michael Bates <michaelbates@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Final Maps

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Committee,
I'm in favor of Map #2. It is more equitable for the current District #7

MICHAEL BATES

From: Paul Brindley <paulbrindley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 12:59 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Independent Redistricting Commission - Proposed Final Maps

-EXTERNAL-

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Sincerely,

Paul Brindley
Home Owner

From: jlherrema@gmail.com <jlherrema@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting Commission - Agenda Item 3

-EXTERNAL-

Independent Redistricting Commissioners -

I kindly request that you retain/accept MAP 1 as amended on October 27, 2021
(<https://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/irc-draft-map-1---amended-10-27-21>) for these reasons:

- MAP 1 keeps a natural boundary.
- MAP 1 provides representation of the neighborhoods with which the "neighborhood schools" serve (Millikan High School, Cubberley, etc.).
- MAP 1 provides one voice for El Dorado Park (map 2 that moved forward on Nov. 3 cuts out the entire neighborhood north of Wardlow, south of Carson St, and east of the San Gabriel River, which makes absolutely no sense as this entire neighborhood backs up to El Dorado Park).
- MAP 2 that moved forward on Nov. 3 clearly appears to have others' interests in mind (on its face, just looking at the cut outs and add ins, it is clear that other forces are at work attempting to influence redistricting).
- MAP 2 that moved forward on Nov. 3 does nothing for equitable representation (is a person on the west side in Virginia Country Club or Bixby Knolls going to be truly represented by someone who lives 9 miles away in the Cliff May Ranchos? And vice versa? The east side and the west side experience very different issues because of their geographical distance.
- MAP 1 makes sense! Just look at it compared to the latest MAP 2 iteration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeannie Herrema

From: Elizabeth Driskill <sewhappy6500@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: sewcrazy2000@gmail.com
Subject: District 5 remapping unhappiness

-EXTERNAL-

I am more than a little UPSET at the independent commission for the redrawing of Council District 5 on the proposed map currently available.

Firstly, my current Councilperson's residence, in El Dorado Park Estates is NOT EVEN in our District 5 anymore; nor are the Rancho Estates.

I live in Carson Park which has always shared many schools, the El Dorado Senior Center, the Nature Center, Municipal Band Concerts, traffic meetings, homeless meetings ... and many other community events with the Ranchos and the El Dorado Park Estates. Why eliminate them from District 5??? I've lived in Carson Park over 40 years, through several redistricting efforts and have NEVER seen our neighborhoods in other Districts.

Most children in Carson Park attend Cubberley Elementary and Newcomb schools. Some of the students from The Ranchos and Newcomb attend McBride High School and Keller Middle school. In short, we have similar interests, concerns, and enjoy being in the same District with the SAME Councilperson. WE are also a community within Long Beach.

This haphazard redrawing of District 5 to placate the squeaky wheels in other areas doesn't make sense. District 5 should, at the least, remain North of Spring Street and include The Ranchos, El Dorado Park Estates AND Carson Park!!!

We should all have the SAME councilperson to be able to address our neighborhood concerns. Ms. Mungo Flanagan should NOT have to move to do her job! NOR, should we accept someone to represent us that doesn't know our neighborhood!

Elizabeth Driskill

Sent from my iPhone

From: Donna Sievers <donnarsievers@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 2:58 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>; Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Amy.Weber@longbeach.gov; Taylor Anderson <Taylor.Anderson@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Attached Urgent Email from Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association

-EXTERNAL-

Please see attached urgent email from the Board of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.

Thank you,

Donna Sievers
President
Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association



November 9, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission
City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802
redistricting@longbeach.gov

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I want to express my appreciation for the time and commitment that you have made to this Redistricting process in Long Beach. In addition, I am compelled to share with you my deep concern that two Commissioners have ignored their duties to be fair and just during this process.

The Board of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association is requesting that Commissioner Beckenhaupt and Commissioner Lopez recuse themselves or be removed as they have clearly failed to fulfill their

duties in an unbiased manner and by doing so, they have caused the Commission itself to fail to “conduct itself with integrity.”

It was evident to the public that both Commissioner Beckenhaupt and Commissioner Lopez failed to listen to clear, explicit evidence from the public and from the Redistricting Consultant with regard to the priority of weighing evidence. It was reiterated several times to the Commissioners from the Consultant and from Legal Counsel that they should follow the established priorities when making decisions. Article XXV.-Councilmanic Districts and Redistricting protocols clearly sets standards in which to review data and how to prioritize that data to form unbiased conclusions. It is our contention that Commissioner Beckenhaupt and Commissioner Lopez failed to properly utilize the protocols and ignored the statements from the IRC Consultant and Legal Counsel to follow the priorities.

In Section 2506.- Redistricting Requirements and Criteria Section B, states:

“(1.) The geographic integrity of a neighborhood should be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.

“(2.) A community of interest should be included within a single district for purposes of its effectiveness and fair representation.”

Both Commissioner Beckenhaupt and Commissioner Lopez failed to prioritize these criteria appropriately and instead, used their own biased perspectives to drive their decision making. For example:

- Commissioner Beckenhaupt stated numerous times during the Commission meetings that she was biased against what she perceived to be white, privileged and elite residents representing various neighborhood associations including Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Alamitos Heights, Naples and the Peninsula. Commissioner Beckenhaupt failed to use the numerous and consistent requests from this Community of Interest to keep their historic and coastal neighborhoods together in District C and allowed her clearly stated biases to negatively impact her decisions.
- Commissioner Beckenhaupt’s belief that the LGBTQ community was not being appropriately represented in Long Beach tainted her decision making. She ignored the numerous public comments that disputed her belief. She gave no demographic data to support her position nor did she provide any evidence that the LGBTQ community was somehow being discriminated against by not being represented by one Council Office. In addition, she made a point of defining the LGBTQ Center as a community of interest and pointed out the building’s location at 2017 E. 4th Street was integral to her reasoning that the LGBTQ community be defined in Council District B despite clear evident that Long Beach’s LGBTQ community has long been served by all Council Districts. Commissioner Beckenhaupt inappropriately prioritized the location of a building over the interests of other Community of Interests in the eastern portion of the city.
- Commissioner Lopez represents the Bryant neighborhood and clearly indicated it was her goal to move that neighborhood into District C. While Bryant does share a small boundary with Belmont Heights, Bluff Park and Bluff Heights clearly share stronger geographic areas of integrity with the rest of District C. Despite public testimony to that effect, Commissioner Lopez prioritized Bryant neighborhood over the needs of Bluff Heights and Bluff Park to remain within District C. It was clearly

demonstrated by the IRC Consultant that a “swap” with Bryant and Bluff Heights/Bluff Park would not negatively impact population deviations. Commissioner Lopez ignored the clear geographic benefits and the clearly presented evidence from the public that these communities of interest serve the historic and coastal needs of the area and the city by being represented together by District C. It was quite impossible to see how including the Bryant neighborhood into District C would benefit Long Beach. In addition, we have not found any evidence of a Community of Interest from Bryant and there was no public testimony from any residents from the Bryant neighborhood advocating for Bryant to be in District C. Further, on the list of 113 Neighborhood Groups at the city’s website, I noted there is no Bryant neighborhood association listed whereas Bluff Heights and Bluff Park are active community organizations who benefit the city through their collaboration with Belmont Heights, Alamos Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples, etc. It is undisclosed if Commissioner Lopez resides in this neighborhood but, if true, the priorities of the Bluff Heights and Bluff Park neighborhoods were ignored due to a possible conflict of interest.

These are just a few of the biases and inappropriate decisions based on those biases that the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Board would like to bring to your attention. Before the November 18, 2021 meeting, we hope that you will review our points of view and come to the same conclusion that we have that Commissioner Beckenhaupt and Commissioner Lopez be recused or removed from duty as Independent Redistricting Commissioners.

Please distribute this letter to IRC Staff and to the IRC Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Donna Sievers
President, Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association

From: Julie Folcik <julie.folcik@kw.com>

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Donna Sievers <donnarsievers@yahoo.com>

Cc: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>; Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Amy.Weber@longbeach.gov; Taylor Anderson <Taylor.Anderson@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Re: Attached Urgent Email from Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association

-EXTERNAL-

Donna,

That is a GREAT letter; lots of factual evidence that clearly supports the request! 👍

Julie Folcik

On Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 2:58 PM Donna Sievers <donnarsievers@yahoo.com> wrote:

Please see attached urgent email from the Board of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.

Thank you,

Donna Sievers
President
Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association

From: AGNES-JAN MCCONNELL <janmac803@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Bixby Knolls/CA Heights/Los Ceritos Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

I am totally against the redistricting plan of separating Bixby Knolls, CA Heights and Los Ceritos from one district. They need to remain in ONE district. We have established a safe and nice community that we socialize, exercise, shop in and support. We have park activities that are safe. We have Blair Cohn who leads BK in many community activities and the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association also does an excellent job of keeping us all informed of activities. I do not want to be in a new district that includes different areas. For years I have wanted to live in this area and now that I'm here I don't want it to change.

Jan McConnell

From: shepmathe <shepmathe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting of Alamitos Beach

-EXTERNAL-

Hello I'm Gail Shepherd from Alamitos Beach. We are on Cherry by Bixby Park.

I'm writing this after watching the last 3 meetings. Its unfortunate that more ppl, including myself did not show up from our beach community to speak up.

I missed the very end of the meeting on 11/10 after 12:30a.

The changes by the commission to the map they were tweeking are not acceptable and don't make sense for this neighborhood. The stair case looking area to areas we have little in common with is very bad.

I've sent previous messages but not sure if all 3 were received.

Since time is important I'm asking, pleading that you listen to to remarks of the 1 commissioner who seemed to know Alamitos Beach with our traditionally Gay Community and unique voice. A couple other commissioners agreed. Noticed she did not come back after brake. Please listen to her, the Commissioner with long brown hair and a rainbow mask. She was right and spoke for up us. I agree with everything she said 100%. It very sad that not 1 other commissioner gave her a 2nd when she rightly said Bluff Hights and Bluff Park (although you had the boundries wrong) and Carrol Park should be a part of Alamitos Beach!

Also as it stands, your maps are incorrect. Dist 3 border on Junipero cut into and includes 1/3rd of the East side of Bixby Park's First Parcel at Broadway.

We share Bixyt Park. That is important when looking at communities of interest.

I've lived in LB Alamitos Beach area near park for 30 of the 40yrs I've lived in Long Beach.

Opened businesses on Broadway and 4th St. Worked at 4 hair salons in AB. Every person who walked into our shop said "do you know where you are? This is Boys Town". It very much still is with lots of services.

We lived in Bluff Park on Ocean n 36 Place (the Loma border) for 10 yrs before coming back and buying here. My husband is born and raised in LB.

Alamitos Beach's unique, diverse Beach neighborhood should not be an after thought to grab population from. We also should not be a place to put neighborhoods that dont have the numbers. We have no business in Downtown or Zaffera Vil. Or the Traffic Circle!

This is a beach/collage neighborhood has been passed over and run Pilot Studies on and ignored. We (Alamitos Beach) feel beat up and defeated from trying to be heard as is. I think that is part of the reason ppl from here didn't show at meetings. We are like the red headed step child.

We don't want Cherry Ave with its 100 yr old houses, including ours, to be just a place to dump things on as we have been for decades.

Instead on making a new area for the beach area attached to us on Cherry, East of Junipero its own area put them with us in AB with mostly 100 yr old homes. Why reach north/east or to the Port instead where we have nothing at all in common.

Keep the beach communities together. Another possibility is move the west border of Dist 2 or A into Alamitos Beach west to include Bixby Park. They are our 1 blk away neighbors. Move line to Cherry or keep AB as the eccentric, artistic, gay community voice for LB. Do not wash out our voices in the community.

Thank you for all your hard work,
Gail Shepherd
Leonard J. Mather

From: JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Laura Sellmer <laurasellmer@gmail.com>; Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>;
Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>
Subject: RE: Posting Final Map and the Written Description

Good afternoon,

The maps are available now as required. The written descriptions are in draft form and are being reviewed by staff for accuracy. They are not required to be posted 7 days in advance, but will be posted when they are completed.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

J.T. Nagayama, CMC
City Clerk Analyst

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Sellmer [mailto:laurasellmer@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama
<Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4
<District4@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Posting Final Map and the Written Description

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

When are both (1) the final map and (2) the written description going to be posted online for public review. The only public discussion to date has been specific to the maps, while the written description has never been discussed publicly during any Commission Meeting. Since both these elements comprise "the Work" of the Commission, please advise on who is preparing the written portion and when that portion is released for both Commission and public review.

Thank you for your service to Long Beach.

Laura Sellmer

From: Ridgewood Cove <ridgewoodcove@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Ridgewood Triangle Neighborhood Association <ridgewoodtriangle@gmail.com>
Subject: Advocating for Map 1

-EXTERNAL-

To the Redistricting Commission,

Our neighborhood, Ridgewood Cove, should stay in the same district as Ridgewood Triangle, Ridgewood Heights and Silva-Bentree Junction. This is accomplished on Map 1, so we are advocating for Map 1.

Our neighborhoods have similar issues and needs, and work together for the common good. In particular, we often work with our sister neighborhood, Ridgewood Triangle.

Ridgewood Cove is just north of Del Amo, bounded by Orange and Cherry, and the RR tracks to the north. Ridgewood Triangle is just on the other side of Del Amo, also bounded by Orange and Cherry, with San Antonio to the south.

We work together on shared issues. For example, in the past we have worked together to have left-turns blocked at the intersection of Gardenia and Del Amo (both north and south of Del Amo) which was the scene of approximately 2 accidents a month, for years. Since the closure, there have been no accidents in that area. This was accomplished by the two neighborhood associations working together with our councilman (Al Austin).

Please consider our request as part of your decision.

Thank you,
Regina Peavler
Ridgewood Cove Neighborhood Association

From: Cascia Lutz <lutzgo48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 6:59 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Proposed Maps for Nov. 18, 2021 meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Good day.

Please keep Map 1. It puts Bixby Knolls, Cal Heights and Los Cerritos together.

No on Map 2. Cuts off Los Cerritos from the rest of that neighborhood bloc, plus makes us the westernmost area of a mostly east LB map. Need to keep BK, CH, and LC together to exert some say in that bloc's interests.

Thank you
Cascia Lutz

From: Mark Driskill <lliksirdkram@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 6:11 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redrawn District 5 Is Bad!

-EXTERNAL-

Mark Lee Driskill and Elizabeth Ann Driskill, 3802 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90808 (District 5)

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Our current Councilperson shared the two proposed redistricting maps with us this week.

We are concerned that the boundaries split the current District 5 at Wardlow Road, dividing us from very similar areas from Wardlow south to Willow and the 405 as well as our neighbors east of us to the city's eastern border. Those residents have a great deal more in common with us in the Carson Park area than do folks who live northeast of the Airport in current Districts 7 and 8.

We frankly don't see how one Councilmember could legitimately represent the interests of a population spread over the area of "District E", as it includes neighborhoods and commercial areas that are very diverse in ages, character and purposes (even including the airport!). The commercial and residential mix will be unwieldy. "District E" as drawn on either of the maps is likely to include opposing or at least competing social and political interests.

District 5's current Councilperson, Stacy Mungo-Flanigan has been an effective and influential Councilperson. District 5, which is a fairly homogeneous area, when compared with the proposed "District E", has benefitted from her representation, such that she has been re-elected several times over. Her staff has been honed to a fine edge. We do not want to lose her or her faithful staff, which has taken considerable time to become so effective and efficient. Why couldn't the lines be drawn to include her residence? Would it really have been so difficult to include El Dorado Park Estates in "District E"?

Lastly, and certainly not least, Wardlow Road is a proposed dividing line between Districts "E" and "D". As such, we fear that its upkeep and repair could become a football unless jurisdiction is VERY clearly spelled out. We in the vicinity of Wardlow from Studebaker to Stevely, and through El Dorado Park have pleaded for years for that stretch of the street to be repaired more permanently than just filling potholes. If Wardlow does become "the border", please try to make certain that its care becomes clearly assigned to ONE of the two future Districts that it is to border and does not (literally) fall through the cracks.

Sincerely,
Mark L. Driskill, 42-plus
years resident at
Regards,

Mark Driskill,
REALTOR, BRE 01989575

From: Anna Rivaldo Alvarez <zannariv@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 6:32 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: 5th District Changes

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern,

I live in the neighborhood South of Conant. I believe we have a great community with the rest of the 5th District. We have a great Neighborhood Watch which sends out activity at night, and warns neighbors of dangers like leaving a garage door open, etc.

I love that we have LBX on Lakewood. I do my best to support it as do others.

My issue is that the 5th just lost K Mart and Ralphs.

We have a homeless issue that is getting out of control.

We have the LEU issues.

How can the Commission justify taking our neighborhood south of Spring St, and skipping over the airport to add us to the Bixby Knolls area.

We are trying to build up our local businesses on this side of the city. I am sure that Bixby Knolls, etc, are trying to build up businesses on Atlantic and Long Beach Blvd.

Whoever will represent the 5th will have to decide which side of the airport is more important. I am pretty sure that our neighborhood will lose.

I was under the impression that you could not create a district with land as big as the airport separating the neighborhoods.

I also believe that forcing Stacy Mungo out looks like a political tool. Same goes for Gerrie Shipski's plan to run for the 5th.

We will NOT be the 5th District, even though we keep the name. Instead we will be the unwanted neighborhood that is attached to Bixby Knolls on the OTHER side of the city.

I almost feel that letting us still be called the 5th is so that the people here not following the district changes will think everything is the same.

There is not justification for splitting us up this way. They are too vastly different areas and neighborhoods. If anyone on the commission lives here, you know exactly what I am talking about.

We are average citizens of Long Beach. We use our parks, we get involved with issues that come up. We share information with each other on Next Door or Facebook.

Bixby Knolls is filled with more prominent citizens. Their houses bear the history of the city. It is also a beautiful neighborhood.

May I ask what the justification is for this change to the 5th?

Annamarie Alvarez

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Deforest Park Neighborhood Association <info@deforestpark.org>

Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:01 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Requested change to Deforest Park Wetlands Southern border in IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

It has come to our attention that the two elevated IRC maps move the southern border of Deforest Park (the park proper not the neighborhood) north to 59th so that all of the Deforest Park Wetlands will now be in the 8th district. Right now what happens is that the border of the 9th District is South St and then when you get to the park it dips South to Chestnut.

Since both IRC maps show the 9th district losing Coolidge Park we don't want to lose any more open space. We ask the IRC to keep the same amount of Deforest Park in the 9th district. This minor change will not add any population to the 9th district since the park is designated open space and unpopulated.

For reference, we have attached an image of the current border ("Current Map") and the proposed border in the IRC map ("IRC map 1"). Both IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2 have the same park border configuration. We request that this change to the park border be made on both IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2. This will make the border even with Chestnut restoring the current park border as shown in the attachment labeled "Current map".

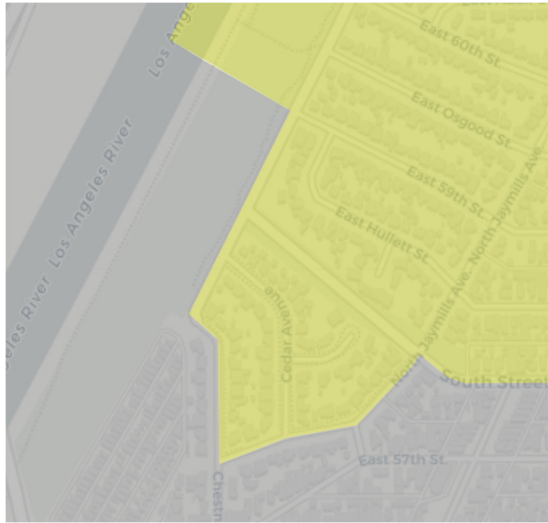
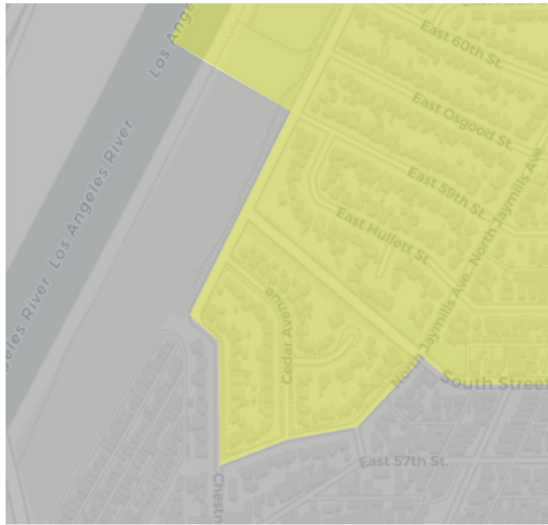
Thank-you for your tireless work in this effort. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DeForest Park Neighborhood Association

info@deforestpark.org

www.deforestpark.org



From: SHARON DENHAM <rfdenham@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Proposed districts

-EXTERNAL-

I have been a resident in Long Beach in the Los Cerritos area since 1975. I have shopped, dined, schooled my children, made friends, basically lived my life in the Los Cerritos Bixby Knolls area. My Markets, Vons, Smart and Final, Trader Joe's all in Bixby Knolls. Dining at Lolas, Patricias, Georgies, Cold Stone, Coffee Bean, etc, all in Bixby Knolls. My Vet, Dr.A, also in Bixby Knolls. My children went to Los Cerritos, Hughes and Poly. There is even the Bixby Knolls National Park located at Roosevelt and Long Beach Blvd, in Los Cerritos.

Residents of Los Cerritos are vested in our area, in my opinion that includes our "sister" area, Bixby Knolls.

North Long Beach is not a good mix with Los Cerritos.

Please keep Lis Cerritos and Bixby Knolls together.

Sharon Denham

From: diana lejins <dianalejins@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:57 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: diana lejins <dianalejins@yahoo.com>
Subject: Redistricting bigotry

-EXTERNAL-

To: Redistricting Coms

"I believe in human rights for everyone, and (that) none of us is qualified to judge each other, and that none of us should therefore have that Authority."— Malcolm X

The purpose of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech was to expose the American public to the injustice of racial inequality and to persuade them to stop discriminating on the basis of race.

His most poignant quote in 1963, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

So, I am wondering when commissioners of this so-called "independent" commission are ever going to take these words to heart.? These two maps that you are considering are gerrymandered to the hilt and drenched in bigotry. So very sad for this city.

D Lejins
POB 15027
LB, CA. 90815
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Renette Mazza <RMazza@grafairfreight.com>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:54 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Hamilton Neighborhood Association <hamilton.neighborhood@gmail.com>

Subject: Two elevated IRC Maps Concern/Open Space/Hamilton Neighborhood HAO Request

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work. We appreciate the voice you have given the folks that may not be the most tenacious and loudest! As you have heard in our previous testimony, open space is precious and very little in the 9th district. So much need, in fact, that we end up building our own park spaces on neglected city owned corners & Caltrans freeway berms through volunteer efforts.

We noticed that the two elevated IRC maps move the southern border of Deforest Park (the actual park not the neighborhood) north to 59th so that all of the Wetlands will now be in the 8th district. Right now what happens is that the border of the 9th is South St and then when you get to the park it dips down to Chestnut.

Since it looks like we will be losing Coolidge Park we don't want to lose any more park space.

We would gracefully ask you (IRC) to keep the same amount of Deforest Park in the 9th district that is currently park space utilized/accessed by 9th district residents. This ask will not add any population to the 9th and the IRC is allowed to make minor tweaks to district borders at the final hearing on Thursday.

For reference, I have attached an image of the current borders and the proposed border in the IRC map. Both IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2 have the same change to the park. We gracefully request to adjust the change to the park on both maps so no matter what map is finalized we will get this change adopted and retain our much needed open space. This will make the map border even with Chestnut and restore the current park border.

Thank you for listening. We appreciate your ongoing effort to hear us, in a city that historically forgets about the 9th district.

Warmest Regards,

Renette Mazza

Director of Sales & Marketing

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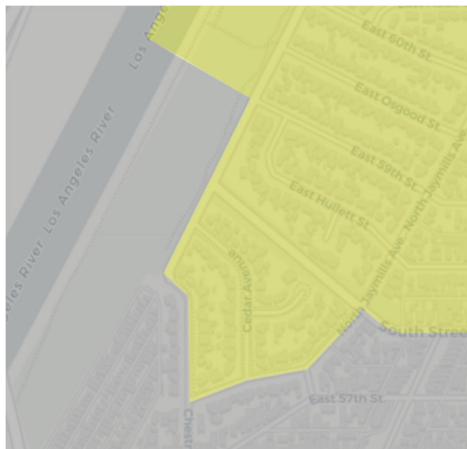
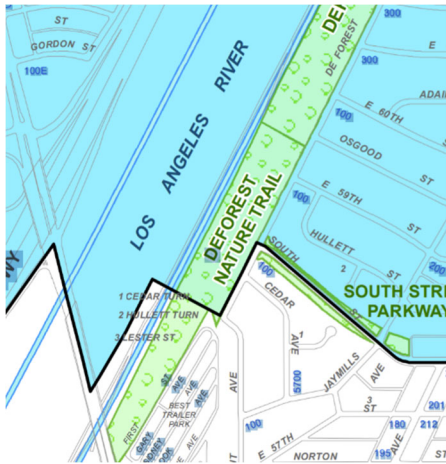
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From: shepmathe <shepmathe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting Comission

-EXTERNAL-

Hello. This is Gail Shepherd at

I'm writing this to remind you that we here Alamitos Beach near Bixby Park should not be expanded into Downtown. We have little to nothing in common w/them. We are a Beach/College Student neighborhood. There are many SFR like ours with Historic 100+ yr old houses.

Please consider instead adding Bluff Park and Carol Park and Belmont Hights, expanding us to the East Instead of the border being move from Alamitos Blvd to the west. Moving our border far West into DT and PCH to to North well isolate our voices in Alamitos Beach even more!

There are already plan in to work to build a Concession brick and mortar 1 blk away on Juniperro on the beach. We should have a say in that. We also share a border w/Bixby Park an need a council persons vote.

If you look at map as stands we are obviously a beach neighborhood connected to the areas East of us. We should also include 4th Street/Retro row.

When the Commission was trying to worry about other neighborhoods voices staying together, you started grabbing parts of Alamitos Beach. Then left it alone, chopped up, and went back to areas North of DT. We are now short on people. We got split in half at the 11/3 meeting and never got back to. One of the women on the commission said to grab all of 4th st. Down to Temple. She was making population add up for the Black Neighborhoods. Others spoke for Hispanic districts. Even the Airport neighborhoods caused AB to split up.

I don't think some of The commission even know what we are about. We are Unique and Diverse. No huge Condos like DT in adding. Let alone our community's concerns.

Please do not split up Alamitos Beach. We are beach neighborhood with many of the issues of our other Beach neighborhoods. When you look to make us whole again, which I hope you do, do not put us in DT! Keep to the East side. We are densely populated and don't know why that has changed.

Thank you
Gail Shepherd

Sent from Samsung tablet

From: Annica Nilsson <swedannica@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:13 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Redistricting-want my voice heard

-EXTERNAL-

Hi everyone,

I have not been able to attend the meetings but have recently been able to read up on it. I wish we could do the meetings on Zoom so I could also make my voice heard. So I have to protest this way instead. I moved from Belmont Shore to Bluff Park for a reason and I want these coastal communities to stay together. The historic district should not be broken up as proposed. I want to stay in district 3 or C as before. I am an immigrant and having my community stay together as I have gotten to know it is very, very important to me. Please make my comment official and hear me and others out who also feel the same way.

Annica Nilsson

From: shepmathe <shepmathe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 12:11 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Alamitos Beach/Bixby Park

-EXTERNAL-

Alamitos Beach Dist lines should include our neighbors East of Cherry. Don't know why we are being spread out into any other neighborhoods (Downtown, Zafera/Traffic Circle ect.) instead of adding east of Junipero with Carol Park, Belmont Heights, Bluff park. Both east and west of Junipero border are beach communities with 100 yr old homes. We are attached and share common interest and concerns in our beach community. This includes the park.

Please be aware that the border of Dist 2 is Not as you have on any of your maps! Border goes through the east side of the First Parcel off Broadway and Junipero and shares the Bixby park. You have it incorrect. Pls fix.

Having lived in Alamitos Beach for over 30 yrs on Cherry and Bluff Park for 10 yrs on 36 Place/Ocean, I can honestly say we need a voice especially w/the new plans to build a brick and mortar on the sand concessions and rentals 1 by away. We need to keep the voice of the traditionally Gay community/College/beach neighborhood. We are diverse unique and involved.

It's ridiculous to make a new area for Bluff Park to Carol Park when we share the beach and it's access, and issues. There is are no good reasons not to add these areas to Alamitos Beach. We need more ppl apparently, they also need more ppl. Alamitos Beach does not have large apartments or condos as someone claimed at last wks. meeting. We are mostly 2 stories condos and lots of 100+ yr old homes. Our house was built in 1913. My past rental across the street was built in 1906. It just sold for \$1.1 mil. The house next door here on Cherry is selling for \$1,000000. The house on the corner of. Cherry and 3rd sold recently for over \$1mil. Seems to be a prejudice w/some our Dist. 3 residents. The 3 gay men who spoke don't seem to know their own neighborhood. Representation is important. We've barely a voice.

Please listen to the Commisioner who spoke for us. She had long brown hair and a Rainbow mask. We agree 100% with her comments at the 11/10 meeting. We are and have been for over 40yr, a Gay friendly neighborhood. It was called Boys Town when I moved here. That has never changed.

The obvious choice to keep the beach together and save our voices is to join our community West of Junipero Cherry and the park w/East side of Bixby Park past Junipero. Shocked at any other decision. Please re consider. Watched last 3 meetings.

Thank you for your time,
GailShepherd
Leonard Mather

Sent from Samsung tablet

From: Ed Robinson <edrobinson1940@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:18 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Lynda <lyndaarobinson@yahoo.com>; Bill Tripodi <williamtripodi@msn.com>
Subject: Proposed merger

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern

As a long-time resident of Alamitos Heights, I fail to see any possible upside for a merger of our District 3 with District 4.

They are totally different communities in many disparate ways and activity choices as well, of course, as property tax payments.

PLEASE do NOT go ahead with this unpopular merger proposal.

Respectfully
Ed Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ed Robinson <ed@iceseducation.org>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:52 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Lynda <lyndaarobinson@yahoo.com>; Bill Tripodi <williamtripodi@msn.com>; Mike Baghramian <bagermmb@gmail.com>; Steve Grove <steve@kmcsales.com>; David Gayl <dghayl@gmail.com>; jncantrell@gmail.com

Subject: Merger proposal

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern

As a long-time resident of Alamitos Heights, I strongly disagree with the proposed merger of District 3 and District 4. Our Districts are vastly different in various disparate ways, not least of which are cultural interests and property tax assessments. PLEASE reconsider this very unpopular gerrymandering proposal.

With anticipatory thanks

Respectfully

Ed Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

From: I Waksul <isaac@waksul.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: I Waksul <info@mybluffpark.org>
Subject: Comment for redistricting map

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

I suggest keeping the entire Bluff Park (the park on Ocean Blvd) in the same District as Bluff Park (the community across the the street on Ocean Blvd). This will keep the entire park and community, in District B.

In the last map rendition, about a third of the park is situated in District C.

Keeping the entire park in the same District will make it easier for future development and upgrade of the park.

Thank you,

Isaac Waksul

From: Timothy Schugt <tshookie39@cs.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: craftsman-village@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: Invitation from Independent Redistricting Commission to Final Map Adoption Meeting -- Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021, 6 p.m. @ City Council Chambers

-EXTERNAL-

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-----Original Message-----

From: Neighborhood Resource Center <Neighborhood_Resource_Center@longbeach.gov>
To: Neighborhood Resource Center <Neighborhood_Resource_Center@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Patricia Aleman <Patricia.Aleman@longbeach.gov>
Sent: Mon, Nov 15, 2021 9:01 am
Subject: Invitation from Independent Redistricting Commission to Final Map Adoption Meeting -- Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021, 6 p.m. @ City Council Chambers

From: Bradley Bounds
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 10:26 AM
Subject: You're Invited - Final Map Adoption Meeting

Long Beach, it's your community, your voice!

The Independent Redistricting Commission adopted two proposed final maps at the Wednesday, November 10, 2021 meeting.

We invite you to attend the Final Map Adoption meeting,

Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

411 W Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Please visit the Redistricting website to view the proposed maps,

<https://longbeach.gov/redistricting/maps/submitted-maps/>

Sign up for updates: bit.ly/RedistrictLB2021

To learn more, please visit www.longbeach.gov/redistricting

If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager's Office:
bradley.bounds@longbeach.gov (562-570-6787) or patricia.aleman@longbeach.gov.

From: chris white <caw520@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:03 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting map

-EXTERNAL-

I prefer the #2 map! Leave the 8th District Northern Border as Del Amo!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lisa Smock <smockly2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:09 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Council District 5

-EXTERNAL-

The current proposal to move CD 5 to include Cal Heights and Bixby Knolls and move others to CD 4 does a disservice to the people of all involved. And a shift of 25% of the district shows me and others that this is not just about the airport.

CD 5 has different needs than Cal Heights and Bixby Knolls. This new map stretches CD 5 almost to the 710 freeway, almost the other side of the city.

The proposed map, to me, shows that this is a map for political gains, and not one for the community.

Lisa Smock
smockly2020@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jacqueline Villegas <villegas_jacqueline@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:33 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting map

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

Do not split Bixby Knolls. Our neighborhood needs to stay together. The only acceptable map for consideration is map 2.

Regards,

Jacqueline Villegas

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:46 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Kevin Jackson <Kevin.Jackson@longbeach.gov>;
Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Patricia Aleman <Patricia.Aleman@longbeach.gov>;
Alison Spindler-Ruiz <Alison.Spindler-Ruiz@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>; Jesus lopez <jlopez11@live.com>; Cassandra Davis
<cassandra.aop@gmail.com>; Sanghak Kan <sanghakkan@yahoo.com>

Subject: AOC7 Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to make sure that our neighborhoods are kept intact during this redistricting. We are submitting our letter in writing for the IRC to consider approval for our request.

Respectfully submitted,

AOC7

Board Members

Mary Simmons
Rocio Torres
Jesus Lopez
Cassandra Davis

From: Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:47 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Kevin Jackson <Kevin.Jackson@longbeach.gov>; Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Patricia Aleman <Patricia.Aleman@longbeach.gov>; Alison Spindler-Ruiz <Alison.Spindler-Ruiz@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>; Jesus Lopez <jlopez11@live.com>; Cassandra Davis <cassandra.aop@gmail.com>; Sanghak Kan <sanghakkan@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: AOC7 Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Apologies, here's our attachment letter.

On Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 7:46 PM Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com> wrote:
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Respectfully submitted,

AOC7
Board Members

Mary Simmons
Rocio Torres
Jesus Lopez
Cassandra Davis

Monday, November 15th

To Redistricting Commissioners:

Our neighborhood community of AOC7 (Anaheim, Orange, Cherry & 7th Street) requests that the IRC keep our boundaries from 7th Street (North) to 10th Street (South) and from Orange Ave (East) to Cherry Ave (West) in the current 2nd District area.

AOC7 has been working in the 2nd District and within our neighborhood boundaries for the past 10 years and many more projects to accomplish with our neighbors and our current Councilwoman. This would not serve our neighborhood well and in fact would set back our neighborhood work and goals.

AOC7 Neighbors along with Craftsman Village Historic District have advocated for equality for all 2nd District residents; if we are removed from our current district, you will be removing most of the BIPOC in the 2nd District.

We are in alliance with Craftsman Village Historic District to keep these boundaries within our neighborhoods to remain in the Second District; 7th Street (North) to 10th Street (South) and from Orange Ave (East) to Cherry Ave (West).

We have nothing in common with the Downtown Long Beach area. Please reconsider our neighborhood boundaries mentioned above not be moved to the 1st District.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Simmons
562 758-5751
AOC7 Board Member

Rocio Torres
AOC7 Board Member

From: Lisa Usher-Staats <lisastaats@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:10 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Bixby Knolls map 2 preferred

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Redistricting,

We are homeowners in the Ridgewood Heights area of Bixby Knolls, and write to implore you to adopt 'Map 2' so as to preserve a long standing community with deep roots and strong connectivity.

As part of Bixby Knolls, the Ridgewood Heights area has deep connections within it's perimeters, neighbor to neighbor, and to the larger current District 8 family.

Across the past 30 years, we have watched as 'starter' homes built for returning WWII veterans have been revitalized by young couples - who are starting their own families. Traditional sharing of garden produce, pet care, baked goods, and home improvement know-how continues, across the generations.

Neighbors bring groceries and meals and check on infirm members of the community; petty crime is often thwarted by watchful residents.

Community members can be counted upon at District 8 events and provide input to district and City decisionmaking.

Many public school and higher education personnel reside in our area, alongside public health employees and engineers and accountants. We have mentored each other's children, encouraging college and workforce aspirations.

We are a diverse, energetic and resourceful part of Bixby Knolls, and should continue to be integral to the larger community.

Lisa and Tim Staats

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From: nightembraced@aol.com <nightembraced@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:50 AM
To: Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: Redistricting Update: Commission to Vote on Final Map

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

I have a questions. Why did the commissioners not use the Districts Numbers so it would be easy for the public tell with ones they are looking at? This would make things for the public.

Can you tell me, which is Districts is 1, 2, 3 on the maps?

Thank You,
John Kindred.

-----Original Message-----

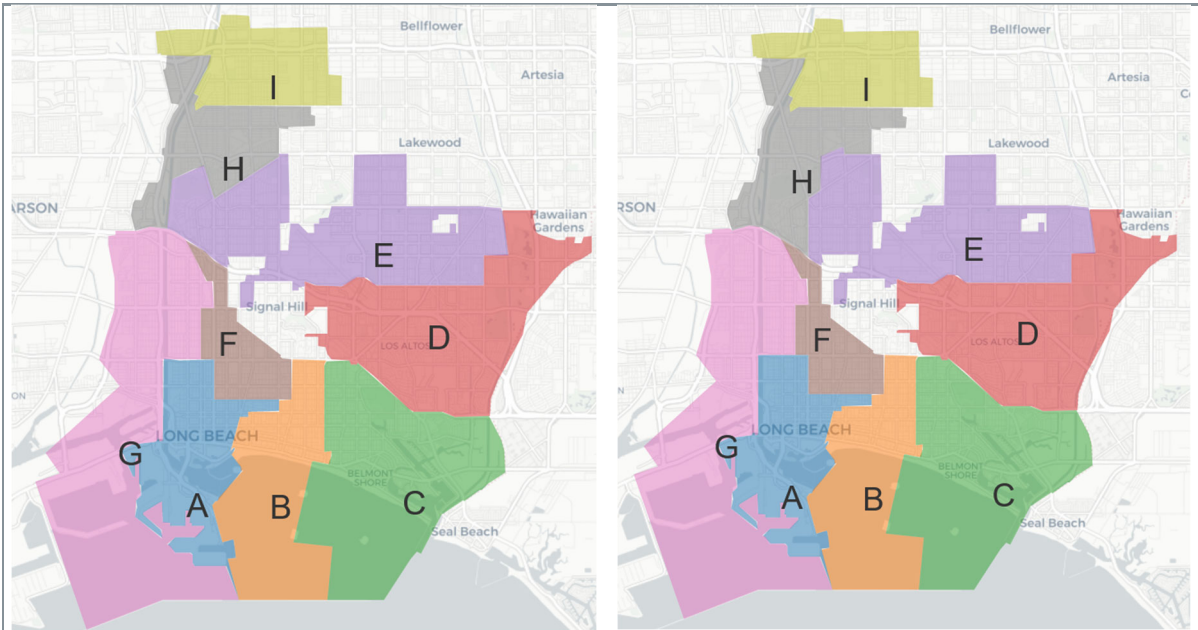
From: Councilwoman Cindy Allen <district2@longbeach.gov>
To: nightembraced@aol.com
Sent: Mon, Nov 15, 2021 8:00 pm
Subject: Redistricting Update: Commission to Vote on Final Map



Dear Neighbors,

The Long Beach [Independent Redistricting Commission](#) will vote to select a final map to complete the redistricting process on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Members of the public are invited to take part in the process to adopt a final map by attending the upcoming meeting or writing to the commissioners at redistricting@longbeach.gov.



Proposed Final Map 1 and Proposed Final Map 2

The Commission meetings take place at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Blvd. on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 18 - Final Map Adoption Hearing
 - The Commission will vote on the final map. The Commission's deadline to approve a final map in time for the 2022 election cycle is December 7, 2021.

Parking is available for free at the parking lot located on Chestnut and Broadway, which will remain open to facilitate community attendance at the Redistricting meetings.

Residents may view the meeting online by visiting:

<https://www.longbeach.gov/redistricting/>

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (562) 570-2222 or via email at district2@longbeach.gov. My team and I are here to assist in any way possible, and we look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,



Long Beach Council District 2 | 411 W Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802

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From: Holly Breen Lutes <habreen@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:07 AM

To: craftsman-village@googlegroups.com; Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>;
Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Greg "Doc" Lutes <capbacci@msn.com>; holly breen <habreen@aol.com>

Subject: Re: [craftsman-village] Re: Invitation from Independent Redistricting Commission to Final Map
Adoption Meeting -- Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021, 6 p.m. @ City Council Chambers

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Mr. Bounds,

Neither of the proposed maps reflects the much expressed desire of the Craftsman Village Historic group for the entire CVHD to be included in what is currently the 2nd district along with our similarly minded neighbors. This has been addressed multiple times to the resisting commission.

Our Historic District needs to remain in tact in the 2nd / B district.

Regards,

Gregory and Holly Breen Lutes
Resident home owners for over 20 years

From: Kris Beardsley <kbfeeler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:35 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: craftsman-village@googlegroups.com
Subject: Input for Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Redistricting Commission:

I am writing this letter to in order to affect a change to the latest maps from the November 10, 2021, Redistricting Meeting.

Craftsman Village Historic District was established in 1992 by a vote of the City Council and approval by the Planning Commission. Our village is one of the oldest of the 18 historic districts in our city, and for the last 32 years, we have resided within Council District 2 (Area B), with the exception of the West side of Orange Ave., which is in Council District 1 (Area A).

In October 2021, Craftsman Village Historic District submitted our request to the Redistricting Commission. We provided a history of our neighborhood, the boundaries we wished to reside within, and our commitment to the collaborative relationships we have established over the last 30 years with our neighbors to the south and east of our historic district. We pride ourselves as being great stewards of our communities and take great pride in showcasing our neighborhood across all of Long Beach.

Until about a week ago, the Planning Commission reflected our historic district as being where it had always been, in Area B. Surprisingly, after the Nov. 3, 2021 meeting, our northern boundary was moved from 10th St. to 7th St., and we were placed in Area A. Unfortunately, we, nor other historic districts, were consulted in this move and it does not reflect general sentiment across our city. In fact, this move creates issues that are at odds with the decisions being contemplated by Long Beach Development Services and the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Currently, Craftsman Village Historic District is working with Long Beach Development Services to expand our historic district east to Cherry Ave., along the 10th and 7th street boundaries. This would place our historic district next to Rose Park Historic District, one of our collaborative partners. Our boundary is also going to move West to Cerritos Ave. We are currently in 'Phase 1' of this process, whereby the Cultural Heritage Commission has approved of our plan and we will now move into 'Phase 2.'

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historic district and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. Overall, we maintain our position and request we keep our historic district in one council district (Area B), as it will yield significant benefits when we expand our historic district boundaries to the east.

I thank you for your time and hope you will recognize how important this issue is to Craftsman Village Historic District residents, as well as surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Kristine A. Beardsley

Resident

From: Linda Alexander <ladesignsforlife@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:31 AM
To: craftsman-village@googlegroups.com
Cc: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: [craftsman-village] Input for Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

This was articulated well, providing our history, the present and the near future with purpose and passion.

As with other historic districts in Long Beach that have seen their communities subdivided by the redistricting commissions new maps, we join them in asking the redistricting committee to keep natural neighborhoods and communities intact.

There are better ways that the commission can create the needed redistricting based on the latest census that leave neighborhoods, ethnic communities, and historic districts intact that will actually build a better and stronger Long Beach. One where all voices are heard and communities can more easily come together for the betterment of all.

We stand in solidarity with our Craftsman Village neighbors and partners, Bluff Park, and all of the other individual and communities whom have made similar requests that are fair and reasonable. Ones that provide positive solutions.

Please hold close your mandate and purpose. Keep cohesion, keep communities, neighborhoods, and historic districts like ours together. Support a Stronger Long Beach and help us to ensure that all voices are represented and heard.

Linda Alexander
Paul Brindley

Don't be nice, instead be kind in all things - act with honesty, integrity and compassion.

On Tue, Nov 16, 2021, 6:34 AM Kris Beardsley <kbfeeler@gmail.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Kristine A. Beardsley

Resident

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/craftsman-village/34C12497-AF83-49B1-8987-98FA46A07FA0%40gmail.com>

From: Glennis Dolce <glennisd@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:07 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Final Maps

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners-

As you approach the end of this difficult process I want to thank you for all your efforts. It is refreshing to see that a Commission actually listened to the public!

At this point, I want to thank you for the additions of the airport footprint being added to two districts as was requested by the AANG COI.

As a 41 year resident of Cal Heights I also am relieved to have the Globemaster development added to the the boundary that affects our neighborhood. At the beginning, I did not anticipate we would end up in the 5th district but we are willing to adapt.

Between the two maps, IRC 1 & IRC 2, I want to express my support and preference for IRC 1.

Why? The neighborhoods that are brought together in Map 1 have formed more connections over the years and have built more bonds and support for each other than with the neighborhoods north of San Antonio Drive. Going west as in Map 1 makes more sense and preserves existing neighborhood bonds than going north as in Map 2. People I know in the neighborhood north of San Antonio Drive would prefer to remain in a district with the neighborhoods which they also have formed relationships with to the north of them rather than to the south.

I encourage you to choose Map 1 over Map 2.

Again, thank you for serving on this Commission and as they say... "what a long strange trip it's been".

Glennis Dolce

Cal Heights D7

From: christian svanes kolding <christian@christiansvaneskolding.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: craftsman-village@googlegroups.com; Adriana Estrada <axestrada@gmail.com>
Subject: Citizen Input to Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission to Final Map Adoption Meeting

-EXTERNAL-

To the members of the Independent Redistricting Commission,

We are homeowners who recently moved to Long Beach from New York City, buying a house in the Craftsman Village Historic District. We write to appeal to the Independent Redistricting Commission to place the Craftsman Village Historic District back into Council District 2 (located in area B on both of the latest maps under consideration from the November 10, 2021, Redistricting Meeting)

As one of the oldest historic districts in Long Beach, we believe the interests of the Craftsman Village are more in line with the neighboring historic districts adjacent to ours (Rose Park and Carroll Park, for starters) and with current talk of expanding the Craftsman Village Historic District further east, it makes even more sense that the Redistricting Commission take every effort to keep this historic district intact as far as voting districts are concerned.

A failure to do so places our historic district in the same voting district as downtown and East Village, setting up competing priorities, which won't align. The rapid business development and efforts to increase the population of downtown are wonderful but they don't align with a more preservationist mindset of a historic district such as ours.

The Craftsman Village Historic District also has a very diverse population of homeowners from many different backgrounds and cultures and would bring these vital perspectives into play to greater effect into Council District 2 (Area B).

Our neighbors, AOC7, offer their support for our request to move the boundary on the map of our historic district at 7th Street and the portion of AOC7 that overlays Craftsman Village Historic District back north to 10th Street, which puts us back entirely into Area B. AOC7 has also requested the Redistricting Commission to implement this change.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Adriana Estrada and Christian Svanes Kolding

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christian svanes kolding
<http://www.christiansvaneskolding.com>
<https://twitter.com/cskolding>

From: pganz7@verizon.net <pganz7@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: 5th district Maps

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Paul Ganz and I live in the 5th District.

I also grew up in the 5th District in the 1950's. The 5th District is a community that has been encompassed by district boundaries that included El Dorado Park and remained largely unchanged for over 70 years. Draft Map 1, which was put forth by the commission for weeks and supported by residents, essentially maintained the integrity of the 5th District's historical community boundaries.

I was shocked to learn that the Commission suddenly switched maps on November 3, without regard to the input of 5th District residents and just before the deadline for submitting the Final Map.

The two proposed Final Maps have gerrymandered the 5th District to absurdity and violate almost every requirement and criteria the Commission must follow under Section 2506 of the City Charter:

For example, in violation of section(a)(3) The Commission has connected two completely different parts of the city with 4 blocks of a street in an apparent attempt to call it geographically contiguous. The 5th is not even contiguous compared to other districts in the map.

With regard to the 5th District, the two proposed Final Maps are in flagrant violation of the first 6 most important criteria under Section 2506(b).

The two proposed Final Maps show complete disregard for the 5th District community and worse, their last minute submittal has denied residents the due process of community input they are entitled to.

I urge every Commissioner to show respect and fairness to ALL communities in the city. Reject the two proposed Final Maps and return to the pre-November 3 Draft Map 1 that has been supported by residents.

Not taking the time to do it right will only result in the Commission's failure. I believe the Commissioners want to finish with integrity and take the time to do it right.

Thank You,

Paul Ganz

From: Melinda Barbee [mailto:mindibarbee@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:25 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Please keep the historic coastal areas together

-EXTERNAL-

Dear people,
Please cast my voice along with many others who want to keep neighborhoods like Bluff Park together with other coastal districts in Long Beach in order to best promote and protect their shared interests.
Thank you
Melinda Barbee

Sent from my iPhone

From: Alfredo Gutierrez <fredotierrez@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Keep craftsman village in council district 2 area B thank you
Alfredo Gutierrez

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From: D'lorah Hunt <dlorah.hunt@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:54 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; craftsman-village@googlegroups.com

Subject: Redistricting: Areas A & B

-EXTERNAL-

Esteemed Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for volunteering for such a vital role in strengthening and preserving our democracy. Knowing that yours is often a thankless task I wanted to take this moment to acknowledge the essential work you are doing.

I purchased my home on Toledo Walk in November of 1990 and have worked hard for 31 years to improve the neighborhood. Upon helping in the formation of a community organization that worked on lighting improvements and graffiti abatement (prior to the city wide program we enjoy now) one of the first big projects we took on was the work of being recognized as a historic district - to bring pride to and encourage beautification of our neighborhood. In 1992 we were recognized. Our work over these past 29 years has helped to build community and bring stability to a neighborhood previously marred by drug dealing and violence. In about 2010 AOC7 was established and similar to our overlapping boundaries, we also have many overlapping concerns but also distinct focus and interests.

I am writing requesting that you place the Craftsman Village Historic District together with our pending expanded boundaries back in Area B on the redistricting maps. This request aligns with the request from AOC7 that the Area A and Area B boundaries be split along 10th St. What AOC7 can see is that the interests and concerns of AOC7 can more effectively be met when two council seats must be accountable to the needs of the group, not just one. For the Craftsman Village Historic District the 10th Street split will provide us with a councilperson more apt to be responsive to our concerns versus a councilperson responding to the more intensely developed areas in Area A. Additionally, the diversity we enjoy in the Craftsman Village will enhance those voices in Area B promoting a council more representative of all of our citizens.

I have one additional request. Could you please postpone the final vote until additional input to the latest changes can be garnered?

Regards,

D'lorah Hunt

From: Keryn Means <walkingon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Craftsman Village <craftsman-village@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: [craftsman-village] Redistricting: Areas A & B

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I purchased my home on 9th and Orange in August 2021. We were excited to join a strong community who cared about community and preserving such an important part of Southern California history. We were immediately welcomed into the village by everyone on our street and in the neighborhood, something that you don't see in most of California, as neighbors are separated by giant fences and keep to themselves. My kids feel safe playing with their friends on the block, walking to school and I even feel safe walking our dog at night. This is because of the hard work our Craftsman Village has done with the city over the past three decades.

A little background on our neighborhood: In 1992, Craftsman Village was recognized, after years of hard work and improvements. The work over these past 29 years has helped to build community and bring stability to a neighborhood previously marred by drug dealing and violence. In about 2010, AOC7 was established and similar to our overlapping boundaries, we also have many overlapping concerns but also distinct focus and interests.

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Making sure EVERYONE in the community is represented is essential to continued growth, stability and improvements in Long Beach, CA, as well as retaining families and enticing new residents to move to the area. We love our neighbors and our community and want to continue to work with each other and the city to make improvements and celebrate our historic neighborhood for years to come, something redistricting us in Area A will not allow us to do effectively.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter, and hope you will take a very hard look at the district lines so that the best decision for the residents is made.

All the best,

Keryn Means

From: Jeremy Payne <jeremy@eqca.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Equality California - Long Beach's LGBTQ+ Community

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jeremy Payne and I am reaching out on behalf of Equality California - the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) civil rights organization.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Commissioner Beckenhaupt and the entire commission for your commitment to ensuring a fair and equitable redistricting process that recognizes our significant LGBTQ+ community in Long Beach.

Equality California has been tirelessly advocating for the LGBTQ+ community in Long Beach and has routinely uplifted how redistricting efforts will have a lasting impact not just on LGBTQ+ representation, but also on LGBTQ+ civil rights and protections across the country and at every level of government for the next ten years. Thank you for helping us unify and empower our local LGBTQ+ community so that we may continue to protect our community, our civil rights, and our ability to elect candidates of choice locally.

In solidarity,
Jeremy Payne

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Jeremy Payne | Associate Program Director
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From: gracelorentzen@netscape.net <gracelorentzen@netscape.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: council.district7@longbeach.gov
Subject: Redistricting Prefer Plan 1

-EXTERNAL-

I like plan 1 as a resident of California Heights. I feel that Cal Heights, Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos neighborhoods have similar interests and should be together.

Also as a volunteer at Ranch Los Cerritos, I think it should be in our district E. People coming into Ranch Los Cerritos will be driving through district E, so we have more interest in the Rancho that folks north of us.

Thanks you

GraceLorentzen@netscape.net

From: O Tamaki <gentao2008@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting idea for D9 and D8

-EXTERNAL-

Dear who it may concern,

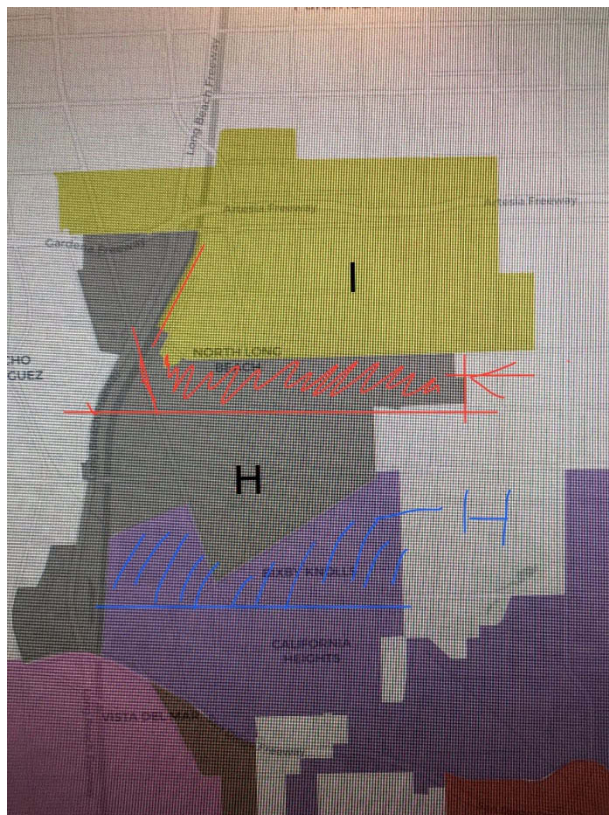
I'd like to propose the redistricting map for district 9 and 8.

I live in district 8, but many of my neighbors want to be a part of district 9. Can you please redistrict from market street to south street & paramount Blvd to Long Beach river to be a part of District 9?
(Please see attached picture)

Therefore, district 8 contains Bixby knolls. The current D8 has economic differences between north and south in the same district 8. North D8 should be a part of D9, especially market street and the north side, to get a more active and safer neighborhood.

This is very important for us. Thank you for working hard to make an equal and vibrant long beach living.

Anonymous,
Zip 90805.



----- Tamaki -----

Fax: USA+1-310-405-0892

From: Justin Potier <Justin.Potier@vylla.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: 'Jorge Gonzalez Sosa' <jagonzalez417@gmail.com>
Subject: Map Selection Before Redistricting Committee

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Justin Potier and my husband and I are residents in the city of Long Beach and we prefer the selection of map 1. Collectively map 1 keeps the Los Cerritos area a part of the Bixby Knolls community (which geographically it is).

If you can confirm receipt, it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Justin Potier

Area Vice President | Designated Broker

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From: Pat Harper <patharper49@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:16 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting of Long Beach

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of Map 1, simply because I think Los Cerritos and Bixby Knolls should be represented by the same Council person. The economy of one depends on the other and both are affected by LGB flights and decisions.

Thank you,
Patricia Harper

From: Heather Mansell <heather.mansell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Note on Cal Heights/Bixby Knolls in Proposal

-EXTERNAL-

Hello - I am a resident of Bixby Knolls (right on Bixby Rd, bordering Cal Heights), and we live 3 doors down from Longfellow school. I would like to express my support for Proposal #1 that would keep the tracts beyond Long Beach Blvd in one district with Bixby/Cal Heights. The park at the end of Bixby is an integral part of this neighborhood. Driving down Bixby Rd to its terminus at Los Cerritos park is an essential thoroughway traveled by every family in this area, and should be considered holistically to this neighborhood. We were strong advocates for the Riverpark development which unfortunately failed this year, but we are acutely aware that all development along the railway, bike path and river at the western end of our neighborhood affects us all in numerous ways. Please keep Bixby/Cal Heights/Los Cerritos/Virginia CC into one neighborhood, which it is.

Thank you all for your efforts in redistricting.

Heather Mansell

From: msouza reel-sense.com <msouza@reel-sense.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:24 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Long Beach Map Preference

-EXTERNAL-

I am a business owner in the city and prefer proposed map 2.

Thank you.

Matthew A. Souza

From: Alan, Helene & Michael Fasnacht <team.fasnacht@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:31 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: PLEASE CHOOSE MAP OPTION#1

-EXTERNAL-

Please select map #1 that includes Los Cerritos in with Bixby Knolls, California Heights and others in the new E district.

Thank you!



Team Fasnacht

Broker & Realtors

TF Realty Group

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From: Helene Fasnacht <helene.fasnacht@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:45 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Map option #1

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commission members,

Please select map choice #1 that includes Los Cerritos with Bixby Knolls and California Heights and other areas in new formed E!!

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Helene Fasnacht



Helene Fasnacht

Realtor

Team Fasnacht Realty Group

DRE#: 01125292

E: helene.fasnacht@gmail.com



From: DOUGLAS FRANKENFELD <dougenfeld@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:55 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Prefer Draft 1 of the L.B. City Council Districts Reapportionment

-EXTERNAL-

Douglas Frankenfeld
dougenfeld@msn.com

From: Stuart Galloway <thegalloways89@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Greg Alexander <thegregalexander@gmail.com>; Al Austin <Al.Austin@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Final redistricting maps
Importance: High

-EXTERNAL-

As residents of Bixby Knolls, and heavily committed to the maintenance of local communities as one of the guiding concepts as stated for the redistribution arrangements, my wife and I must vote for **Map 1 (ONE)**.

Both maps are unsatisfactory, as they place Bixby Knolls, California Heights and Los Cerritos as a far flung "whale tail" of the main part of the District E. We have very little, if anything at all, in common with the eastern part of District E, except being in the same city.

However, the areas of Bixby Knolls, California Heights and Los Cerritos have a great deal in common, and create a contiguous, recognizable local community within the city, with common values, property and local retail/entertainment areas that we particularly support. As a community, we can also form a western counterweight to the equally contiguous area east of the airport.

Our community as a whole, is far more affected by departing airport traffic, than are those residents and voters in the eastern part of District E. They are not even under the flight path, coming in or going out, and therefore we need our community speaking as one to keep deleterious aircraft effects as minimal as they can be.

I repeat, **our two votes and support go towards MAP 1 (ONE)**, in the absence of a better alternative.

Yours

Stuart & Crystal Galloway

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Anna Cayot <acayot15@apu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Opinion on Proposed Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon,

My name is Anna Cayot and I am a resident of District 8. I vastly prefer the first proposed map. I live in the neighborhood that is being disputed between the two maps. I have lived here for 23 years and our neighborhood is deeply connected to Bixby Knolls, which the second map proposes that we separate from. At the intersection of Roosevelt rd. and Long Beach Blvd., we have a "Bixby Knolls National Park" (<https://www.presstelegram.com/2021/11/06/welcome-to-the-bixby-knolls-national-park-in-long-beach/>) that would no longer be in the same district as Bixby Knolls if this change is made. While we may not technically be *in* Bixby Knolls, this neighborhood is a part of that community and I, for one, do not want to lose that by being separated by district lines.

Please consider this and what it means to our community when making this decision.

Thank you,
Anna Cayot

From: Kent Family <kentfamily1@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Los Cerritos and Bixby Knolls as part of District E

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Suzette Goul Kent and I live in the Los Cerritos neighborhood. I strongly favor a final redistricting map that combines Los Cerritos into Bixby Knolls as a part of District "E."

The reasons I support this position are :

- Our neighborhood has extremely STRONG historical and current ties to Bixby Knolls. In fact, most people often assume we are part of Bixby Knolls.
- Our children attend the Hughes Middle School in Bixby Knolls and both the kids and parents form strong friendships all around Bixby Knolls.
- The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association includes commercial properties in Los Cerritos. Our community strongly supports the Bixby Knolls Businesses.
- Los Cerritos is under the take-off pattern for commercial flights out of Long Beach Airport and being a part of District E provides a direct council district association to airport issues. Los Cerritos residents have worked for many decades on airport issues that directly affect us. We should be separated from the airport, given our history with airport issues as well as past, current and potential future airport impacts on our residents.

From: Dorothy Mcdermott <mikendotty@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:00 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

So , if we're changing boundaries and we are still District 1,2,3 can't you make yours maps 1,2,3 instead of A,B,C,? They re still troublesome.

Dorothy McDermott

From: Lynette Ferenczy <lferenczy62@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Letter for Nov 17, 2021 meeting

-EXTERNAL-

November 16, 2021

Redistricting Commission:

The Wrigley neighborhood is one of the largest contiguous residential communities in Long Beach. It also has the oldest and most prominent Community Organization - The Wrigley Association. Prior to 1990 the Wrigley community was contained in the 7th Council district. Since the 1990 redistricting the Wrigley community has been split between two council districts, each with different priorities. Our community has suffered because of this consistent lack of focus. This is evidenced by the disparity in economic activity between Willow Street which is in the 7th district and Pacific Avenue which is in the 6th. Now is the time to right this wrong. The current proposed maps still divide Wrigley at Pacific Avenue. As a major commercial street Pacific Avenue should not be shared by two council districts. The Wrigley community has always extended east to Long Beach Boulevard which could serve as a natural dividing line because of the light rail.

Pacific Avenue is the heart of Wrigley Village. To have Pacific Avenue split down the middle into two council districts does not make sense and divides the primary commercial corridor in the community. The neighborhood boundary has always extended from Pacific Coast Highway to the south, Long Beach Blvd to the east, the 710 to the west, and Wardlow Road to the north. An analysis of the population count of the proposed maps reveals that Wrigley could be made whole without exceeding the allowed number of residents for this district. The Association is working to create a BID and having to work with two council offices will make this process more difficult. Please consider the above facts when determining the configuration that will define our district for the next decade and maintain the integrity of the largest and oldest cohesive community in Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Mike Laquatra and Lynette Ferenczy

From: Birgit De La Torre <delatorre.birgit@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:13 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject:

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

First, I am in awe of each one of you for volunteering to tackling this enormous task. Personally, I have been overwhelmed by the complexity and the number of maps that have been proposed. I think that I understand some of the main things that you are trying to accomplish, one important goal being not to split neighborhoods.

On the flip side of that is throwing together neighborhoods that have very little in common with each other, as has been done with district 5 in the only map thus far being considered as a finalist.

I live in the 8th district and, like many of my neighbors, have very little reason to ever venture to the far east side of Long Beach. Bixby Knolls, Los Cerritos and Cal Heights together are like a village within the city. Our kids go to the same schools and same youth groups, we shop and dine in the same places. We have a closer connection to our neighbors in Wrigley. We see each other at First Fridays or the various concerts in the Bixby area.

How will a councilperson for the new district 5 do justice to such a far spread and varied district? I fear that neither the Bixby/Los Cerritos/ Cal Heights area nor the eastside will be adequately served or represented.

I can only guess as to the reasons for this "forced" new District 5, but it is a terrible solution. Please, find a less drastic solution to address the concerns of the various groups that are responsible for the creation of the map that you moved forward last week.

In sincere appreciation for your hard work,

Birgit De La Torre

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From: mimi.fox@verizon.net <mimi.fox@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Map 1 is the only acceptable choice.

Mimi Fox
Los Cerritos

From: Joe Davis <pacwestapp@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:38 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: New maps

-EXTERNAL-

I prefer option B to include my property in Bixby Knolls.

Respectfully,

Joe Davis

Sent from my iPad

From: Kelsey Wise <kwise9889@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:45 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: craftsman-village@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: Craftsman Village Redistricting: Areas A & B

-EXTERNAL-

To the members of Long Beach's Redistricting Committee,

First, a note of gratitude for not only the time, the hours, you have put in - but for the energy and care you have given to this process as well. Your commitment to our city, community, and those you speak on behalf of is admired, appreciated, and recognized as key to our larger democratic process.

I moved to Long Beach in 2014 and in 2019, bought my first home just off 7th and Orange. Our home was built in 1909 and we bought it with the understanding that we were not owners of this historic home, but stewards of it, entrusted with its care and preservation. Fortunately for us, we were met with an established, strong community of like-minded individuals that have spent decades laying the groundwork that supported the visions we had for our home, as well as that of community and friendship - which we are only more thankful for after welcoming our son in 2020.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be more involved in my community and recognize that the biggest changes start at the lowest levels, that is why this is so important to me.

I request that Craftsman Village Historic District (and the pending, expanded boundaries) be moved back into Area B of the redistricting maps. I would like to summarize some key points that are necessary for your consideration as you discuss the current maps:

- Craftsman Village is in the process of working with Long Beach Development Services to extend our current boundaries to our East and West. To the East (Cherry Ave.), this puts us directly next to our fellow historical district, Rose Park.
- While the committee discussed the need for AOC7 to remain intact as a neighborhood, I provide two counterpoints:
 - AOC7 is a neighborhood organization that - established only 10 years ago (nearly 20 years after the formation of Craftsman Village Historic District) - is distinct and separate from Craftsman Village. While our friendship with AOC7 is strong and important to us, its relevance and influence in redistricting conversations with regard to our community has been weighed more heavily than it should.
 - Additionally, our stated request aligns with AOC7's request, which supports a split in the AOC7 neighborhood at 10th St.

Being a first time home owner in such an historic neighbor has shown me the importance of these decisions. We have unique concerns and interests that demand a dedicated advocate at the city level to address properly. Additionally, our partnership with nearby neighborhoods and communities that share similar concerns and interests is paramount to our efforts.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,

Kelsey Wise & Troy Diack

From: BPNA President <president@bluffpark.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:45 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Taylor Anderson <Taylor.Anderson@longbeach.gov>; Amy Webber <Amy.Webber@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>

Subject: BPNA Letter to the Independent Redistricting Commission - Meeting November 18, 2021 - Agenda 21-136RC

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Honorable Commissioners of the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission -

On behalf of the **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association** Board of Directors, I respectfully submit to you the attached and [linked letter \(click here\)](#), in anticipation of your meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021, under Agenda Item 21-136RC.

We ask for your support of the compromise offer made by Commissioner Beckenhaupt related to District C at your meeting last week on November 10.

We do not support IRC Final Map 1 or IRC Final Map 2. We ask you please to delay final map adoption, amend and approve new final maps with the small workable change demonstrated last week, and schedule another meeting for final map adoption.

Our letter here provides **supporting information and next steps** that we would appreciate you to consider in advance of and during your meeting on this Thursday, November 18. Doing so will help bring better and needed balance, even if you cannot make whole and together, our Community of Interest pertaining to important aspects of its coastal historic district neighborhoods.

If there is anything further we can do to clarify, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you so much for all your hard and long work!

Sincerely,
-jeff

Jeffrey Mallin

President

(pronouns: he/him/his)

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Bluff Park Neighborhood Association

November 16, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission
City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802
redistricting@longbeach.gov

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association** (BPNA) Board of Directors appreciates your ongoing service. In anticipation of your meeting on Thursday, November 18, and writing on behalf of the entire Board, I kindly ask for your **support of the compromise offer by Commissioner Beckenhaupt** and for consideration of the details provided in this letter.

At the November 10 Commission meeting, I was unexpectedly requested to re-address you after seeing that keeping our community of interest neighborhoods both **Whole and Together** was not the Commission's desire. It was unclear what was being asked of me then. Frustrated and disappointed in seeing our community severed by alternative views, and without being able to clarify and discuss options with the Board, I gave the best answer I could at the time based on past Board discussions and its unanimous consensus. I did not feel comfortable and was not prepared to undermine or second-guess the full Board's voice. So, I didn't.

Now having reviewed the recording and having discussed the situation with the BPNA Board and leaders in the other impacted neighborhoods, the BPNA Board has come to the determination that the **compromise raised by Commissioner Beckenhaupt would indeed better meet our community's needs** in strengthening the uneven balance of historic districts that currently exist in both IRC Final Map 1 and IRC Final Map 2 as related to our coastal historic district neighborhoods and intercoastal neighborhoods with whom we share a long-term collective community of interest.

While I did not have the knowledge nor authority to share that perspective in the spontaneity of last week's meeting, this letter reflects the BPNA Board's **unanimous response and ask in agreement and appreciation with Commissioner Beckenhaupt**.

IRC Final Map 1 and IRC Final Map 2 are not supported by the BPNA Board. They create an uneven balance and voice for historic preservation comparing District B and District C, across which our community of interest is split. Wilton Street Historic District has no organized association, and Belmont Heights would be left speaking for its two smaller historic districts.

To improve the balance of and for historic districts in District C, we kindly ask that you **move Bluff Park into District C**, for the following reasons: Most critically, such a move is consistent with the BPNA's nonprofit mission centered on historic preservation, and this move would help to even out those needs and assets. Keeping Bluff Park and Belmont Heights together provides the historic continuity since 1906 of the original Alamitos Beach Townsite.¹ Belmont Heights and Bluff Park and neighborhoods to the east have over 100

years of continuity. The BPNA's mailing address is in Belmont Shore. Bluff Park residents regularly walk and bike the short distance to the southeast coastal neighborhoods and businesses with whom they have strong ties. And then there are the other previously stated shared common interests in quality of life, public safety, land and water issues.

As shown on the screen by the consultant last week, this one relatively small change of moving Bluff Park alone into District C does not significantly impact the population, diversity, variance, expanse, shape, etc., of any District on the citywide redistricting map and leaves untouched the rest of your work and desires.

We understand from Deputy City Attorney Taylor Anderson that this change cannot legally be done on November 18 while also selecting a final map for adoption at the same meeting. Such a change will require posting the amended map online for 7 days before voting for final adoption.

Instead, such a change will require you as the Commission to **delay the final map adoption and set another meeting date of the Commission** on or by December 7 for the final map adoption. At this week's meeting on November 18, you will also need to raise, second and approve additional motions to **elevate, amend, and approve new final maps that incorporate this change**. We recognize the magnitude of such an ask, especially during the holiday season, but we believe it is a **small change with big impact** needed to protect our historic districts.

Ideally, all our neighborhoods and the Board would have liked to have been kept "whole and together," as we have consistently stated. Realizing that this is not the desire of the Commission, here are the next steps and potential motions we believe would be needed to effectuate the simple but critical change we request, to move Bluff Park to District C:

- a) Delay or table the final map adoption that has been agendized for the November 18 Meeting.
- b) Add another meeting on or by December 7 (effectively from November 26th up to December 7th).
- c) Elevate IRC Final Map 1 for discussion by the Commission.
- d) Amend the map to move Bluff Park into District C.
- e) Approve the map as replacement Final Map to be considered for adoption at the next meeting.
- f) Repeat steps c), d), and e), pertaining to IRC Final Map 2 or any other map being considered.

Thank you so much for the consideration of this letter, and we appreciate the opportunity for a compromise in at least balancing our community of interest pertaining to the important aspects of its coastal historic district neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Mallin, BPNA President

cc: Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, City of Long Beach
Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, City of Long Beach

¹ Conceived of by John Bixby in 1886, annexed by Long Beach in 1909, this township ran from Alamitos to Termino. Today, Belmont Heights continues eastward to Nieto. Belmont Heights and Bluff Park and neighborhoods to the east have had over 100 years of continuity, such as the following: Street names that historically changed as subdivisions were annexed. Housing stock defined by having small apartments, bungalows, and large residences integrated on each block.

From: abueloron@aol.com <abueloron@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: STOP Chopping up District 5 with D and E

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners:
I attended the session at McBride School.
There was no discussion of this at that time! Where and when did that happen?

I think it is WRONG! Why is it being done?
It does NOT recognize the historic boundaries from Lakewood Plaza thru Lakewood Village! All East of the Airport!

The proposal moves me-- our home to the former 4th District, which is OK with me, but not our community!
(I FORMERLY REPRESENTED THE 4TH DISTRICT ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION (1982-1991)

Thanks for correcting this,
Ronald W. Nelson

From: Nicole Weaver <nicolio20ca@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:57 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Redistributing

-EXTERNAL-

I do not agree with the redistricting maps and purpose. Please vote no!

Sincerely,

Nicole Weaver

Resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Pamela Salyer <pamelapinesalyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:22 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistributing Meeting

-EXTERNAL-

As a resident in Los Cerritos, currently District 8, please consider Proposal 1 on November 18 2021.

We are a part of Bixby Knolls and Cal Heights in community resources, events, parks, etc.

Salyer Family

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathleen Schoendienst <kandschoend@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:28 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting Thank you & Petition

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Redistricting Commission,

We are sending you this **Thank you** and **petitions** to let you know our community is appreciative of the Redistricting Commission reinstating us back into Bixby Knolls. In addition; in the short time since the meeting on the 11/10/21, we were able to obtain these signed petitions to show that our neighbors are very pleased about the reinstatement of our community back into Bixby Knolls.

Attached is a total of 18 pages that consist of the Thank you and the signed petitions from our neighbors.

Thank you again for all the dedication and hard work you are doing for this redistricting process. We appreciate you all.

*Please confirm that you have received all 18 page attachment which includes the Thank you letter from our neighbors by responding via e-mail to kandschoend@gmail.com..

Thank you
Kathleen Schoendienst
Representative of Bixby Knolls Park Neighborhood Community - Marcellus
Bixby Knolls Park Neighborhood Community - Marcellus
Ridgewood Heights Neighborhood

November 11, 2021

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for restoring Bixby Knolls to one neighborhood by including the area North of E. San Antonio Drive South of Del Amo Boulevard between Atlantic Avenue and Orange Avenue.

This neighborhood has thrived since 1948 when the Bixby Knolls Shopping Center was built and Jotham Bixby donated the land for Bixby Knolls Park that was completed in 1949.

Since Lloyd Whaley developed the luxury "Lanai" homes in our Ridgewood Heights Bixby Knolls neighborhood, we have had generations of families that have lived, shopped, played, and even retired in this neighborhood.

Several of our neighbors are children & grandchildren of original owners. We would like to keep Bixby Knolls intact for another 70+ years and beyond.

Attached are names and signatures of all our neighbors to thank the Redistricting Commission for their hard work and dedication in this process. We urge you to approve Option B, IRC Proposed Final Map 2, to include our neighborhood in Bixby Knolls District E.

Respectfully,

Bixby Knolls/Ridgewood Heights Neighborhood
Bixby Knolls Park – Marcellus Community Group

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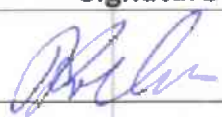

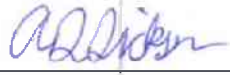


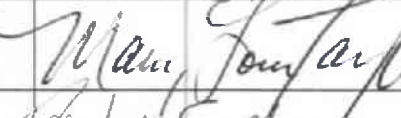



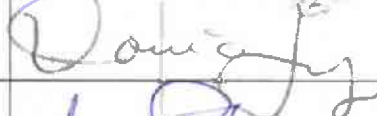

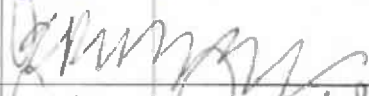
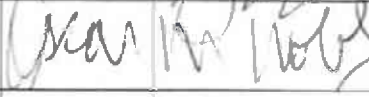
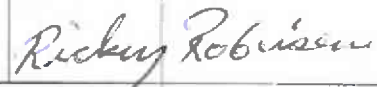
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Erlinda Santos Nguyen	1041 E. Marcellus St., LB	E. Nguyen
ADORACION SANTOS	1041 E. MARCELLUS ST. LB	Adoracion Santos
Johnny Nguyen	1041 E. Marcellus St. LB	Johnny Nguyen
Jack Henderson	1033 E. Marcellus St. LB	Jack Henderson
Laurie Henderson	1033 E Marcellus St. LB	Laurie Henderson
WAYNE SHIMABUKURO	1040 E. MARCELLUS ST LB	Wayne
AMY MILLER	1049 E. Marcellus St. LB	Amy Miller
PAULA GIBB	1048 E MARCELLUS ST LONG	Paula Gibb
FRANK MANCINI	1048 E MARCELLUS ST	Frank Mancini
Jeff Smith	1057 E Marcellus St.	Jeff Smith
Ridge Smith	1057 E. Marcellus St	Ridge Smith
Elmore Beck	1057 E Freeland St	Elmore Beck
Melvyn Nicholson	1032 E. Freeland St.	Melvyn Nicholson

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Lou Anna Rollins	4631 N. Cerritos Drive	
Andy Dickson	4631 N. Cerritos Dr.	
Jenny Dickson	4631 N. Cerritos Dr.	
Kathleen Janib	4621 N. Cerritos Dr	
Mari Lou Taylor	4621 N. Cerritos Dr	
Robert Moore	4661 N. Cerritos Dr.	
Jaehae Choi	4661 N. Cerritos Dr.	
Ryuri Valdriz	4671 N. Cerritos Dr.	
Dominica Jerry	4681 North Cerritos Dr	
Linda Pham	4680 N. Cerritos Dr	
Veronica Robles	4651 N. Cerritos Dr.	
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Rickey Robinson	4664 N Cerritos	

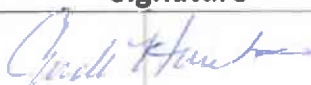











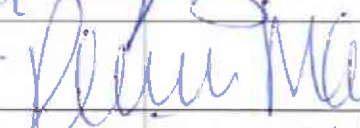

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Daniel Thompson	4601 N Cerritos Drive Long Beach, Ca. 90807	Daniel Thompson
TRAN LUONG	4616 N CERRITOS DR LONG BEACH CA 90807	Luong Tran
Dennis Lyman	4570 N. Cerritos Dr. Long Beach, CA 90807	Dennis Lyman
Marian Lyman	4570 N. Cerritos Dr Long Beach, Ca. 90807	Marian Lyman
Anthony Dukes	4560 Cerritos Dr Long Beach CA 90807	Anthony Dukes
James C. Miller	4450 N. Cerritos Dr Long Beach, Ca 90807	James C. Miller
OSAMU SUMIDA	4540 N. CERRITOS DR. LONG BEACH 90807	Osamu Sumida
Sylvia Urbina	4510 N. Cerritos Dr. Long Beach, CA 90807	Sylvia Urbina
Carlos Urbina	4510 N. Cerritos Dr. Long Beach, CA 90807	Carlos Urbina
Luis Carmona	4500 N CERRITOS DR Long Beach, CA 90807	Luis Carmona
Tiffany Carmona	4500 N Cerritos DR Long Beach, CA 90807	Tiffany Carmona
DONATO FONTEJON	4531 N. CERRITOS DR. LONG BEACH, CA. 90807	Donato Fontejon
JULITA FONTEJON	4531 N. CERRITOS DR. LONG BEACH, CA 90807	Julita Fontejon

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Kim Langer	1079 E. Terrace Long Beach CA 90807	
Juan Pariso	1031 E Terrace Dr Long Beach Ca 90807	
Helene Pardo	1031 Terrace Dr 90807	
Sengy Chheng	1025 Terrace Dr 90807	
Elenita J. Monato	1019 E. Terrace Dr 90807	
Christeen White	1014 E Terrace Dr 90807	
Edward Samuels	1008 E. Terrace Dr 90807	
IRIG Tomlin	950 E. Terrace Dr L.B 90807	
R Stringfellow	930 E. Terrace Dr LB 90807	
Rhyn Stringfellow	930 E. Terrace Dr L.B. CA 90807	
Tiffany Tully	810 E. Terrace Dr Long Beach CA 90807	
Renee MacLyman	746 E. Terrace Dr LB. 90807	
Mike MacLyman	746 E. Terrace Dr LB. CA. 90807	

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P. L. L. L.	1154 E. 45 th	Grissell L. L. L.
LICO FERNANDEZ	1142 E. 45 th Way	L. L. L.
Broce Dyben	1136 45 th Way	B. A. B.
Jennifer Pown	1130 E. 45 th Way	J. P.
Robert Fontaine	1078 E. 45 th Way	R. Fontaine
SAUL ADAMS	1066 E. 45 th Way	S. A.
Jo Keen	1030 E 45 th Way	J. Keen
ADRIANA LOPEZ	1030 E 45 th Way	A. L.
Steve Allen	1023 E 45 th Way	Steve Allen
W. Wilkin	1029 E 45 th Way	W. Wilkin
O. Kilic	1053 E 45 th Way	O. Kilic
Tim Benell	1053 E 45 th Way	T. Benell
BERNARD HERRO	1112 E. 45 th WAY	B. H.
Ignacio	1113 E 45 th WAY	I. G.

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John Necko	929 RIDGEWOOD ST 941 E Ridgewood	John Necko
Joanna Rugamas	951 E. Ridgewood St	Joanna Rugamas
Erica Quiroa	1009 E Ridgewood St	Erica Quiroa
Toten Vu	1045 E Ridgewood St	Toten Vu
Virginia Lundy	1063 E. RIDGEWOOD ST Long Beach CA 90807	Virginia Lundy
Judy Jones	1079 E RIDGEWOOD ST LONG BEACH CA 90807	Judy Jones
DAN MEINWALD	1087 E. RIDGEWOOD	Dan Meinwald
Tunisia Johnson	1091 E. Ridgewood St LB CA 90807	Tunisia Johnson
Lynn Pham	1142 E Ridgewood St LB CA 90807	Lynn Pham
GARY ESTADE	1136 Ridgewood 90807	Gary Estade
Anita Shelton	1124 E Ridgewood LB CA 90807	Anita Shelton
Tracy Wilder	1100 E. Ridgewood 90807	Tracy Wilder
CYNTHIA LARRIVA	1066 E. RIDGEWOOD ST.	Cynthia Larriva

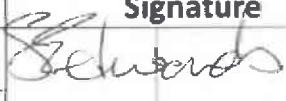
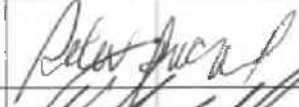
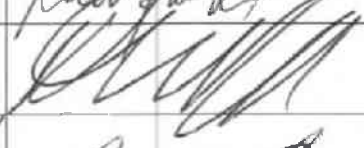
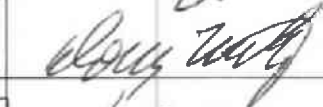

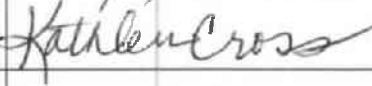

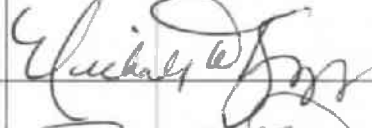

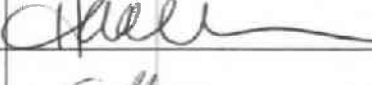


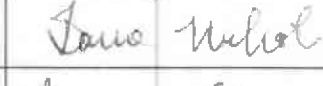

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Jonathan Falk	1081 E. Marcellus St. Long Beach, CA 90807	Jonathan Falk
Reina Franco	1080 E. Marcellus St. L.B.	Reina Franco
Vanessa Perez	1016 E. Marcellus St. Long Beach, CA 90807	Vanessa Perez
George Garcia	1081 E. Marcellus St. Long Beach, CA 90807	George Garcia
Israel Franco	1080 E. MARCELLUS ST. LONG BEACH, CA. 90807	Israel Franco
DHAVIKA PATEL	1111 E MARCELLUS ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90807	DHAVIKA PATEL
Ravi Patel	1111 E Marcellus St Long Beach, CA 90807	Ravi Patel
Maria Torrez	1110 E Marcellus St Long Beach, CA 90807	Maria Torrez
Jose L Torrez	1110 E Marcellus St Long Beach, CA 90807	Jose L Torrez
Patti Heckman	1131 E. Marcellus St. Long Beach, CA 90807	Patti Heckman
Luis Cabrera	4536 California Ave Long Beach CA, 90807	Luis Cabrera
Jennifer Ramos	4536 California Ave Long Beach CA 90807	Jennifer Ramos



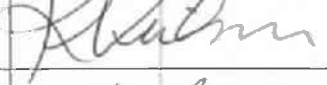

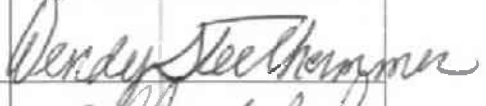




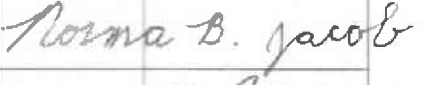

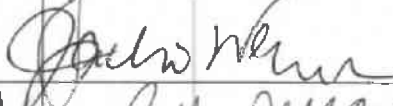
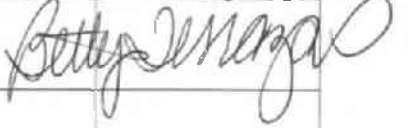
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Peter Avneel	1157 E Freeland St Long Beach CA 90807	
Don Spelling	1143 Freeland St. Long Beach CA 90807	
Dave Witz	1041 E FREELAND ST LB 90807	
Karma Flower	1041 E FREELAND DR LB 90807	
Kathleen Cross	1033 E. Freeland St. LB 90807	
Bill Cross	1033 E FREELAND ST L. BEACH 90807	
Nichole K. Zsely	1025 E. Freeland St. LB, CA 90807	
James Beethues	1017 E Freeland St Long Beach, CA 90807	
Hannah Komancheck	1012 E. Fredand St. Long Beach, CA 90807	
Christopher Komancheck	1012 E. Freeland St. Long Beach CA 90807	
Tracy Peterson	1017 E Freeland LB CA 90807	
JANA NICHOLS	1203 E SAN ANTONIO DR LB, CA 90807 H 305	
Cristian Estrada	1080 E Marcellus St. LB, CA 90807	




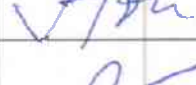



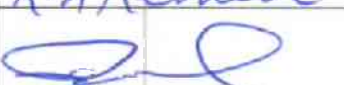


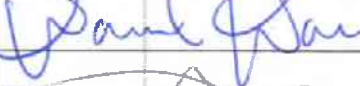


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Kirsten Nelson	1030 E. 46th St	
NATE GLAVIN	1036 E. 46th St	
Wendy Steelhammer	1042 E 46th St	
ALEX MENDOZA	1066 E. 46th St	
TOMMY BUIRE	1112 E. 46th St.	
Linda Coar	1137 E 46th St	
Danely Smith	1125 E 46th St	
Norma B. Jacob	1077 E. 46th	
Joan Bates	1071 E 46 St	
JACKIE WEAVER	1029 E 46 STREET	
Betty Terrazas	1017 E Freeband St Long Beach 90807	

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BRIAN Nickolaus	1106 E 45th way	
Magali Poyes	1106 E 45th Way	
Adeline Stojanovic	1009 E 45th Way	
RAMONA LOYOLA	1100 E 45th way	
TERESITA		
Daniel Gray	1137 E 45th way	
Lena Vanandel	1125 E 45th way	
RONI REINERT	1148 E 45th way	
ROQUE MOQUEL	1166 E 45th way	
Joan Vandermotel	1166 E 45th way	
MIKE VARNER	1160 E 45th way	
Daniel Dominguez	1119 E 45th way	
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JIM BIRGE	4681 GOLDFIELD AVE LONG BEACH 90807	Jim Birge
KAREN Ingram-William	1056 E. MARCELLUS ST LONG BEACH, CA	Karen Ingram-William
ANTHONY CHACON	1150 E. MARCELLUS ST. LONG BEACH CA 90807	Anthony Chacon
DAVID CASSIDY	1150 E. MARCELLUS ST LONG BEACH CA 90807	David T. Cassidy
DOROTHY McMICKIN	1005 E. MARCELLUS STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90807	Dorothy McMickin
Kathleen Schoenheit	1100 E Marcellus St Long Beach, CA 90807	Kathleen Schoenheit
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TIMOTHY P. SWANK	1098 E MARCELLUS ST LONG BEACH, CA 90807	Timothy P Swank
GREGORY McMICKIN	1005 E. MARCELLUS ST. LONG BEACH, CA. 90807	Gregory McMickin
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Lorena Perez	1064 E marcellus St LB	Lorena Perez
Israel Duron	1064 E marcellus St LB	Israel Duron
Tummiwi Duffield	1012 E MARCELLUS ST	Tummiwi Duffield
JAN GALT	1089 E marcellus	JAN GALT
GENEVIEVE MILLER	1049 E. MARCELLUS ST LB	Genevieve Miller
Kirk Miller	1049 E. MARCELLUS ST	Kirk Miller
ROBERTO DE LEON	1017 E. MARCELLUS ST	Roberto de Leon
Rosanna de Leon	1017 E. Marcellus St	Rosanna de Leon
James Jackson	1072 E. Marcellus St	James Jackson
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Nina Silver	4632 N Cerritos Dr.	Nina Silver
MIGUEL ECHEGARAY	4632 N CERRITOS	Miguel Echeagaray
DARRIN IKEDA	4641 N. CERRITOS DR.	Darrin Ikeda
FRITZIE TENIQUITO	4641 N. CERRITOS DR.	Fritzie Teniquito
Bonita Russell	4541 N. Cerritos Dr., Long Beach CA	Bonita Russell
Nathan Russell	4541 N. Cerritos Dr. Long Beach	Nate D. Russell
JAMES R SMITH	4520 N CERRITOS DR	James R Smith
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Dylan Maclyman	744 E. Terrace Dr. LB. 90807	Dylan Maclyman
Patty Bern	724 E. Terrace Dr. Long Beach, CA 90807	Patty Bern
Harris Eggston	729 TERRACE DR	Harris Eggston
Nicole Bradley	735 E. TERRACE DR	Nicole Bradley
E. Eggston	741 E. TERRACE DR	E. Eggston
Anna B.	Long Beach, CA	Anna B.
Lisa Usher-Stark	811 E. Terrace Dr. 90807	Lisa Usher-Stark
Janet Bustamante	821 E. Terrace Dr 90807	Janet Bustamante
Richard T. Riva	1001 Terrace Dr	Richard T. Riva

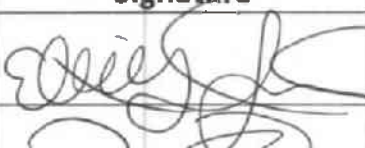

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Brian Seaton	4702 Bentree Ave 90807	
OSCAR GONZALEZ	4708 Bentree Ave Long Beach, CA 90807	
STEVEN BEATTY	4703 BENTREE AVE 90807	

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Lucas Peltkonen	1066 E Luray	

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Tracy Johnson	1060 E. Ridgewood Long Beach, CA 90807	
Jacqueline Villalobos	1001 E. RIDGEWOOD ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90807	

From: Esther Montoya <esthermontoya@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:03 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting concern

-EXTERNAL-

Dear councilmembers,

I am and have been a resident of North Signal Hill. My concern is the voting control of the airport activities and future. I vote for whichever map gives a vote to the maximum people possible (affected by the decisions made). Thank you.

Esther Montoya

Sent from my iPhone

From: RAE GABELICH <hoorae1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:36 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: RAE GABELICH <hoorae1@aol.com>
Subject: IRC November 10th meeting comments

-EXTERNAL-

Dear IRC Commissioners,

First, I commend you on your patience and perseverance with these late night marathon meetings. I personally shared similar experiences while serving on the city council. Especially when the topic was dealing with airport impacted communities!

I want to share with you my disappointment with Vice Chair Diggs-Jackson and her late night realignment with Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos. At 11:53 p.m., she made the absurd statement that "In my experience, Los Cerritos and Bixby Knolls are two distinct communities". Ms. Jackson dealt with the residents who had issues with LGB airport noise for years when she served as the Public Information Officer for LGB. The residents on the departure side of town who were most impacted were the Cal Heights neighborhoods, Cherry & Carson west to the LA River border. The planes bank when they reached a certain altitude and veer west going directly over the Los Cerritos census block from south of the UPRR to the Los Cerritos community. I know, I have lived here for 44 years! The Bixby Knolls communities that include Ridgewood Heights, north of San Antonio, did not share nearly the impacts that these neighborhoods experienced.

Commissioner Diggs-Jackson then made her "adjustments" and moved the entire Los Cerritos neighborhood into the new 8th where the socio-economic conditions are in parallel universes. Again, something I dealt with for 8 years as the council person trying to serve these two very distinct communities. They have different needs and issues. The council person serving the 8th today will do a good job serving both needs since the 8th is currently pretty balanced, but future electeds' will most likely have trouble relating to one or the other - leaving one without fair representation.

Ms. Jackson also stated that she was suggesting these changes because "We heard from the public tonite." "This is a better direction." And closed her adjustments with "...I offer this as a starting point." A starting point, **at midnight**, with no opportunity for public comment on this substantial change. The "public" you heard from earlier that night were the six or seven residents who came from the Ridgewood Heights neighborhood of Bixby Knolls. I understand that there is no perfect answer, but this radical change separating two communities that work, play and interact on a daily basis for community improvements seems so wrong. I have highlighted the three top criteria that I believe drive you to rethinking the changes you made to our community last week. I hope that you will reconsider returning to, at minimum, Map 1 that you forwarded two weeks ago.

The Map 1 district lines put residents more inline with people that they interact with socially and professionally in their daily routines. They share common interests and community goals.

The criteria you were issued are the following:

(b) In addition to following the **requirements of subsection** (a), the Commission shall consider the following **criteria** when drawing the final map, in order of priority:

(1) **The geographic integrity of a neighborhood should be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.**

(2) **Communities of interest. The geographic integrity of a community of interest should be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation;**

(3) Neighborhoods and communities sharing a common language, history, culture and identity should not be divided so as to dilute their voting power;

(4) Geography and topography: Districts should respect major topographic and geographic features of the City;

(5) **District boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by voters.** Districts should be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by street lines, and/or by City boundary lines;

(6) Districts should be geographically compact such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant population;

(7) All lines must correspond to census blocks in order to preserve the validity of data and avoid arbitrary boundaries; and

(8) Other Commission may adopt other criteria that do not conflict with the other requirements and criteria listed in this section or with state or federal law.

(c) The Commission shall not consider place of residence of any individual, including any incumbent or political candidate, in the creation of a map.

(d) The Commission shall number each Council district such that, for as many residents as possible, the number of the Council district they reside in remains the same.

(e) The Commission shall not draw districts for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

There is also Map 75105 submitted by a Los Cerritos resident that I don't believe was ever discussed. This map keeps the entire Bixby Knolls, Los Cerritos and Cal Heights whole. Remember, the timing of this final decision is also at your discretion, perhaps another week could further improve Long Beach neighborhoods for the next ten years!

Again, thank you for your service to this most challenging process. I appreciate your commitment to Long Beach and our quality of life concerns from across our city.

Respectfully,

Rae Gabelich
District 8

From: itsapleasure <itsapleasure@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:09 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Do not merge District 3 and District 4

-EXTERNAL-

Hi, We want our neighborhood to remain cohesive. Each neighborhood should work on the individual needs of that neighborhood. The city works on the larger projects. Thanks for your consideration.
Sharon and David Arney.

From: Glover, Tina <TGlover@cltic.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:21 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

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As homeowners in the 8th district for almost 25 years and a resident of Long Beach for approximately 40 years, we respectfully BEG that you retain our area as part of Bixby Knolls. We are but a few blocks from the core of Bixby Knolls and it is critical for the maintenance of our property values and representation that we remain a part of Bixby Knolls and NOT North Long Beach. We strongly endorse Map 2.

We do not believe there is justification for this change. It will diminish the community. The residents within our community are LONG TERM residents, many that specifically purchased in this area due to its inclusion in Bixby Knolls.

Should the redistricting to North Long Beach occur and it causes a reduction in property values (and we and many others believe it will), we will aggressively support every effort to bring suit against the City of Long Beach and those involved in this effort. We implore you to carefully consider the possible ramifications and retain our neighborhood as part of Bixby Knolls.

Nate and Tina Glover

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From: Barbara Sullivan <bsullivan@sullivaninternational.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:00 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Support of Map 1

-EXTERNAL-

Greetings

I am writing in strong support of the Long Beach Redistrict Draft Map 1. As a member of the African American Community, it's important that we give our community the best chance to elect representatives across the City. . The County Club and Carmelitos do not belong in the same district as in the Proposed Map 2.

Please take into consideration my public comment and proceed with Map 1 as the final map for the best interest of the Long Beach African American Community of Interest.

Thank you,
Barbara Sullivan

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Barbara Sullivan

From: Jan & Mike MCDEROMTT <mmcderomtt@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: District maps

-EXTERNAL-

I like current map. However map1 is preferred to map2, should I need to choose between the two.

From: David Maruyama <senseimaruyama@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: 'Michelle Arend-Ekhoff' via Craftsman Village <craftsman-village@googlegroups.com>
Subject: CVHD and Redistricting Plans

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I purchased my house in 2008. My house is located in the Craftsman Village Historical District. We are also within the AOC7 boundaries. As noted by many, Craftsman Village HD was recognized in 1992. AOC7 was established in 2010. When I bought my house, I was not entirely sure about the neighborhood, but I discovered the Craftsman Village HD family to be of vital importance. Since 2008, I've seen the neighborhood improve substantially. For example, the Craftsman Village Park was finally constructed. Speeding issues have been addressed on Orange.

A review of the new map shows a strange extension of Area A into the Craftsman Village HD territory, which would drastically change the dynamics of access to government. At this point, we have access to two members of the city council, which has been helpful in such things like the development of our pocket park in the Craftsman Village. Both Craftsman Village HD and AOC7 prefer this arrangement, as it allows for the AOC7 to have several points of contact with the LB City Council. In fact, by redrawing the map, the AOC7 would be less able to address their concerns. In an effort to aid this neighborhood association in the maps, it may have more deleterious effects.

- We request CVHD to remain in Area B.
 - In terms of housing stock, we closely align with Area B, which understands the particular issues with historical districts.
 - It would make sense if we continue to have efforts to expand the historical district towards Rose Park.
 - It would align with the neighborhood improvement plans of AOC7.

Why is this important to us? It may disenfranchise the efforts of the AOC7 to continue to improve the neighborhood as a whole. As a neighborhood association, the goal is to improve the quality of life. Ironically switching Craftsman Village HD out of Area B to A may in fact hinder their efforts.

Both organizations have been actively working to improve the quality of life of our neighborhood. Those efforts are evident when considering how things have improved from 1992.

We all appreciate considering a reassessment of this mapping.

Regards,

David Maruyama

From: Bob Gill <Bob.Gill@loscerritosna.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: In Support of Proposed Final Map 1 - Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association

-EXTERNAL-

Hello IRC Commissioners,

Los Cerritos – A Vibrant Part of Bixby Knolls

The Los Cerritos community has always been a part of Bixby Knolls and closely tied to the Bixby Knolls and California Heights Neighborhoods.

The Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association (LCNA) reached out to our fellow neighbors. The response was overwhelming in support of **Proposed Final Map 1**, placing Los Cerritos in District E with most of the rest of Bixby Knolls and Cal Heights.

Some examples of Los Cerritos being a part of Bixby Knolls include:

- Our neighborhood has extremely **STRONG** historical and current ties to Bixby Knolls. In fact, most people often assume we are part of Bixby Knolls.
- The Los Cerritos Annual 4th of July Parade is attended by over 1,000 people who live throughout Bixby Knolls.
- Our children attend the Hughes Middle School in Bixby Knolls and both the kids and parents form strong friendships all around Bixby Knolls.
- The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association (BKBI) includes commercial properties in Los Cerritos. Our community strongly supports our local Bixby Knolls Businesses.
- The newest Bixby Knolls “pocket park” (sponsored by the BKBI) is in Los Cerritos.
- The concerts we’ve hosted for many years in Los Cerritos Park have been attended by thousands of people who live throughout the Bixby Knolls area.
- The original “Bixby Home” of the Bixby Family from the 1800’s is located in Los Cerritos. We value and cherish this rich history and heritage which tie our neighborhoods together in the past and now.

Additionally, Los Cerritos is under the take-off pattern for commercial flights out of Long Beach Airport and being a part of District E provides a direct council district association to airport issues. We strongly oppose being in a

district where our council representative would not have a direct voice in airport matters, which would happen under Map 2. Los Cerritos residents have worked for many decades on airport issues that directly affect us. We cannot be separated from the airport, given our history with airport issues as well as past, current and potential future airport impacts on our residents.

Our bonds as a part of Bixby Knolls are tight – social, economic, volunteerism, shared issues and even the age of most of the housing.

Please honor the historic ties of Los Cerritos being a part of Bixby Knolls, and **Approve Proposed Final Map 1 with Los Cerritos in District E.**

Thank you for your service.

--

Bob Gill

President

Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association

www.LosCerritosNA.org

From: corlisslee@aol.com <corlisslee@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:52 AM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Nov 18 Redistricting Agenda item 3

-EXTERNAL-

City Clerk - Please ensure the attached document goes into the official records for the meeting tonight.

Redistricting Commission -

I read the procedure for tonight and there is a line that says you may consider other maps than 1 and 2. Please bring up the IRC Draft Map 1 that was voted down by a minority of 4 members with 8 members in favor and 1 member absent. A copy of it is included in the Eastside Voice newsletter attached. This map was very popular with the public and deserves another look. You would need to show the proposed amendment that divides the airport census block to include a portion of the airport in district 7.

I am concerned that a new district E (district 5) that has neighborhoods from both the eastside of Long Beach and the westside will not be a cohesive district. Eastside and westside have different issues. I have to wonder if either side will support a council member from the other side of the city.

The new map 1 was initially chosen because it had some features in common with the "equity map" developed by a political consultant. Sadly, this map and map2 do nothing for equity. They do however break apart the 5th district that has been together since 1991. Citizens on the eastside will not thank you for that.

Concerned Citizen,

Corliss Lee
President Eastside Voice

TO: EASTSIDE VOICE NOV 16 2021

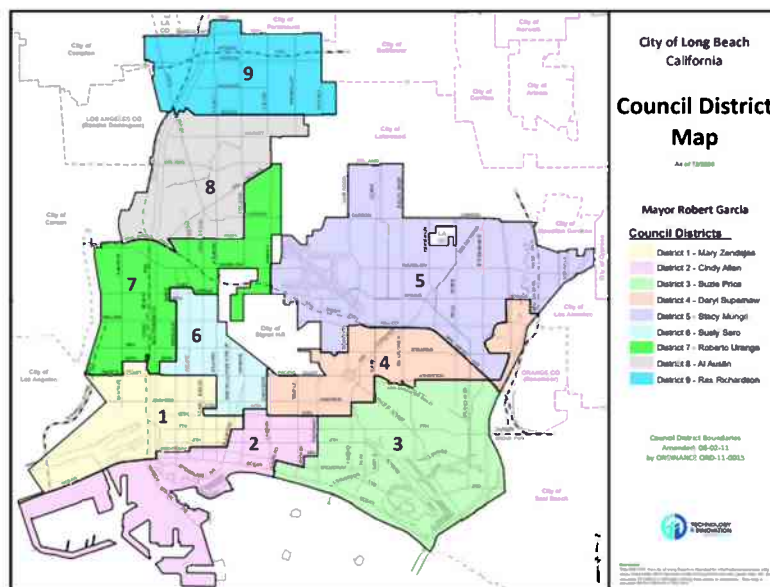
SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON SB9, FINAL VOTE ON REDISTRICTING,
SB-9 Housing development: approvals.

[SB9](#) that allows developers and homeowners to transform single family zoned lots into a lot split with 2 duplexes was passed by the State Legislature, signed by the Governor and will be available for implementation in almost all neighborhoods across the state on January 1st 2022. A group called United Neighbors that had opposed SB9 is leading the effort in the city of Los Angeles to create a motion to develop a city ordinance enacting the terms of the bill and specifically defining those areas where the city has control. We should do the same in Long Beach. There is little time left to do this, so **please ask your council member to put forth a motion to draft an interim ordinance for implementation of SB9.** Council member email addresses are in this format: district1@longbeach.gov, district2@longbeach.gov and so on. Attached is the letter sent by United Neighbors to the City of Los Angeles council members that can be used as a model.

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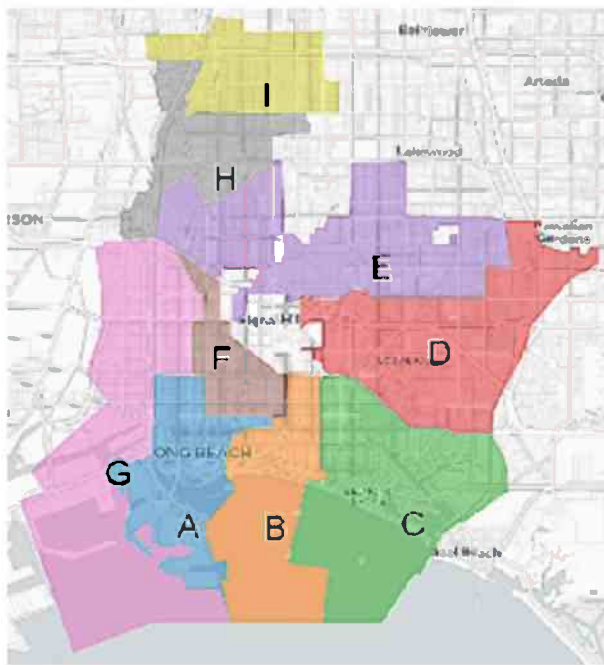
The final vote by the citizen commission of 13 people (see photos at end of this message) is set for this Thursday Nov 18th at 6pm city hall. The meeting can be viewed at this link:
<https://www.longbeach.gov/redistricting/>

For the last 10 months the 5th district had its traditional shape (somewhat like the state of Texas) with the 405 freeway as the southernmost border on over 90% of proposed district maps sent in by citizens. Below is the **current district map** of Long Beach with the 5th being about this same shape since 1991.

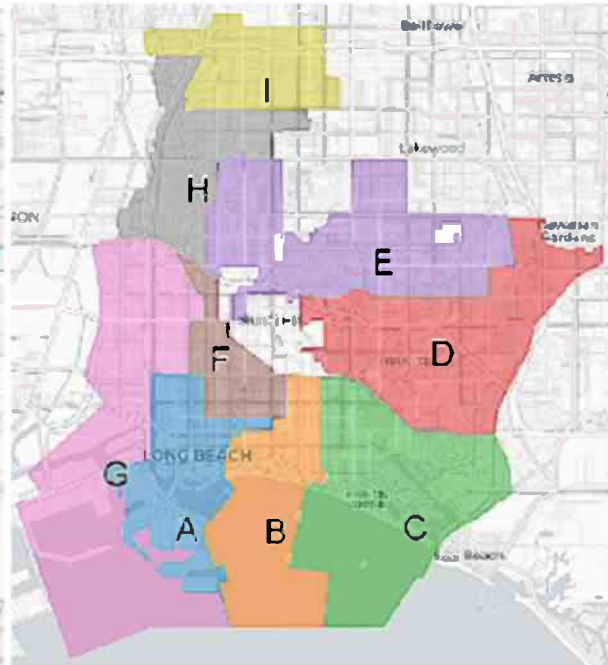


In the last two weeks, the commission surprised us all by voting down the very popular IRC Draft Map 1 (the minority of 4 overriding the majority of 8) – *see that map at the end of this document*. They created 2 new maps that cut the 5th district in half, with the southernmost boundary being Spring street and aligning El Dorado Park with district D – the 4th.

MAP 1 (was called Map 2 last week)



NEW MAP 2 (constructed last week)



While a citizen's commission was supposed to take politics out of the mix on redistricting, the (2) new maps that now combine east and westside parts of the city into one district E (the new district 5), smells funny to me – like there is an agenda to get “someone else” elected. All three of the candidates that had announced they would run for the council district 5 seat (Mungo, Schipske, Dobson) were redrawn into district D (the 4th) on the final maps above.

Will an eastside/westside district be able to work together? Will either side feel represented if the candidate for the council seat comes from the other side of the city? Only the future will tell.

Citizens can still speak to the Commission on Thursday night or send a message via email or e-comment

To attend the final redistricting commission meeting at 6pm 11/18/21, go to:

City Hall Council Chambers

411 W Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach, CA 90802

Parking Information:

Free parking is available at West Broadway Parking.

332 W Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802

To send in Comments, use e-comment attached to the agenda (item 3)

https://longbeach.granicusideas.com/meetings/3617-long-beach-independent-redistricting-commission-special-meeting/agenda_items

To send an email, address it to redistricting@longbeach.gov and cc cityclerk@longbeach.gov,

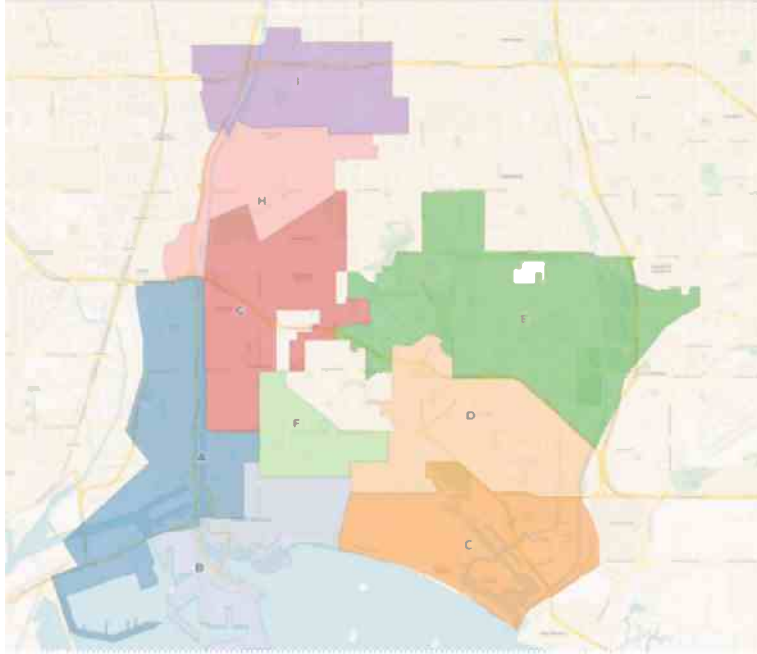
Below is the original IRC draft map 1 that was popular with citizens, but voted down by the commission with a vote that failed to achieve 9 votes in favor. The minority of 4 (highlighted) won over the majority of 8 and this map failed to move forward.

FROM THE MINUTES: Vote: **To adopt IRC Draft Map 1 as a Proposed Final Map, as amended, with the Airport Census block split in the north-west corner portion of the runway.** (Failed 8-4)

Yes: Genna Beckenhaupt, Thomas Cooper, Ryan Giffen, Frank Gutierrez, Nicole Lopez, Kelly Nhim, Feliza Ortiz-Licon, and Zhelinrentice Scott.

No: Marissa Martinez, Eric Oates, Sharon Diggs-Jackson, Alejandra Gutierrez.

Absent: Sevly Sngun. (see photos of commissioners below)



IRC Draft Plan 1

Plan meets commission required criteria and also achieves the following:

- Deviation of 8.5%
- Preserves 93 of 102 whole neighborhoods

From: Mike McDermott <pwcmcd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Mike McDermott <pwcmcd@yahoo.com>
Subject: Long Beach redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Commission members:

Thank you for your efforts throughout the process and balancing the competing constituencies.

Keeping this brief, I live in Bixby Knolls and have done so my entire life (I'm 57). So my interest is related to the existing 7th & 8th districts.

Assuming Redistricting Map 1 and Redistricting Map 2 are the only remaining options, I would strongly encourage the Commission to keep Los Cerritos, Bixby Knolls and California Heights in a single district, and thus Redistricting Map 1 should be consider in that regard.

Michael McDermott

From: Kent Family <kentfamily1@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Combine Los Cerritos into Bixby Knolls as a part of District "E."

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Larry Kent and I live in the Los Cerritos neighborhood. I strongly favor a final redistricting map that combines Los Cerritos into Bixby Knolls as a part of District "E."

The reasons I support this position are :

- Our neighborhood has extremely STRONG historical and current ties to Bixby Knolls. In fact, most people often assume we are part of Bixby Knolls.
- Our children attend the Hughes Middle School in Bixby Knolls and both the kids and parents form strong friendships all around Bixby Knolls.
- The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association includes commercial properties in Los Cerritos. Our community strongly supports the Bixby Knolls Businesses.
- Los Cerritos is under the take-off pattern for commercial flights out of Long Beach Airport and being a part of District E provides a direct council district association to airport issues. Los Cerritos residents have worked for many decades on airport issues that directly affect us. We should be separated from the airport, given our history with airport issues as well as past, current and potential future airport impacts on our residents.

From: Pictures <lginwilcox@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: District 5 remapping

-EXTERNAL-

To the City Council and the Committee that oversees this redistricting:

My wife, Ginnie, and I, Loyd Wilcox, are 2nd and 4th generation Long Beachers. The present-time proposed changes in the 5th District map of City Council representation by a Council Person are NOT acceptable to most of the folks who live in EDPE. We are at the edge of our City and have worked many years to gain a reasonable status for having a council person that has an understanding for our unique location by El Dorado Park as well as separated by the freeway, park and river from the greater East side location. Also, the separation of our current neighborhoods is simply NOT reasonable to change what has been well-serving our common interests. Much better consideration of the present 5th District would be to keep the area from the airport East and south of Carson in the 5th and move that portion North of Carson & LB Airport and West of Bellflower Blvd.). The Diagonal, a wide street along with parallel drainage channels along with the airport, and Clark Street would be a marker for the West boundary of the 5th district. Willow makes an appropriate divider between the 5th and the 4th districts. Our district MUST be as contiguous as possible to maintain our values as a suburban residential area with appropriate existing business/service needs satisfied. We are an area of diverse, family oriented, household, service needs and with parks, too. The location of the schools must also be given valued consideration. Our neighborhoods were developed and planned for serving the needs of its residents. Your decisions must maintain these factors!!! Yes, Long Beach is changing - some "older" areas such as the downtown region with its older structures is going "up" and other areas are building multi unit housing, but the east side of LB was created by design and foresight. This redistricting MUST maintain what was planned to serve its residents. Loyd and Ginnie Wilcox, November 16, 2021

From: Los Amigos <losamigoslbc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: IRC Letter from the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission,

I want to first thank the Independent Redistricting Commission for your hard work, patience, and understanding through this process.

However, the final two maps elevated raise serious concerns about the ability of Latino voters to fairly elect candidates of their choice as required by the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) by disenfranchising low-income Latinos in the historical first Latino district, and it splits the ORCA community down the middle.

We ask that the attached letter from the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO) be acknowledged and reviewed by the commission before the 11/18 meeting

- The contents detail the VRA violations and a proposed solution.

We ask the commission to consider adopting our recommended solution of a one-for-one swap of regions in District A and B to protect Latino's voting power and preserve the ORCA community.

Thank you on behalf of the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organization (LBCLO).

Sincerely,

Megan Anaya

Co-Coordinator, *Los Amigos de Long Beach*
Member, *Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organization (LBCLO)*

To: Long Beach Redistricting Commission (IRC)
From: Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO)
Re: Concerns with the release of the IRC Final Draft Maps 1&2 (IRC Draft Maps)

Dear Long Beach Redistricting Commission,

The IRC Draft Maps elevated by the Long Beach IRC on 11/10/2021 raise serious concerns about the ability of Latino voters in the city to fairly elect candidates of their choice as required by the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA).

To resolve this inequity, the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO) recommends a one for one “swap” which includes placing the ORCA community entirely in District B (CD2) for the community surrounding MOLAA in District A (CD1). This “swap” will help mitigate the negative impacts of inequitable representation being imposed on the Latino community in the historically Latino District A (CD1).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 creates a District A (CD1) that:

- Disenfranchises low-income Latino neighborhoods.
- Shifts the Eastern and Southern boundaries further than historically drawn.
- Dilutes the Latino voice with those of more affluent neighborhoods along the beach and waterfront properties.
- Splits the Ocean Residents Community Association (ORCA) down the middle, at Alamitos (ORCA extends down Ocean Blvd from the I-710 on the West to Cherry Ave on the East, the North boundary is Ocean and the South boundary is Rainbow Harbor, shoreline, and Marina).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 decreases the Latino population and Latino CVAP:

The new maps actually decrease the Latino population and CVAP in CD1 and in CD4. The final maps approved by the IRC result in changes that challenge the last 30 years of political progress. All data is referenced in *table 1* below

- Latino population decreased in District A (CD1) by **6.3%** and as high as **9.7%** in other data given by Redistricting Partners on March 3, 2021
- Latino CVAP decreased in District A (DC1) by **7.3%**
- White population increased by more than **5%** in District A (CD1).
- Latino population in District D (CD4) decreased by **15.6%**
- Latino CVAP in District D (CD4) decreased by **11.7%**

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 splits the ORCA Neighborhood Association:

- ORCA is an affluent oceanfront community extending down Ocean from the I-710 to Cherry Ave. with several hundred members earning an average per capita income of \$75,929.
- They focus on issues affecting the residents of Ocean Blvd.

- ORCA has more in common, similar backgrounds, and communities of interest with the Alamitos beach community and those in the affluent areas of District B (CD2).
- This region has less than 20% Latino residents and more than 46% white residents.
- The one-for-one swap keeps ORCA together and with other COI in District B (CD2).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 alienate the strong Latino neighborhoods around MOLAA by placing them in District B (CD2).

- This residential area around MOLAA extends from Alamitos Ave on the West, Walnut on the East, 4th St to the South, and 7th St to the North.
- The area is home to 3,762 residents facing unique socio-economic challenges. Many are low-income with an average per capita income of \$20,544.
- The neighborhoods comprise more than 53% Latinos residents and less than 20% white residents.
- By placing these neighborhoods into CD2, their communities are disenfranchised, and their voices are diluted by the more than 3,483 residents on Ocean Blvd.
- MOLAA neighborhoods have more in common with the residents to their West and North.
- The one for one swap places them in CD1 to uphold the integrity of the Latino Community

LBCLO's recommended "Swap" provides a Community Base for MOLAA and keeps ORCA together:

- This suggested one for one swap allows for a community of interest around the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) to provide for a supportive neighborhood around the museum while keeping together a COI.
- This suggested one for one swap allows for ORCA to remain one community

Background: Historical Latino District:

Long Beach Council District A (CD1) has historically been a predominantly Latino Majority District. The 1990 reapportionment of Long Beach council districts intentionally gave Latino's a voice and political representation by designating boundaries that created a district with over 56% Latinos, a percentage that remained over 52% before this redistricting. This led to the election of the first Latina member in the Long Beach City Council history. Jenny Oropeza was elected in 1994 representing District A (CD1).

According to 2020 Census data, Latinos represent 43.3% of the city's population and their population growth has outpaced the city's overall population growth by 6.3% over the past decade and 21% over the past two decades. Latino have become the city's largest ethnic demographic.

The current draft maps do not appear to fully consider the Latino population's growth and electorate. The Latino community deserves a strong Latino voting bloc that reflects proportionate representation. Compounding these challenges is the growing evidence of an

undercount of the Latino population in the 2020 Census and the accelerated Commission's mapping schedule given the Census Bureau's delayed release of the redistricting data due to the pandemic and other problems with the 2020 count.

In conclusion, LBCLO recommends a one for one swap with the ORCA community into District B(CD2) for the community surrounding MOLAA in District A(CD1). We strongly urge the Commission to ensure that any final maps fully comply with the VRA and do not limit the ability of Latino voters to have fair representation.

For data reference the table and figure below

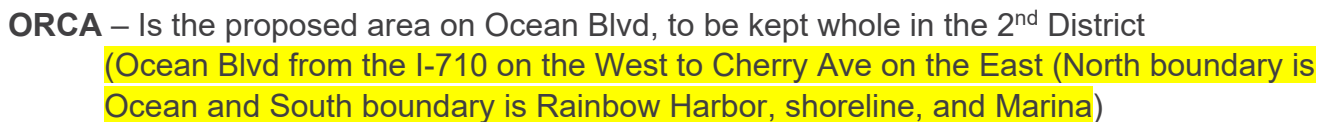
Table 1: Population Changes with Redistricting compared to “one for one swap”

District A	Prior to Redistricting (Census 2020 8/31)	After Redistricting (Final Map Elevated 11/10)	After “One for one Swap”
Latino Pop	*59.3%	*53.0%	*55.1%
White Pop	13.7%	18.1%	16.9%
Black/African American Pop	14.9%	15.1%	15.3%
Asian Pop	7.3%	8.2%	7.4%
LCVAP	**44.8%	**37.5%	40.3%
BCVAP	17.9%	18.4%	18.1%
ACVAP	9.1%	10.0%	7.8%
Other CVAP	28.1%	34.0%	
Total pop	47,384	52,781	53,062
District B	Prior to Redistricting (Census 2020 8/31)	After Redistricting (Final Map Elevated 11/10)	After “One for one Swap”
Latino Pop	*39.6%	*40.9%	*38.7%
White Pop	33.3%	32.5%	34.2
Black/African American Pop	11.7%	12.0%	15.30%
Asian Pop	8.9%	8.4%	9.10%
LCVAP	**27.5%	**30.3%	**27.50%
BCVAP	14.0%	14.2%	12.70%
ACVAP	9.9%	8.6%	9.50%
Other CVAP	48.6%	47%	%
Total pop	53,670	53,670	53,390

Figure 1 - Latino Coalition Map <https://districtr.org/plan/82189>
(for reference of boundaries only)

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This Swap does not dilute the voting power of the Latino community and does not weaken the Minority Majority districts community ability to elect the representative of their choice. The IRC Draft Maps 1 & 2 can be described as hijacking or purposefully placing two incumbents in the same district and denying one of them the opportunity to be reelected. It has the same result of denying the Majority Minority districts Latino population the ability of electing a representative of their choice.



Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO)

Los Amigos de Long Beach
California-Mexico Studies Center
Centro CHA
Latinos in Action
Miguel Hidalgo Deportivo

Megan Anaya
Armando Vazquez-Ramos
Jessica Quintana
Martha Cota
Octavio Gallegos

From: Tonia Reyes Uranga <tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: comments for 11.18 meeting

-EXTERNAL-

November 17, 2021

To: IRC

From: Tonia Reyes Uranga, Wrigley resident

Re: final maps

1. I stand in solidarity with Cal Heights residents in supporting IRC Final Map 1
2. I support the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations in supporting the ORCA/MOLAA neighborhood "Swap"
3. I am concerned that Latino Population and CVAP percentages went down for District A and District D.

Thank you for your service, you did a great job.

Tonia Reyes Uranga

From: Mary Parsell <mfp2001@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: REJECT both maps and reconsider IRCmap!

-EXTERNAL-

November 17, 2021

Please reject both maps as proposed!

IRCmap1 is what we prefer. It does not break up neighborhoods.

I understand you there is a procedure for you to reject both maps and consider IRCmap1, public review in a certain number of days and not have to restart the entire process.

Thanks,
Mary Parsell and family

From: Robert Fontaine <bobfinlb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting District E

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Council members: As a 40+ year resident of the Eighth District in Bixby Knolls, north of San Antonio, south of Del Amo, I as well as many of my friends and neighbors are strongly opposed to being reclassified to District H. We have supported our community residents and businesses through good times and bad. We choose to live here because this is our home. We actively support our community; together! We are the soul of Bixby Knolls. We ARE District E and should not be cast out as some would like. Look at the historical maps when Bixby was planned including the Bixby Knolls shopping center and adjacent neighborhoods which lie north of San Antonio, not West of Long Beach Boulevard. Cast my vote for inclusion in District E. Regards, Robert Fontaine.

From: Birgit De La Torre <outlook_7CF8930467E37079@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 3:45 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: District E

-EXTERNAL-

Despite a legal requirement to respect geographic factors, the maps attaches physically-disconnected Bixby Knolls/Cal. Heights CD 5.

You pitting two very different communities against each other. Please, consider voting on one of the previously proposed maps that keeps Cal. Heights/Bixby Knolls in a CD that is mostly on the westside of the airport.

Why push through this contorted district E? If you don't reconsider, please, explain why you think this CD E as currently proposed is a good idea and serves the citizens in that area best.

Sincerely,
Birgit De La Torre

P.S. Please, keep in mind that some of us do not feel safe to come to the in person meeting during this pandemic.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Barbara 'BJ' Newell <bjandthecoach@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting Commission Nov 18, 2021 Agenda 21-136RC

-EXTERNAL-

Referencing Community of Interest Letter to the IRC, dated November 17, 2021 and written by members of neighborhood associations from Alamitos Heights, Bay Harbour, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, and Carroll Park

Regarding Request to Delay Final Map Adoption and Approving New Map Respectful of our Community of Interest

To: Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and City Staff,

We the undersigned want to add our names of support to the letter referenced above in order to encourage the commission to delay your vote on the final map in order to implement Commissioner Beckenhaupt's compromise solution, which is to move Bluff Park from District B to District C on the final map.

We thank the Commission for your continued efforts in the difficult task of redistricting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Newell, President Friends of Belmont Shore
Howard Homan, board member Friends of Belmont Shore
Lenore Crosby, Friends of Belmont Shore member

From: hsglhrst@aol.com <hsglhrst@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: jeff.mallin@gmail.com
Subject: redistricting map

-EXTERNAL-

Nov. 18, 2021

Dear Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and City Staff,

It has been made aware to me, by the leaders of our neighborhood association, that a final map will be advanced for final adoption at tonight's meeting. With the final adoption pending, I urge that you act on this opportunity to implement certain amendments that would rectify irreparable harm to our neighborhood and our Community of Interest as a whole. These simple amendments to the current proposed configuration would not only avoid the immediate negative impact but would lay the groundwork for protecting the future of our diverse and historical community.

I therefore request that you reject IRC Final Map 1 and IRC Final Map 2, in its current state, and support the compromise offered by Commissioner Beckenhaupt, which is to place Bluff Park Historic District Neighborhood to District C. This was clearly stated and explained in Dr. Jeff Mallin's letter to the Commissioners dated November 16, 2021:

"...here are the next steps and potential motions we believe would be needed to effectuate the simple but critical change we request, to move Bluff Park to District C:

- a) Delay or table the final map adoption that has been agendized for the November 18 Meeting.*
- b) Add another meeting on or by December 7 (effectively from November 26th up to December 7th).*
- c) Elevate IRC Final Map 1 for discussion by the Commission.*
- d) Amend the map to move Bluff Park into District C.*
- e) Approve the map as replacement Final Map to be considered for adoption at the next meeting.*
- f) Repeat steps c), d), and e), pertaining to IRC Final Map 2 or any other map being considered."*

Thank you for your attention and collaboration in this important time for our Community.

Sincerely yours,
Helena Segelhorst

From: La Vonne Hamilton <lavonhamilton8@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 2:03 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Hamilton's Public Comment - Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon,

My husband and I will not be able to attend the 6:00pm Redistricting meeting in person this evening due to work hours.

Attached is our response for the Public Comments for tonight's meeting. We are requesting a response to this letter.

Please respond to this email at: Tobasone@verizon.net

Regards,

Richard & La Vonne Hamilton

**Long Beach Redistricting Commission
411 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, California 90802
562.570.6101**

**Re: Long Beach Redistricting – Public Comment for the November 18, 2021 Meeting
From: Mark & La Vonne Hamilton – Bixby Knolls**

Good evening,

As long time homeowners in Bixby Knolls, neither maps meets our needs!

Map 1 separates Bixby Knolls leaving the northern half in District 8 and the southern half in District 5.

Map 2 keeps Bixby Knolls together. But, Map 2 moves all of Bixby Knolls out of District 8.

We strongly express our disapproval of both maps!

This is unacceptable!!!!

Question: At the last meeting (November 11, 2021), we were told that the Committee used the American Community Survey to make your decisions. The American Community Survey was used for housing.

The 2020 American Community Survey's data was gathered by sampling households that had been selected to be in the survey. The data samples were based (selected) using addresses, telephone numbers or by persons. How was this sample inferred on the rest of Long Beach's population? How does this sampled data align with the Census data for population? Remember, the Census data for households would be for the total population, not a sampling of the population.

The American Community Survey data is **experimental** data's link:
(<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/experimental-data.html>)

Keep Bixby Knolls in District 8!!!!

Again, we do not want to be separated from the rest of Bixby Knolls, nor do we want to be moved out of District 8!!! It is not in our best interest!!!

Respectfully,
The Hamiltons
Bixby Knolls
1124 E. 45th Way
Long Beach, CA 90807
tobasone@verizon.net
562.754.7732

From: Michael Roberts <va305rob@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: District 5

-EXTERNAL-

Our names are M.L. & Judy Roberts, we currently live in District 5 at L.B. (The Ranchos). We are protesting the proposed change of the Ranchos and El Dorado Park to District 4. We wish to stay as District 5.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roberts Family

From: Margarito Castillo <mcastillo@castilloengineering.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject:

-EXTERNAL-

My preference is for MAP1.
My current office address is located at South Street.

Margarito Castillo, SE
Principal

CASTILLO ENGINEERING, INC.
Long Beach, CA 90813



From: Joni Ricks <joni_ricks@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:59 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Requested change to Deforest Park Wetlands Southern border in IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

I am sending this email on behalf of the North Long Beach Neighborhood Alliance which is consortium of neighborhood associations in North Long Beach.

It has come to our attention that the two elevated IRC maps move the southern border of Deforest Park (the park proper not the neighborhood) north to 59th so that all of the Deforest Park Wetlands will now be in the 8th district. Right now what happens is that the border of the 9th District is South St and then when you get to the park it dips South to Chestnut.

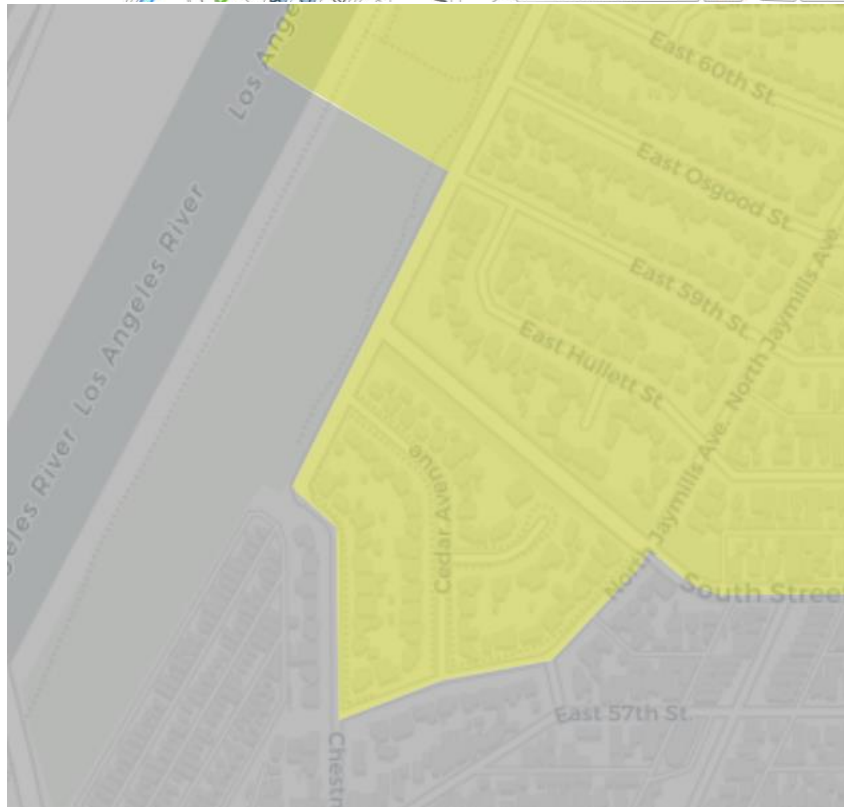
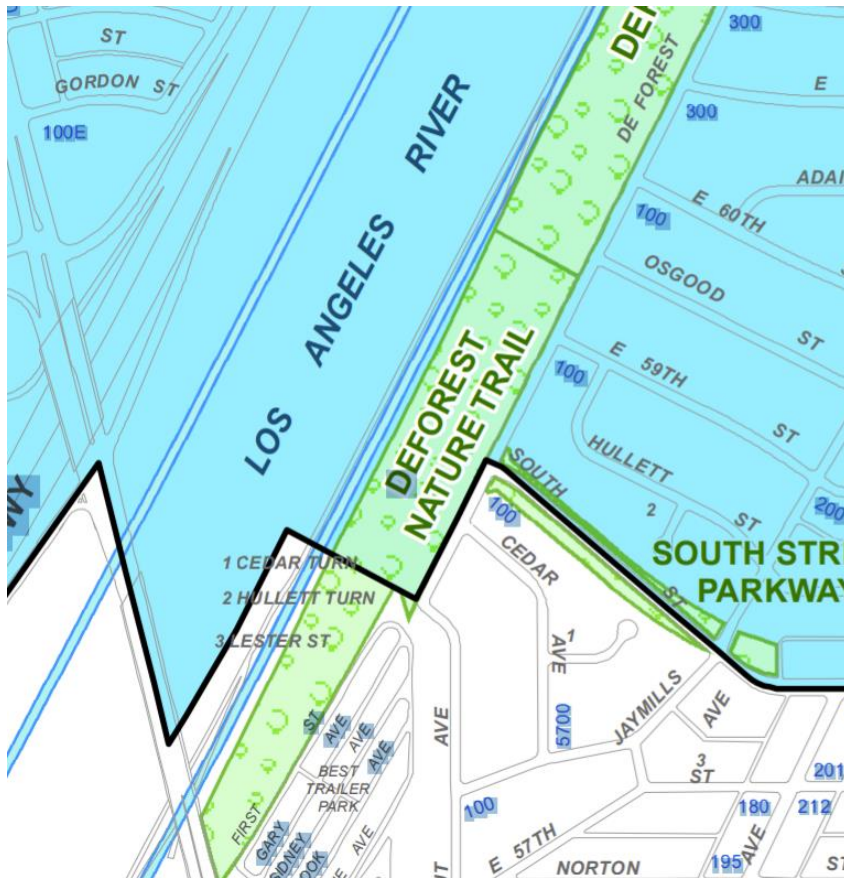
Since both IRC maps show the 9th district losing Coolidge Park we don't want to lose any more open space. We ask the IRC to keep the same amount of Deforest Park in the 9th district. This minor change will not add any population to the 9th district since the park is designated open space and unpopulated.

For reference, we have attached an image of the current border ("Current Map") and the proposed border in the IRC map ("IRC map 1"). Both IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2 have the same park border configuration. We request that this change to the park border be made on both IRC Map 1 and IRC Map 2. This will make the border even with Chestnut restoring the current park border as shown in the attachment labeled "Current map".

Thank-you for your tireless work in this effort. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie
North Long Beach Neighborhood Alliance



From: Thom O'Hare <lgbord@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: I Support the Vote to Approve Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

I currently live in the 5th District. Under redistricting, my council district will move into the 4th District. I SUPPORT the approval of either one of the maps that are before the commission.

Thomas O'Hare

From: armando@calmexcenter.org <armando@calmexcenter.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: letter

-EXTERNAL-

Dear all,
Please find attached the letter from the attorney representing the LBCLO, per our earlier email, and also attached.

Prof. Armando Vazquez-Ramos, President & CEO
California-Mexico Studies Center, Inc.



Email: armando@calmexcenter.org
Website: <http://www.california-mexicocenter.org>

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Attorneys: David S. McLane; Marilyn E. Bednarski; Barrett S. Litt; Lindsay B. Battles; Kevin LaHue; Caitlin S. Weisberg; Laura F. Donaldson; Ben Shaw; Rodrigo Padilla

November 18, 2021

To: Long Beach Redistricting Commission

From Barrett S. Litt on behalf of the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations

Re: Vote Dilution of Latino/a community in proposed Long Beach Redistricting

Dear members of the Long Beach Redistricting Commission,

My firm represents the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO). I have been requested by LBCLO to address the dilution of Latino/a votes and representation that would result from the current proposed redistricting plan. Although my firm was only retained very recently, and could not conduct as total an analysis as we would have liked, it is clear that the redistricting maps being considered present substantial voting rights concerns.

As the Commission is well aware, there are currently two Latino/a elected representatives to the Long Beach City Council, from Districts 1 and 7. It is our understanding that, under the proposed redistricting, the Latino/a population in District 1 (proposed redistricted District A, hereafter referred to as District 1/A) will drop from a current percentage of approximately 59.3% to 53%. Similarly, Latino/a voters in District 1/A will go down from currently 38.4% to 33.2% under the proposed redistricting plan while White voters will increase from 42.8% of total voters to 48.9% of total voters. The impact of these changes resulting in a substantial dilution of the Latino vote in District 1/A is obvious. For District 1/A, the current redistricting plan will result in a dilution of the Latino/a population and vote by approximately 10%.

District 1/A is the area that historically has been a predominantly Latino district. The District has consistently elected a Latino/a representative since mid-nineties, the effect of a 1990 reapportionment that intentionally gave Latinos a voice and political representation by designating boundaries that created a district with over 56% Latinos, a percentage that remained over 50% before this redistricting. This led to the election of the first Latina member in the Long Beach City Council history, Jenny Oropeza, who was elected in 1994 representing CD1. Since then, District 1 has almost continuously elected a Latino representative.

The dilution of the Latino/a vote from the current redistricting plan would come at a time that Latinos are clearly the largest single racial/ethnic demographic in Long Beach. According to 2020 Census data, Latinos represent 43.3% of the city's population and their population growth has outpaced the city's overall population growth by 6.3% over the past decade and 21% over the past two decades, becoming the city's largest ethnic demographic. In contrast, the White, non-Hispanic population is approximately 28%, over 1/3 less than the White, Hispanic population. For a variety of socioeconomic reasons that do not need to be belabored here, percentage representation on the City Council by White and Latino/a is essentially flipped from their population percentages, i.e., Latinos compose around 22% of the Council's members, and Whites represent around 44% while their population percentages are roughly the reverse.

It is imperative for the Redistricting Commission to consider these facts and dynamics in fashioning a fair and equitable redistricting plan. We fully recognize that doing so is a difficult process with many competing interests. In general, we believe that the Commission should bear these facts in mind when fashioning a redistricting plan, and that, if anything, Latino voting power should be enhanced in recognition of the growth of the Latino community. But, at a minimum, the Commission should reconsider District 1/A so as not to dilute the Latino/a voting power in that District. As you know, the LBCLO has proposed a modification of the redistricting plan for District 1/A under which the area surrounding the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) will all be in District 1/A and the area associated with the Ocean Residents Community Association (ORCA) will all be in District 2/B. As LBCLO's letter explains and details, this would somewhat expand, and provide greater strength and cohesion to, the Latino/a population in District 1/A and align the interests of ORCA associated residents with those already residing in District 2/B. This is a minor modification with a large impact and would retain the cohesion and representation for the historic District 1/A Latino community. Without this adjustment, it is likely that District 7 will become the only district with a Latino councilmember, halving Latino representation on the city council. The prospect of a sole Latino representative on a nine-member city council is untenable in a city that is almost 50% Latino.

Should the Commission not take these common sense and reasonable steps, the Redistricting Plan runs the risk of being challenged for diluting the Latino/a vote, which is unlawful under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. That statute protects against vote dilution on the basis of race, including Latinos, and prohibits an electoral process that is "not equally open to participation by members of a [minority] in that its members have less opportunity than other

members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.” 52 U.S.C. § 10301(b).

When the Supreme Court interpreted the Voting Rights Act to require proof of intentional discrimination, Congress quickly amended the statute to provide that it was violated if the *effect* of any procedure dilutes a minority group’s right to vote, regardless of whether the state intended it. *See, e.g., Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 106 S.Ct. 2752, 2786, 92 L.Ed.2d 25 (1986) (O’Connor, J., concurring in the judgment) (““Vote dilution” refers to “the impermissible discriminatory effect that a multi-member or other districting plan has when it operates ‘to cancel out or minimize the voting strength of racial groups.’”) (quoting *White v. Regester*, 412 U.S. 755, 765, 93 S.Ct. 2332, 2339, 37 L.Ed.2d 314 (1973)). As a result, courts employ what is known as the *Gingles* test (from the foregoing *Thornburg v. Gingles* case) to determine whether a geographically compact, politically cohesive minority group that votes in a bloc—such as Latino voters in District 1—is being denied the opportunity to elect representatives of its choice.

The *Gingles* test examines several non-exclusive factors¹ in the area in question, including any history of discrimination; the extent that voting is polarized² along racial lines; whether members of the minority group have borne the effects of discrimination in areas like education, healthcare and employment that make it difficult to participate effectively in the political process; whether political campaigns in the jurisdiction have included overt or subtle racial appeals; and the extent to which members of the minority group have been elected to public office in the past. Several of these factors are present here with regard to the Latino/a population.

Voting in Long Beach has been consistently racially polarized, with city council districts consistently electing councilmembers of the same race as the predominant racial group in the district. Even before COVID exacerbated socioeconomic disparities, indicators demonstrated that Latinos in Long Beach have suffered the effects of discrimination: the median Latino family income is a

¹ The *Gingles* factors “are neither comprehensive nor exclusive,” and other relevant factors may always be considered. *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 44.. Further, “there is no requirement that any particular number of factors be proved, or that a majority of them point one way or the other.” *Id.*

² Courts do not use this term to necessarily mean animosity, but rather to reflect “a consistent relationship between [the] race of the voter and the way in which the voter votes.” *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 53 n21.

third less than all other Long Beach families, and they are twice as likely to live in poverty. Latinos are three times as likely to be uninsured. Long Beach Latinos are only half as likely as other residents to have completed college, and are almost four times as likely not to have finished high school.

Political outcomes reflect these statistics: since 1929, only five Latino/a members have served on the city council; the Long Beach City College Board did not have any Latino representation until 2000; and in 2018 the Long Beach Unified School District School Board got only its second Latino representative in its 136-year history. Consequently, Latinos are also underrepresented in appointed offices, have more limited access to funding, and are unable to exercise political power commensurate with their numbers in the city.

We do not have information suggesting that this Commission is intentionally trying to dilute the Latino/a vote, but rather that its current plan will unlawfully result in the dilution of that vote, despite members of the Latino community raising this concern without success. Under the Voting Rights Act, a plaintiff is not required to demonstrate that the challenged system is designed to discriminate against minority voters, or that the majority intentionally engages in racial bloc voting; he or she need only show that the system has “the *effect* of denying [the minority] the equal opportunity to elect its candidate of choice.” *Voinovich v. Quilter*, 507 U.S. 146, 155, 113 S.Ct. 1149 (1993) (original emphasis).

Given the history of history of discrimination and racially polarized voting in Long Beach, the ongoing effects of discrimination against the Latino/a community, and the already existing underrepresentation of the Latino/a community’s representation on the City Council, a redistricting plan that will likely result in a *further dilution* of the Latino/a vote is not only bad for community relations and dynamics in Long Beach as a whole, but it also raises substantial legal issues regarding the legality of the current redistricting plan.

Rather than making special outreach to the Latino/a community, it appears that the Commission to date has not adequately taken their interests into account. Implementing LBCLO’s proposed modification would not only alleviate these concerns, but also would support that the redistricting does not violate the Voting Rights Act. I urge you to adopt their proposed adjustments to Districts 1/A and 2/B to create strong and representative Long Beach electoral districts.

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Letter to Long Beach Redistricting Commission _____

Re: Vote Dilution of Latino/a community in proposed Long Beach Redistricting ____
11/18/2021

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barrett S. Litt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barrett" being more prominent than the last name "Litt".

McLane, Bednarski & Litt
Barrett S. Litt

cc: Charles Parkin, Long Beach City Attorney
Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations

To: Long Beach Redistricting Commission (IRC)
From: Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO)
Date: November 17, 2021
Re: Notice of intent to litigate the Final IRC Draft Maps (IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2)

Dear Long Beach Redistricting Commission,

This is to formally register and declare that the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO) intends to litigate the Final IRC Draft Maps that were elevated by the Long Beach IRC on November 10, 2021.

The LBCLO has retained legal counsel to officially serve you notice at your November 18, 2021, hearing and we respectfully request your consideration of our last attempt to avert injunctive relief and temporary restraining orders to deter implementation of the Final IRC Draft Maps.

The maps raise serious concerns about the ability of Latino voters in the City of Long Beach to fairly elect candidates of their choice as required by the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA).

To resolve this inequity, the LBCLO recommends a one for one “swap” which includes placing the ORCA community entirely in District B (CD2) for the community surrounding MOLAA in District A (CD1). This “swap” will help mitigate the negative impacts of inequitable representation being imposed on the Latino community in the historically Latino District A (CD1).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 creates a District A (CD1) that:

- Disenfranchises low-income Latino neighborhoods.
- Shifts the Eastern and Southern boundaries further than historically drawn.
- Dilutes the Latino voice with those of more affluent neighborhoods along the beach and waterfront properties.
- Splits the Ocean Residents Community Association (ORCA) down the middle, at Alamitos (ORCA extends down Ocean Blvd from the I-710 on the West to Cherry Ave on the East, the North boundary is Ocean and the South boundary is Rainbow Harbor, shoreline, and Marina).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 decreases the Latino population and Latino CVAP:

The new maps actually decrease the Latino population and CVAP in CD1 and in CD4. The final maps approved by the IRC result in changes that challenge the last 30 years of political progress. All data is referenced in *table 1* below

- Latino population decreased in District A (CD1) by **6.3%** and as high as **9.7%** in other data given by Redistricting Partners on March 3, 2021
- Latino CVAP decreased in District A (DC1) by **7.3%**
- White population increased by more than **5%** in District A (CD1).
- Latino population in District D (CD4) decreased by **15.6%**
- Latino CVAP in District D (CD4) decreased by **11.7%**

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 splits the ORCA Neighborhood Association:

- ORCA is an affluent oceanfront community extending down Ocean from the I-710 to Cherry Ave. with several hundred members earning an average per capita income of \$75,929.
- They focus on issues affecting the residents of Ocean Blvd.
- ORCA has more in common, similar backgrounds, and communities of interest with the Alamitos beach community and those in the affluent areas of District B (CD2).
- This region has less than 20% Latino residents and more than 46% white residents.
- The one-for-one swap keeps ORCA together and with other COI in District B (CD2).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 alienate the strong Latino neighborhoods around MOLAA by placing them in District B (CD2).

- This residential area around MOLAA extends from Alamitos Ave on the West, Walnut on the East, 4th St to the South, and 7th St to the North.
- The area is home to 3,762 residents facing unique socio-economic challenges. Many are low-income with an average per capita income of \$20,544.
- The neighborhoods comprise more than 53% Latinos residents and less than 20% white residents.
- By placing these neighborhoods into CD2, their communities are disenfranchised, and their voices are diluted by the more than 3,483 residents on Ocean Blvd.
- MOLAA neighborhoods have more in common with the residents to their West and North.
- The one for one swap places them in CD1 to uphold the integrity of the Latino Community

LBCLO's recommended "Swap" provides a Community Base for MOLAA and keeps ORCA together:

- This suggested one for one swap allows for a community of interest around the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) to provide for a supportive neighborhood around the museum while keeping together a COI.
- This suggested one for one swap allows for ORCA to remain one community

Background: Historical Latino District:

Long Beach Council District A (CD1) has historically been a predominantly Latino Majority District. The 1990 reapportionment of Long Beach council districts intentionally gave Latino's a voice and political representation by designating boundaries that created a district with over 56% Latinos, a percentage that remained over 52% before this redistricting. This led to the election of the first Latina member in the Long Beach City Council history. Jenny Oropeza was elected in 1994 representing District A (CD1).

According to 2020 Census data, Latinos represent 43.3% of the city's population and their population growth has outpaced the city's overall population growth by 6.3% over the past decade and 21% over the past two decades. Latino have become the city's largest ethnic demographic.

The current draft maps do not appear to fully consider the Latino population's growth and electorate. The Latino community deserves a strong Latino voting bloc that reflects proportionate representation. Compounding these challenges is the growing evidence of an undercount of the Latino population in the 2020 Census and the accelerated Commission's mapping schedule given the Census Bureau's delayed release of the redistricting data due to the pandemic and other problems with the 2020 count.

In conclusion, LBCLO recommends a one for one swap with the ORCA community into District B(CD2) for the community surrounding MOLAA in District A(CD1). We strongly urge the Commission to ensure that any final maps fully comply with the VRA and do not limit the ability of Latino voters to have fair representation.

For data reference the table and figure below

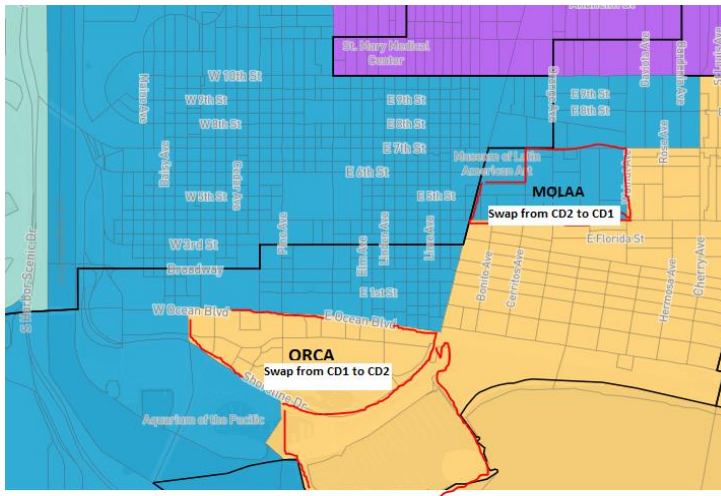
Table 1: Population Changes with Redistricting compared to “one for one swap”

District A	Prior to Redistricting (Census 2020 8/31)	After Redistricting (Final Map Elevated 11/10)	After “One for one Swap”
Latino Pop	*59.3%	*53.0%	*55.1%
White Pop	13.7%	18.1%	16.9%
Black/African American Pop	14.9%	15.1%	15.3%
Asian Pop	7.3%	8.2%	7.4%
LCVAP	**44.8%	**37.5%	40.3%
BCVAP	17.9%	18.4%	18.1%
ACVAP	9.1%	10.0%	7.8%
Other CVAP	28.1%	34.0%	
Total pop	47,384	52,781	53,062
District B	Prior to Redistricting (Census 2020 8/31)	After Redistricting (Final Map Elevated 11/10)	After “One for one Swap”
Latino Pop	*39.6%	*40.9%	*38.7%
White Pop	33.3%	32.5%	34.2
Black/African American Pop	11.7%	12.0%	15.30%
Asian Pop	8.9%	8.4%	9.10%
LCVAP	**27.5%	**30.3%	**27.50%
BCVAP	14.0%	14.2%	12.70%
ACVAP	9.9%	8.6%	9.50%
Other CVAP	48.6%	47%	%
Total pop	53,670	53,670	53,390

Figure 1 - Latino Coalition Map <https://districtr.org/plan/82189>
(for reference of boundaries only)

Section 2 of the VRA requires that if there is racially polarized voting and if a minority opportunity district can be drawn, then it must be drawn.

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ORCA – Is the proposed area on Ocean Blvd, to be kept whole in the 2nd District
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO)

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Organizations:

Los Amigos de Long Beach
California-Mexico Studies Center
Centro CHA
Latinos in Action
Miguel Hidalgo Deportivo
MoLAA

Organization Representative:

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From: Elizabeth Oshea <eoshea777@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting and Coastal Historic Districts

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commission Members,

Thank you for the difficult work that you are doing. I was disappointed to see that the straight forward and seemingly small request submitted by the collective of coastal historic districts to be moved together to District C was not successful last week. I'm solidly behind the request submitted this week to even the historic voice between Districts B and C (moving Bluff Park to District C) and hope to see it given consideration as a valid compromise. As a resident of Bluff Park and concerned about many potential issues facing us in the future, I believe this is a fair and reasonable approach.

Thank you for your consideration.
Elizabeth O'Shea

From: Los Amigos <losamigoslbc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: armando.vazquez-ramos@csulb.edu; jessica-centrocha <jessica@centrocha.org>;
megan@centrocha.org
Subject: IRC Letter from the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO)

-EXTERNAL-

LONG BEACH COALITION OF LATINO ORGANIZATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

For information, contact: Prof. Armando Vazquez-Ramos at

The Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO) will hold a **Press Conference at 5pm on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Long Beach City Hall** quad, in front of the Long Beach City Council Chambers to announce its intention to serve legal notice that it will litigate the Independent Redistricting Commission's (IRC) Final Maps that were elevated by the Long Beach IRC on November 10, 2021.

Thus, the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO) has hired a top civil rights attorney to block implementation of the new districts that could lead to the loss of Latino representation in the historic Latino District, as a result in the creation of the Independent Redistricting Committee's Final Maps.

The Coalition, comprised of Latino Organizations throughout the city, has come together to express concern and dismay that although Latinos make up more than 43.3% of the city's population, and is the fastest growing ethnic group in the city of Long Beach, Latinos have lost population numbers in what is described as the historic "Latino District".

As a result of the redistricting of 1970, District 1 was created with a majority Latino population, resulting in the very first Latina ever elected to the city council, Jenny Oropeza. That district was represented by Mayor Robert Garcia and State Senator Lena Gonzalez and is presently represented by Mary Zendejas.

“The fact that our historic Latino District has actually lost Latino population appears to be a major oversight by the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) and seems clearly intended to dilute and suppress the City’s Latino representation. This is a red flag, and we want to avert this travesty with an alternative plan” said Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos, Senior Advisor to the Coalition.

The LBCLO will present an alternative plan and ask the commission to consider their solution to this calamity before the IRC votes on the final map at the IRC’s scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 18th in the Long Beach City Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.

"El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz"-- Benito Juarez

**Prof. Armando Vazquez-Ramos
President & CEO, California-Mexico Studies Center, Inc.
Co-Founder, Los Amigos de Long Beach**

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To: Long Beach Redistricting Commission (IRC)
From: Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO)
Date: November 17, 2021
Re: Notice of intent to litigate the Final IRC Draft Maps (IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2)

Dear Long Beach Redistricting Commission,

This is to formally register and declare that the Long Beach Coalition of Latino Organizations (LBCLO) intends to litigate the Final IRC Draft Maps that were elevated by the Long Beach IRC on November 10, 2021.

The LBCLO has retained legal counsel to officially serve you notice at your November 18, 2021, hearing and we respectfully request your consideration of our last attempt to avert injunctive relief and temporary restraining orders to deter implementation of the Final IRC Draft Maps.

The maps raise serious concerns about the ability of Latino voters in the City of Long Beach to fairly elect candidates of their choice as required by the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA).

To resolve this inequity, the LBCLO recommends a one for one “swap” which includes placing the ORCA community entirely in District B (CD2) for the community surrounding MOLAA in District A (CD1). This “swap” will help mitigate the negative impacts of inequitable representation being imposed on the Latino community in the historically Latino District A (CD1).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 creates a District A (CD1) that:

- Disenfranchises low-income Latino neighborhoods.
- Shifts the Eastern and Southern boundaries further than historically drawn.
- Dilutes the Latino voice with those of more affluent neighborhoods along the beach and waterfront properties.
- Splits the Ocean Residents Community Association (ORCA) down the middle, at Alamitos (ORCA extends down Ocean Blvd from the I-710 on the West to Cherry Ave on the East, the North boundary is Ocean and the South boundary is Rainbow Harbor, shoreline, and Marina).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 decreases the Latino population and Latino CVAP:

The new maps actually decrease the Latino population and CVAP in CD1 and in CD4. The final maps approved by the IRC result in changes that challenge the last 30 years of political progress. All data is referenced in *table 1* below

- Latino population decreased in District A (CD1) by **6.3%** and as high as **9.7%** in other data given by Redistricting Partners on March 3, 2021
- Latino CVAP decreased in District A (DC1) by **7.3%**
- White population increased by more than **5%** in District A (CD1).
- Latino population in District D (CD4) decreased by **15.6%**
- Latino CVAP in District D (CD4) decreased by **11.7%**

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 splits the ORCA Neighborhood Association:

- ORCA is an affluent oceanfront community extending down Ocean from the I-710 to Cherry Ave. with several hundred members earning an average per capita income of \$75,929.
- They focus on issues affecting the residents of Ocean Blvd.
- ORCA has more in common, similar backgrounds, and communities of interest with the Alamitos beach community and those in the affluent areas of District B (CD2).
- This region has less than 20% Latino residents and more than 46% white residents.
- The one-for-one swap keeps ORCA together and with other COI in District B (CD2).

The IRC Draft Maps 1 and 2 alienate the strong Latino neighborhoods around MOLAA by placing them in District B (CD2).

- This residential area around MOLAA extends from Alamitos Ave on the West, Walnut on the East, 4th St to the South, and 7th St to the North.
- The area is home to 3,762 residents facing unique socio-economic challenges. Many are low-income with an average per capita income of \$20,544.
- The neighborhoods comprise more than 53% Latinos residents and less than 20% white residents.
- By placing these neighborhoods into CD2, their communities are disenfranchised, and their voices are diluted by the more than 3,483 residents on Ocean Blvd.
- MOLAA neighborhoods have more in common with the residents to their West and North.
- The one for one swap places them in CD1 to uphold the integrity of the Latino Community

LBCLO's recommended "Swap" provides a Community Base for MOLAA and keeps ORCA together:

- This suggested one for one swap allows for a community of interest around the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) to provide for a supportive neighborhood around the museum while keeping together a COI.
- This suggested one for one swap allows for ORCA to remain one community

Background: Historical Latino District:

Long Beach Council District A (CD1) has historically been a predominantly Latino Majority District. The 1990 reapportionment of Long Beach council districts intentionally gave Latino's a voice and political representation by designating boundaries that created a district with over 56% Latinos, a percentage that remained over 52% before this redistricting. This led to the election of the first Latina member in the Long Beach City Council history. Jenny Oropeza was elected in 1994 representing District A (CD1).

According to 2020 Census data, Latinos represent 43.3% of the city's population and their population growth has outpaced the city's overall population growth by 6.3% over the past decade and 21% over the past two decades. Latino have become the city's largest ethnic demographic.

The current draft maps do not appear to fully consider the Latino population's growth and electorate. The Latino community deserves a strong Latino voting bloc that reflects proportionate representation. Compounding these challenges is the growing evidence of an undercount of the Latino population in the 2020 Census and the accelerated Commission's mapping schedule given the Census Bureau's delayed release of the redistricting data due to the pandemic and other problems with the 2020 count.

In conclusion, LBCLO recommends a one for one swap with the ORCA community into District B(CD2) for the community surrounding MOLAA in District A(CD1). We strongly urge the Commission to ensure that any final maps fully comply with the VRA and do not limit the ability of Latino voters to have fair representation.

For data reference the table and figure below

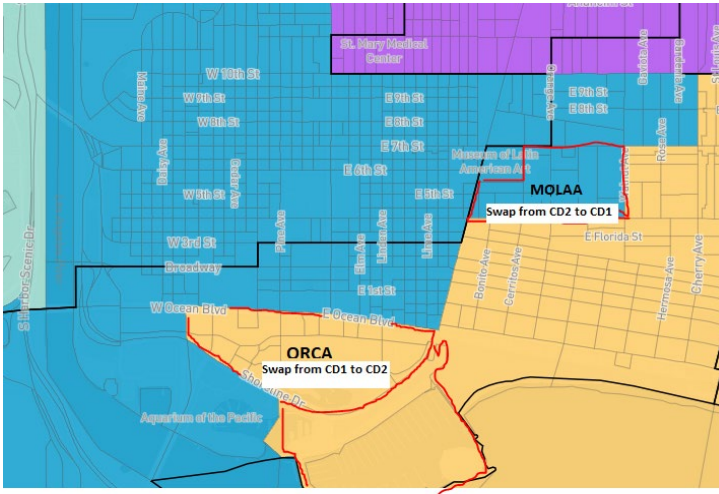
Table 1: Population Changes with Redistricting compared to “one for one swap”

District A	Prior to Redistricting (Census 2020 8/31)	After Redistricting (Final Map Elevated 11/10)	After “One for one Swap”
Latino Pop	*59.3%	*53.0%	*55.1%
White Pop	13.7%	18.1%	16.9%
Black/African American Pop	14.9%	15.1%	15.3%
Asian Pop	7.3%	8.2%	7.4%
LCVAP	**44.8%	**37.5%	40.3%
BCVAP	17.9%	18.4%	18.1%
ACVAP	9.1%	10.0%	7.8%
Other CVAP	28.1%	34.0%	
Total pop	47,384	52,781	53,062
District B	Prior to Redistricting (Census 2020 8/31)	After Redistricting (Final Map Elevated 11/10)	After “One for one Swap”
Latino Pop	*39.6%	*40.9%	*38.7%
White Pop	33.3%	32.5%	34.2
Black/African American Pop	11.7%	12.0%	15.30%
Asian Pop	8.9%	8.4%	9.10%
LCVAP	**27.5%	**30.3%	**27.50%
BCVAP	14.0%	14.2%	12.70%
ACVAP	9.9%	8.6%	9.50%
Other CVAP	48.6%	47%	%
Total pop	53,670	53,670	53,390

Figure 1 - Latino Coalition Map <https://districtr.org/plan/82189>
(for reference of boundaries only)

Section 2 of the VRA requires that if there is racially polarized voting and if a minority opportunity district can be drawn, then it must be drawn.

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Organization Representative:

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Jessica Quintana
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Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Submitting document for discussion at the IRC meeting of 11.18.2021

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners and staff,

I am writing on behalf of a group of board members and residents of the neighborhoods of Alamitos Heights, Bay Harbour, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, and Carroll Park.

We have come to the determination that we cannot support IRC Final Map 1 and IRC Final Map 2. These maps create a significant uneven balance and voice for historic preservation between District B and District C. District B is heavily weighted with historic districts. In District C, Wilton Street Historic District has no organized association, and Belmont Heights would be left speaking for its two smaller historic districts. To improve the balance of historic districts in Districts B and C, we kindly ask that you approve the compromise raised by Commissioner Beckenhaupt on 11.10.2021 of moving Bluff Park from District B to District C.

We strongly encourage the Commission to delay your vote on the final map and find a way to implement Commissioner Beckenhaupt's compromise solution. We believe we have represented our communities in a professional and respectful manner and ask that the Commission do the same in considering this request.

You have the option to delay the final map selection on Thursday, November 18. Please do so.

Please see the attached document for additional details, signatures, and illustrations of the historic district imbalance in the proposed maps IRC 1 and 2. Also included is a screen shot of Commissioner Beckenhaupt's compromise demonstrating that moving Bluff Park from B to C has no negative impacts on the proposed redistricting maps.

Respectfully submitted by

Dianne Sundstrom on behalf of the signatories on the attached document

Dianne Sundstrom

Date: November 17, 2021

To: Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and City Staff

From: Board Members and Individuals from the following Neighborhoods:

Alamitos Heights, Bay Harbour, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, Carroll Park (Detailed list of individuals at the end of this document)

Re: Delay Final Map Adoption and Approve a New Map Respectful of Our Community of Interest

We thank the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and City Staff for the long hours and continued efforts on the difficult task of redistricting.

We are a group of board members, leaders and residents from the above noted neighborhoods who collectively sought consideration as a Community of Interest. We have invested years at the grassroots level as residents, volunteers and board members of established neighborhood associations within the City of Long Beach.

We have come to the determination that we cannot support IRC Final Map 1 and IRC Final Map 2. These maps create a significant uneven balance and voice for historic preservation between District B and District C. District B is heavily weighted with historic districts. In District C, Wilton Street Historic District has no organized association, and Belmont Heights would be left speaking for its two smaller historic districts. *(Please see the attached map that clearly demonstrates this imbalance.)*

To improve the balance of historic districts in Districts B and C, we kindly ask that you approve the compromise raised by Commissioner Beckenhaupt on 11.10.2021 of moving Bluff Park from District B to District C.

This change would meet our community's needs of strengthening the uneven balance of historic districts in both IRC Final Map 1 and IRC Final Map 2. Keeping the Bluff Park Historic District attached to the same Council District as Belmont Heights also provides the historic continuity of the original Alamitos Beach Townsite (conceived of by John Bixby in 1886, annexed by Long Beach in 1909). This Township ran from Alamitos to Termino. Today, Belmont Heights continues eastward to Nieto. Belmont Heights and Bluff Park have had over 100 years of community connectedness.

As shown by the IRC consultant on 11.10.2021, this one relatively small change of moving Bluff Park into District C does not significantly impact the population, diversity, variance,

expanse, shape, etc., of any District on the citywide redistricting map and leaves untouched the rest of the Commission's decisions. *(Please see the attached screen shot of that proposed map change presented by the IRC Consultant.)*

We understand from Deputy City Attorney, Taylor Anderson, that this change cannot legally be done on November 18 while also selecting a final map for adoption at the same meeting. Such a change will require posting the amended map on-line for 7 days before voting for final adoption.

We strongly encourage the Commission to delay your vote on the final map and find a way to implement Commissioner Beckenhaupt's compromise solution. We believe we have represented our communities in a professional and respectful manner and ask that the Commission do the same in considering this request.

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Respectfully submitted by

Paul St. Bernard, Alamos Heights (President, Alamos Heights Improvement Association (AHIA))

Gary Morrison, Alamos Heights (Past President, AHIA)

Melissa Mihalik Sipowicz, Alamos Heights (Treasurer, AHIA)

Kirsten Larsen, Alamos Heights (Secretary, AHIA)

Gina Liu, Alamos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

Leslie Grenier, Alamos Heights (Past President, AHIA)

Leslie Stonick, Alamos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

Richard Wherry, Alamos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

Yesmean Rihbany, Alamos Heights (Resident, Past Board Member, AHIA)

Catherine Grace, Alamos Heights (Resident)

Jon Wersbe, Alamos Heights (Resident)

Parastoo Tehrani, Bay Harbour (Resident)

Sohrab Tanavol, Bay Harbour (Resident)

Gina Redican, Belmont Heights (President, Belmont Heights Community Association (BHCA))

Dianne Sundstrom, Belmont Heights (Resident, Past Board Member, BHCA)

Julie Folcik, Belmont Heights (Vice President, BHCA)

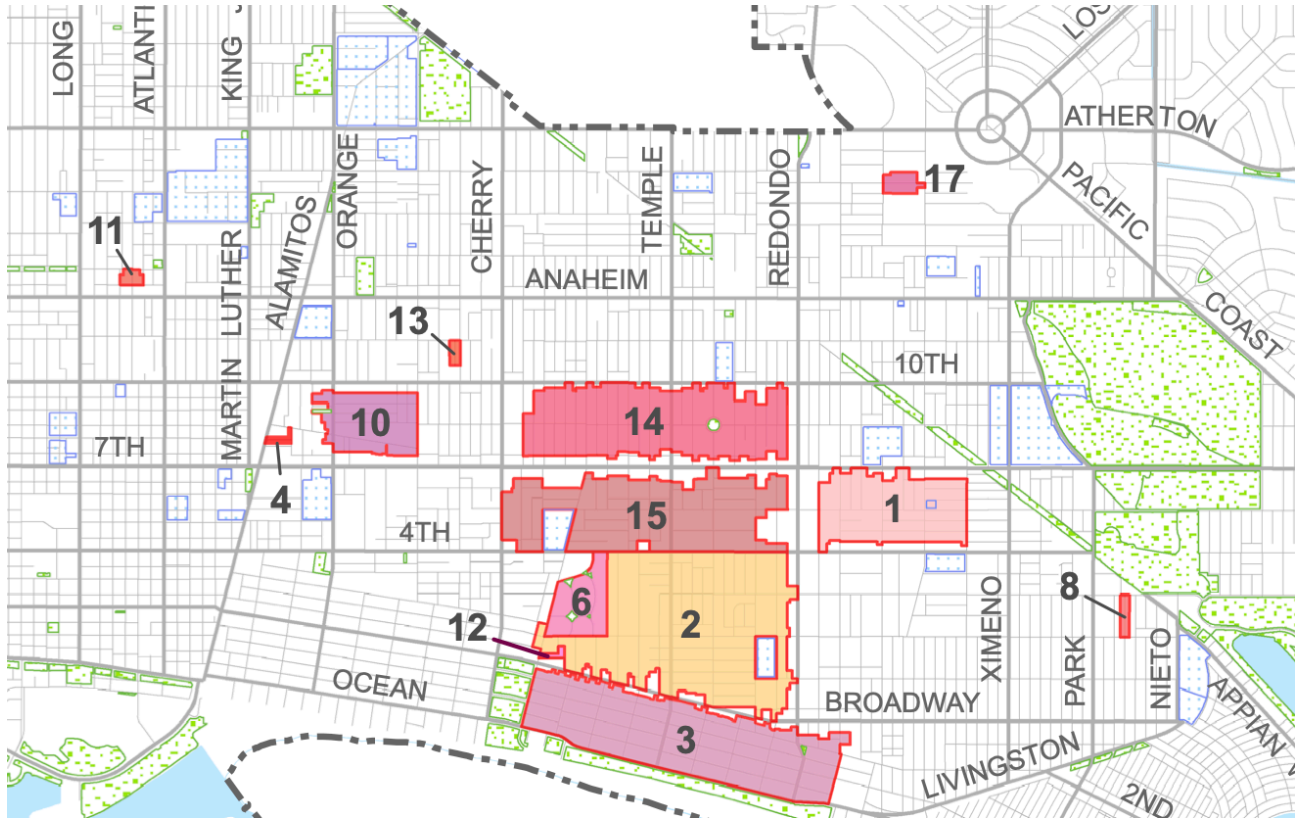
Kathleen Brady, Belmont Heights (Board Member, BHCA)

Donna Sievers, Bluff Heights (President, Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association (BHNA))

David Clement, Bluff Heights (Vice President, BHNA)

Theresa Marino, Bluff Heights (Secretary, BHNA)
Frank Ginipro, Bluff Heights, (Board Member, BHNA)
Lee Apel, Bluff Heights (Board Member, BHNA)
Rick Schank, Bluff Heights (Board Member, BHNA)
Maria Kootsikis, Bluff Heights (Board Member, BHNA)
Alex Cannarellan, Bluff Heights (Board Members, BHNA)
Tom Poyer, Carroll Park (President, Carroll Park Association (CPA))
Jeff Mallin, Bluff Park (President, Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA))
Elizabeth O'Shea, Bluff Park (Secretary, BPNA)
Sergio Macias, Bluff Park (Treasurer, BPNA)
Mary Lou Martin, Bluff Park (VP Communications, BPNA)
Michelle Murray, Bluff Park (VP Public Safety, BPNA)
Marco Pizzo, Bluff Park (VP of Events & Fundraising, BPNA)
Teresa Stamoulis (VP of Historic Preservation, BPNA)
Maureen Neeley, Belmont Heights (Resident, Past Board Member, BHCA; Past Board Member of Long Beach Heritage)

PARTIAL MAP OF CITY OF LONG BEACH HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NOTE THE IMBALANCE BETWEEN DISTRICTS C & B WITH REDONDO AS THE DIVIDING LINE



Historic District

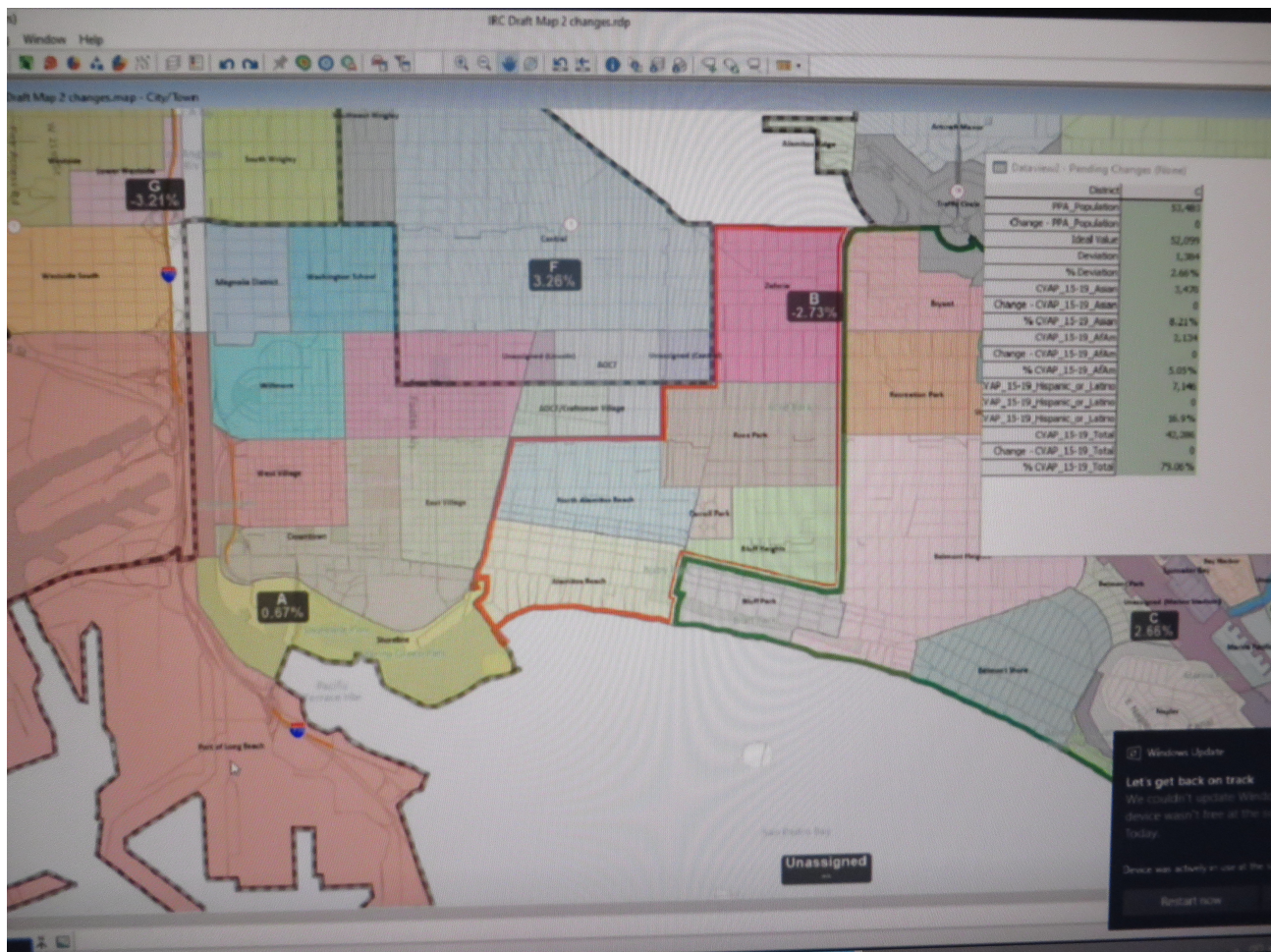
IRC

1	Belmont Heights	10	Hellman St Craftsman
2	Bluff Heights	11	Linden Avenue
3	Bluff Park	12	Lowena Drive
4	Brenner Place	13	Minerva Park Place
5	California Heights	14	Rose Park
6	Carroll Park	15	Rose Park South
7	Drake Park/Willmore	16	Sunrise Boulevard
8	Eliot Lane	17	Wilton Street
9	Grant Neighborhood	18	Wrigley

CONSULTANT MAP - COMMISSIONER BECKENHAUPT COMPROMISE

MOVING BLUFF PARK TO DISTRICT C

(Screen Shot from 11.10.2021 IRC meeting: video at 4:47:08)



From: Debbie Wong <demajo@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Redistricting - District 5

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

I can't believe what I'm seeing in regards to the new district 5. Our new district is now very small. What concerns me the most is that because our new district will be so small, we will never get our roads taken care of. Studebaker road is such a mess above Wardlow and our service road in front of our house is awful. We've been waiting a long time for something to be done about it. And now I fear there will never be anything done about it because the larger districts will get priority.

We will lose El Dorado Park, the nature center, the golf course and the library in this redistricting.

My first impression upon seeing this map was that this reeks of snobbism and elitism. Why would the ranchos not be included in the new district 5? My first thought is it they don't want to be associated with Carson Park. Do they think they're in a higher socioeconomic class then those of us in Carson Park because they live in historic houses?

I ask that you please reconsider District 5.

Debbie Wong
Resident of District 5 since 1979

From: Henri Winters <henriwinters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Gary Michovich <michovich@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re-districting

-EXTERNAL-

Good morning,

We are concerned long term residents of Long Beach residing in Bluff Park. I have two main concerns about the current proposals.

- 1) It makes no sense to break up historical units between two districts. These are very distinct neighborhoods that share some common values. For re-districting purposes, it makes no sense to break them up, especially taking out a relatively small segment
- 2) The Bluff Park neighborhood tends to feel much more affiliated with the Belmont Shore area where we do the majority of shopping and dining. It is our preference to stay represented in the 3rd District.

Regards

Henri Winters
Gary Michovich

Long Beach, CA 90803

From: Sylvia N. Contreras <Sylvia@LinkLine.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:39 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Ashley Salazar <Ashley.Salazar@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Nov 18 - Proposed Final Map 1 and Proposed Map 2 / District 8 Constituent's Final Choice
Importance: High

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Independent Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for all the hard work that required to complete a monumental task.

I choose **Proposed Map 1** as the final map.

I have been a resident/constituent of Council District 8 (CD8) for over two decades. I am on CD8's email list.

I will not be attending Thursday's Nov. 18 6pm meeting in person. But I did want to have some voice in the matter, if at least via email.

Proposed Map 1 will keep Los Cerritos Rancho in District 8, a beautiful hide-a-way where I have visited many times. However, District 8 loses the Von's shopping center where I shop at regularly and will continue to shop. District 8 will also lose the cluster of apartment units east of the shopping center. It is my understanding that the goal to shift council borders was so that each district have similar number of constituents.

I am very disappointed that District 8 will be losing the area where great and popular resources reside – on Atlantic Blvd., between San Antonio Ave. and Bixby St. The area of the Expo Center and District 8 field office, where First Friday's has been held for many years, wonderful restaurants, etc. Move a few blocks up north on Atlantic Blvd. between South St. and Market St., this area remains kind of desolate appearing. It has not ever thrived, to my recollection, as does the few blocks between San Antonio Ave. and Bixby St. MAYBE this will change with the new 84 unit apartment complex to be built on the northwest corner of South St. and Atlantic Blvd. which is currently council district 9 ("I"), and will remain in district 9 ("I").

The Proposed Maps are practically identical to each other. The Proposed Maps were VERY different to the current council map. It could have been so much easier to read the Proposed Maps had the letters identifying the council districts been included the district numbers, such as "H8", "E5", etc. I presume, one working with the maps consistently, one would remember which letter represents which council district. But when one does NOT work the maps regularly, the letters alone made it more cumbersome to remember which letter represents which district.

I do appreciate your efforts to have done what needed to be done. I just don't like losing the area better resources in District 8, but I will continue to support the merchants. 😊

Warm regards,

Sylvia N. Contreras
Council District 8 Constituent
Sylvia@Linkline.com

*"MODERNA & ME!!"
HELPING WORLD HEALING!!
COMBATting COVID-19*

From: Gloria Bradley <ladygloriab@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:55 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Support IRC Map 1

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Gloria Bradley and I am writing in strong support of the Long Beach Redistrict Draft Map 1. As a member of the Community, it's important that we give our community the best chance to elect representatives across the City. The proposed Map 1 keeps Districts I and H together.

Please take into consideration my public comment and proceed with Map 1 as the final map.

Thank you,
Gloria Bradley, resident

From: Joe Hower <air.engr.1955@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:29 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Cc: bob@gillfamily.org; 'Gary Hamrick' <gary.hamrick@loscerritosna.org>
Subject: Redistricting - Please Adopt Map 1

-EXTERNAL-

We'd like to thank you all for recombining the Los Cerritos neighborhood into a single district as shown in both Proposed Final Maps 1 & 2.

Map 1 puts Los Cerritos into its historic place within Bixby Knolls, and recognizes our tight community bonds with the other Bixby Knolls neighborhoods, especially California Heights, central Bixby Knolls and West Bixby Knolls.

The LCNA Board reached out to our neighborhood regarding their preference between Maps 1 & 2. Overwhelmingly, our neighbors strongly identify as being a part of Bixby Knolls and prefer Map 1 placing Los Cerritos with most of Bixby Knolls into District "E."

Some examples of Los Cerritos being a part of Bixby Knolls includes:

- Our neighborhood has extremely **STRONG** historical and current ties to Bixby Knolls. In fact, most people assume we are part of Bixby Knolls.
- Our children attend the Hughes Middle School in Bixby Knolls and both the parents and kids form strong friendships all around Bixby Knolls.
- The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association includes commercial properties in Los Cerritos. Our residents strongly support Bixby Knolls businesses.
- The newest Bixby Knolls "pocket park" project (sponsored by the BKBIA) is in Los Cerritos.
- The Los Cerritos Annual 4th of July Parade, is attended by 1,000 to 2,000 people who live throughout Bixby Knolls.

- The concerts we've hosted for many years in Los Cerritos Park have been attended by thousands of people who live throughout the Bixby Knolls area.

Additionally, Los Cerritos is under the take-off pattern for commercial flights out of Long Beach Airport and being a part of District E provides a direct council district association to airport issues. We strongly oppose being in any district where our council representative would not have a direct voice in airport matters, which would happen under Map 2. Los Cerritos residents have worked for many decades on airport issues that directly affect us. We cannot be separated from the airport, given our history with airport issues.

In conclusion, the Bixby Knolls area is made up of several communities, including Los Cerritos. Our bonds are close – social, economic, volunteerism, even the age of most of the housing. Many of our residents once lived in Cal Heights or Bixby Knolls! It is a close knit community.

Please honor the historic ties of Los Cerritos being a part of Bixby Knolls, and approve Map 1 with Los Cerritos being a part of Bixby Knolls in District E.

Best regards,

Joe

Joseph Hower, PE, DEE

From: Marco Pizzo <marco@marcopizzo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:22 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Comment Letter for Agenda 21-136RC November 18, 2021

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I realize this has been a challenging process and you must be excited to feel close to the finish line.

With that said however, both proposed IRC Final Map 1 and Final Map 2 that advanced November 10, 2021 do not reflect communities of interest within the southeast borders of District C and I cannot support them "as is". Our neighborhoods are broken.

I truly understand this is a huge ask to make, but I know you have been tasked with the desire to get neighborhoods correct, so I am asking you to please not vote on either Final Map 1 or Final Map 2 and make a motion to extend the final vote for one more week to incorporate only the **Bluff Park Historic Neighborhood into District C** as the original compromise made by Commissioner Beckenhaupt.

Placing Bluff Park in District C, which was offered by Commissioner Beckenhaupt on November 10, will have no effect on any other neighborhoods or negatively create any other type of swap or rotation. It will fulfil the important and direct connection of our shores and our long-standing history with communities of interest most particularly with Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Alamitos Heights, and Naples.

Moving **Bluff Park to District C** will also self-correct the problematic cut made in our coastal park as currently being represented on both your final maps. Cutting our Lone Sailor Statue on Paloma in half along our bluff park which spans from Loma to Kennebec will result in being split in two districts. This would create issues for ongoing park and bluff maintenance as well as safety issues being split east and west. Moving Bluff Park into District C will automatically correct that error and bring us whole again as we are currently today and have been for generations. The long bluff expanse which is our park is also tied to our neighborhood as stated clearly in our name and should be kept that way.

Again, I realize moving Bluff Park may create one more step with your timeline for a final map, but I also know for a fact, the huge impact this change will make and how it will be felt for decades by our community.

I hope we can count on you to all support this important request.

Sincerely,
Marco Pizzo

Marco Pizzo

From: BHCA Community Association <bhcalb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:15 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Request for Consideration to Delay Final Map Adoption

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Honorable Commission,

Please see the attached letter from the Board of Directors asking to delay Final Map Adoption in consideration for our Community of Interest.

Thank you for your time and effort,

Gina Redican , President
Belmont Heights Community Association
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November 17th, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission
City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Regarding: Request to Delay Final Map Adoption in Consideration of Our Community of Interest

Dear Redistricting Commission of Long Beach,

The Board of Directors of the Belmont Heights Community Association (BHCA) respectfully request that the Commission delay final map adoption to reconsider Commissioner Beckenhaupt's motion on November 10th, 2021 that would include Bluff Heights in District C for the following reasons:

- The inclusion of Bluff Park into District C would create a more evenly distributed Historic District representation within the District. As it stands in both proposed Final Draft Maps, The BHCA will be left on its own to advocate for its two small Historic Districts.
- Bluff Park has a legacy relationship that would like to remain unified.
- The addition of Bluff Park into District C does not significantly impact the population, diversity, expanse etc. to either of the proposed Final Draft Maps

I would like to note that during the November 10th, 2021 meeting, Dr. Jeff Mallin, President of the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association was asked by the Commission if Bluff Park and Bluff Heights would agree to the compromise of being split between two districts. I feel that it was unfair to ask for a response without giving Dr. Mallin the opportunity to consult with his fellow board members. As President of the BHCA, I would not have been able to answer this question either, as I too feel it is necessary to have input and a quorum from my board before making any decision. I believe the IRC operates in a similar fashion and perhaps is obligated to give Bluff Park the opportunity to answer this question again.

Respectfully submitted,
BELMONT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Gina Redican, President

Copy: Board of Directors of the BHCA

- Julie Folcik, Vice President
- Alex Saldana, Treasurer
- Jill Unze, Secretary
- Tasha Thrift, Member at Large
- Derrick Muska, Member at Large
- Kathleen Brady, Member at Large
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jen Vlz <jenkids@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:29 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: District 5

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern about the redistricting of District 5. My family moved to Carson Park over 20 years ago. During that time, we have joined clubs, participated in neighborhood events, attended schools, shopped, socialized, and developed friendships within our community. That community encompasses the area that is District 5 as currently drawn. I believe the reasons for this sense of community is our close proximity and our shared representation.

The proposed redistricting maps take away both. They extend to areas that are not in close proximity, and they require different council representation within our neighborhood. It is my concern that the result will be a loss of sense of community. We won't know the people in our district, so we won't be able work together. Working together with people in our neighborhood will become more difficult because we will need to address multiple representatives. When neighbors can't work together, neighborhoods fail.

Please reconsider the proposed redistricting of District 5. It trades one problem for another.

Thank you,
Jenny Veliz

From: K Hayes <khayes_ca@outlook.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:24 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; cityclerk@longveach.gov; Historic Preservation <HistoricPreservation@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Bluff Park Neighborhood Association <communications@bluffpark.org>; Jeff Mallin <Jeff.Mallin@gmail.com>; Andy Pesich <pesicha@yahoo.com>

Subject: REDISTRICTING

-EXTERNAL-

It seems there is a need to emphasize citizens' expectations and goals to keep historic districts and inter-coastal neighborhoods whole and together.

To accomplish such a path see proposals for minor changes to *IRC Draft Map 2* access the publication from [https:// bluffpark.org/city-news/](https://bluffpark.org/city-news/) November 9, 2021.

From: Mark Helak <Mark.Helak@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: Citizen Voter Comments Regarding 10Nov2021 Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Resending...original undeliverable

From: Mark Helak [<mailto:Mark.Helak@verizon.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:17 PM
To: 'redistricting@longbeach.gov.'
Subject: Citizen Voter Comments Regarding 10Nov2021 Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting

November 17, 2021

Dear IRC Commissioners:

I am writing as a homeowner in the Bixby Knolls neighborhood known as Bixby Terrace. We are a community which shares common cause with Los Cerritos, and neighborhoods in proposed District D, which are impacted by noise from Long Beach Airport. Bixby Terrace is directly in line and in closest proximity to the outbound flight path. Our neighborhood subdivision is located South of Carson, West of Cherry, North of Cal Heights, East of Orange. For reference, the northwest boundary of the commercial runway ends approximately at the intersection of Cherry and Carson. Of all the communities affected by airport noise, Bixby Terrace is arguably the most loudly impacted because we are on the outbound flight path, closest to departure when planes are lowest in the sky. The Noise Ordinance was in place long before I and most of my neighbors purchased properties here. Preserving and enforcing the Noise Ordinance perpetuates peaceful coexistence with a vibrant airport. We are not alone, as we are joined in common need to protect Noise Ordinance by homeowners in Los Cerritos, particularly as outbound flights quickly bank hard left while gaining altitude, affecting Los Cerritos homeowners much more so than any of the other residents who reside in Apartments and homes in Bixby Knolls, north of San Antonio. Moreover, while commercial flights take off in a Northwesternly direction, Civil Aviation flights take off in a Westerly direction, circumscribing a much lower arc and altitude which deleteriously affects neighborhoods west of airport in California Heights, Bixby Knolls south and west of Bixby Terraces, and Los Cerritos disproportionately. Only ONE Map moved forward last week, IRC Proposed Final Map 1, adequately addresses noise impacts from the airport as regards communities of interest to the West of us in Los Cerritos and Virginia Country Club.

As an Independent Commission, your top priority with regard to redistricting, as written and stated, is as follows:

1. The geographic integrity of a neighborhood should be respected in a manner that minimizes division.

Observe that both Proposed Maps 1 and 2 divide portions of Bixby Knolls. Proposed Map 2 separates Bixby Knolls North of San Antonio, East of Long Beach Blvd, West of Atlantic, from the rest of Bixby Knolls. This is merely DIFFERENT, unjustifiable and NOT BETTER than, Proposed Map 1. Proposed Map 1 separates Bixby Knolls North of San Antonio from the rest of Bixby Knolls, but does so in accordance with the justifiable basis of uniting communities of interest.

As an Independent Commission, your second priority with regard to redistricting, as written and stated, is as follows:

2. The geographic integrity of a community of interest should be respected in manner that minimizes its division. A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Only Proposed Map 1 optimizes your first priority and maximizes your second priority because it preserves integrity of a single community of interest. It does so by joining neighborhoods of Los Cerritos/Virginia Country Club, Bixby Knolls South of San Antonio, and California Heights on basis of their common interest of protecting voters by preserving and enforcing the Airport Noise Ordinance. By actually dividing Bixby Knolls as in Proposed Map 1, representation is optimal, fair and effective for those voters who are most impacted by airport noise.

Vice Chairman Diggs-Jackson ridiculously remarked at nearly midnight last week that "...Los Cerritos and Bixby Knolls are two distinct communities." She most certainly does not speak for me and neighbors who routinely travel between and among corridors intertwining both. Families, neighbors and friends seamlessly move between homes and shops and appointments sprinkled throughout both of the allegedly "distinct" communities. Vice-Chairman Diggs-Jackson is either ignorant of or willfully blind to the history of the area:

In short, Rancho Los Cerritos was purchased from original heirs in 1843. Jotham Bixby was dispatched to run Rancho Los Cerritos in 1866. Virginia Country Club was purchased from Bixby in 1920. The original Rancho Los Cerritos, just steps away from all three (Virginia Country Club, Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos), remains intact and can be visited today by anybody. Historic Rancho Los Cerritos is a venue for social gatherings and weddings shared by all surrounding neighborhoods. Meanwhile the neighborhoods which developed surrounding Virginia Country Club include Los Cerritos and Bixby Knolls, easily identifiable as upscale, custom homes built on big lots on tree lined streets, according to Los Angeles Times Mapping Project. All share a further common interest in revitalizing shops and restaurants along a walkable main Atlantic Corridor beginning at southern tip of San Antonio, extending South past Carson to Wardlow.

Voters from disparate socio-economic circumstances need and deserve effective representation. That is why, as in Proposed Map 1, Apartment- Dense Neighborhoods North of San Antonio in Bixby Knolls should be considered distinct from upscale Single-Family Homes which predominate in Bixby Knolls South of San Antonio. In this regard, Los Cerritos is almost exclusively custom built, single-family homes. As regards preponderance of custom-built, single family homes, Los Cerritos is indistinguishable from most of Bixby Knolls South of San Antonio. Indeed, Census blocks for Bixby Knolls demonstrate higher density of voters north of San Antonio compared to census blocks south of San Antonio to Wardlow. Priorities of renters, especially renters who live in large apartment complexes such as those north of San Antonio, generally are not shared by homeowners in nearby neighborhoods, despite their geographic contiguity.

A worst case example is exposed by Vice-Chair Diggs-Jackson's late-night maneuver. How does Vice-Chair Diggs-Jackson propose that effective and fair representation be accomplished when she abruptly decides to lump affluent Virginia Country Club/Los Cerritos with section 8 housing, literally across the tracks, in the same proposed District H? By doing so, she severed Los Cerritos from its previously agreed community of interest impacted by Airport Noise. How are Commissioners as a group not accountable for moving such a proposal as Map 2 forward, going along with such an 11th hour

overhaul, inspired by back-room politics of yesteryear, directed entirely by Diggs-Jackson, without first hearing strenuous public discussion of the resulting dramatic change?

I've stated publically during the last few meetings, that you, The Independent Redistricting Commission have a hard job. I have read the biographies posted for each of you on the redistricting website. One among you "...hopes to be a vessel that assists all citizens in fair, honest representation through shared governance." Another among you "...understands the importance of redistricting for the fair representation of all residents." Yet another wants to "...work towards creating a more representative government for citizens of the city." A fourth Commissioner strives for "...active participation by citizens and confidence that elected representatives have been chosen fairly...through carefully constructed electoral districts.

Lofty goals. Not an easy task. Commendable effort to date. Be true to the biographies which factored into the selection of each of you to the Commission. Be true to the stated priorities of the Commission. Choose Districts which represent we, the people, not political interests

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Vote YES on Proposed Map 1.

Sincerely,
Mark Helak

From: ywhee73534@aol.com <ywhee73534@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:12 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Support IRC Map 1

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Yvonne Wheeler and I live in the City Council District 8. I am writing in strong support of the Long Beach Redistrict Draft Map 1. As a member of the African American Community, it's important that we give our community the best chance to elect representatives across the City. The proposed Map 1 keeps Districts I and H together. The County Club and Carmelitos do not belong in the same district as in the Proposed Map 2.

Please take into consideration my public comment and proceed with Map 1 as the final map for the best interest of the Long Beach African American Community of Interest.

Thank you,

Yvonne Wheeler