Date: November 9, 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: Recommended adjustments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2) for November 10, 2021

As an independent group of board members and residents from the above noted communities, we would like to thank the Commission and Staff for your continued efforts on the difficult task to redistrict our city.

Just as we have asked for you to hear our community comments in support of IRC Draft Map 1- Amended 10.27.21 with regards to area C, we have also <u>heard you</u>, the Commission, in your decision to not advance that map. In the spirit of compromise, we have worked together to thoughtfully review the map that was advanced (**Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)** and how it could support the concept of "Whole and Together" - keeping our neighborhoods 'whole' and our inter-coastal communities of interest 'together'.

Our review focused specifically on the 'Requirements and Criteria' of the commission in the City Charter which include:

- Minimize Divisions of Neighborhoods and communities sharing a common language, history, culture and identity
- Keep each district a whole, contiguous unit with clearly defined boundaries
- Achieve districts of equal population

Based on the above, we recommend the following adjustments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2):

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- 5. Between E. 7th St. and E. 10th St., move the eastern border of District B to Cherry Ave.

These suggested amendments (illustrated by map 76918, available for Commission and Staff review) have the following positive impacts that align with the aforementioned "Requirements and Criteria":

- Respects the west and northern district updates made by the Commission on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, with no changes to districts D, E, F, G, H, and I
- According to our calculation, creates an overall maximum population deviation of 4.85%
- Keeps the inter-coastal communities together
- Brings the coastal historic districts together
- Equalizes the district population size for Districts A, B and C
- Corrects the division of some neighborhoods previously not made whole (Rose Park and Bluff Park) in Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). As a side note, we have observed a few discrepancies between the actual neighborhood borders and those noted in some Commission maps. An example is Bluff Park which ends at Loma Avenue but has been depicted to end at Redondo Avenue.

In closing, these amendments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2) support the concept of 'Whole and Together' for Communities of Interest originally outlined in Draft Map 1- Amended 10.27.21 related to District C. They also represent our efforts to understand and compromise with the direction the Commission has taken with Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). This effort exemplifies how these communities collaborate and why we desire to remain 'Whole and Together'.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommended update to the **Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2).** 

## Respectfully Submitted by:

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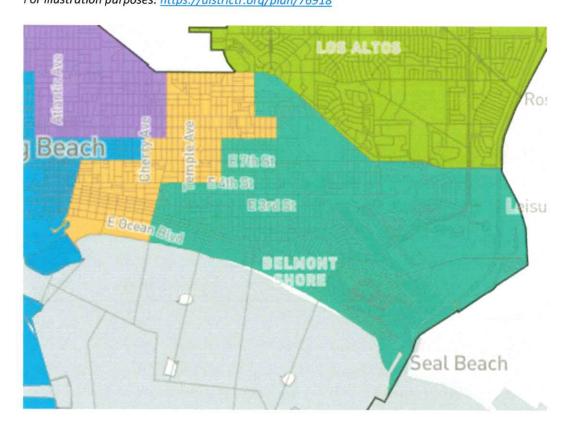
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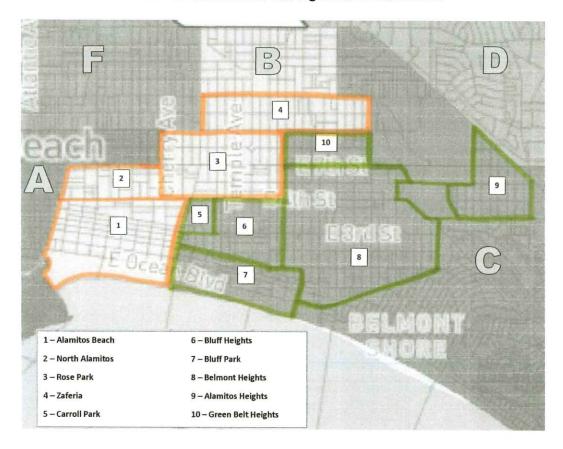
Teresa Stamoulis (VP of Historic Preservation, BPNA)

Barbara Newell, Belmont Shore (President, Friends of Belmont Shore)

## Proposed District C Boundaries (illustrated by Map 76918 as a suggested adjustment to IRC Draft Map 2): For illustration purposes: <a href="https://districtr.org/plan/76918">https://districtr.org/plan/76918</a>

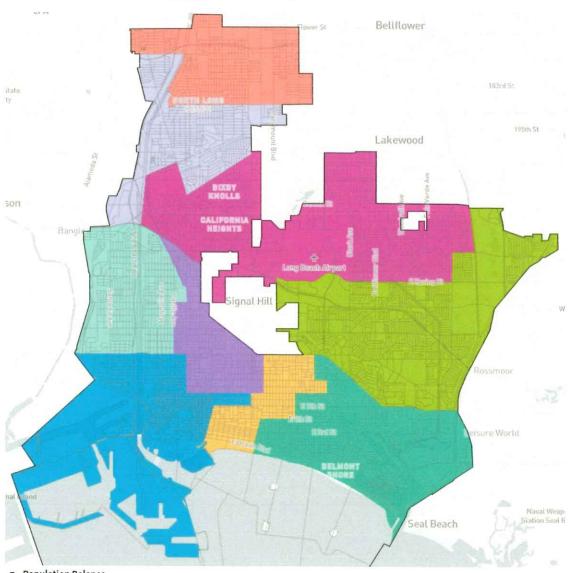


## Informational outline of historic districts and organized communities:



## Proposed Map for all Districts (illustrated by Map 76918 as a suggested adjustment to IRC Draft Map 2):

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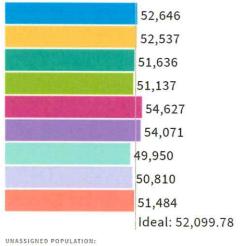
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### ▼ Population Balance

MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION:

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census data on 2020 Blocks.



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Date: November 10, 2021

To: Long Beach Independent Commission and City Staff

From: Craftsman Village Historic District Residents, Brenner Pl. Historic District Residents

Petition with Signatures appears at the end of this letter

Re: Recommended changes to the Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)

The residents of the above noted communities would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to present our recommendations and reasons for changes we are proposing to the IRC Map 2.

Craftsman Village Historic District (Hellman Street Craftsman Historic District) was designated by the City of Long Beach in 1992. Brenner Pl. Historic District was designated just two years later. Although Brenner Pl. has just recently become active as a historic district, Craftsman Village has been involved in our civic government as well as collaborative projects with the surrounding community for over 30 years. Working with other community associations (Alamitos Beach, North Alamitos Beach and Rose Park Historic District) that lie in the 2nd District Council office, Craftsman Village has built long term relationships with those neighboring communities and with Map 2 we will essentially be cut off from this relationship. Our historic district is also working with Long Beach Development Services to expand our historic district to the East from Walnut Ave. to Cherry Ave. and from Orange Ave. west towards Cerritos Ave.

We are requesting that the boundaries be changed in the following manner to include our neighborhood in Area B which would also be accomplished through your previous Draft Map 1.

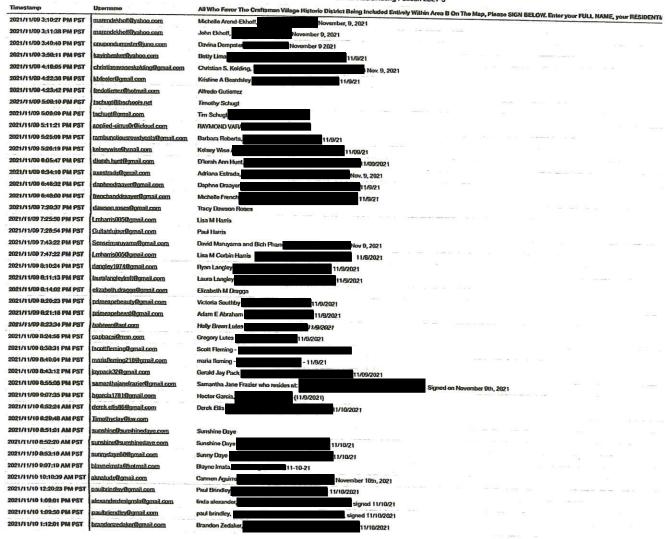
- 1. The 7th Street boundary moved north to 10th Street.
- 2. The Junipero Ave. boundary moved west to Alamitos Ave.

With this change we will achieve our goal of working as a collaborative unit with our neighbors to the South and to the East and the population numbers will balanced between districts 1 and 2.

We thank you for considering our proposal and we ask you to consider the number of signatures we were able to collect on our petition in just a 24 hour period. If we had been able to see the changes that just occurred on IRC Draft Map 2 a little earlier we would have been able gather many more signatures.

Craftsman Village Historic District and Brenner Pl. Historic District

### CVHD Redistricting Petition 2021-5



## Additional Signatures Signed Via Hardcopy

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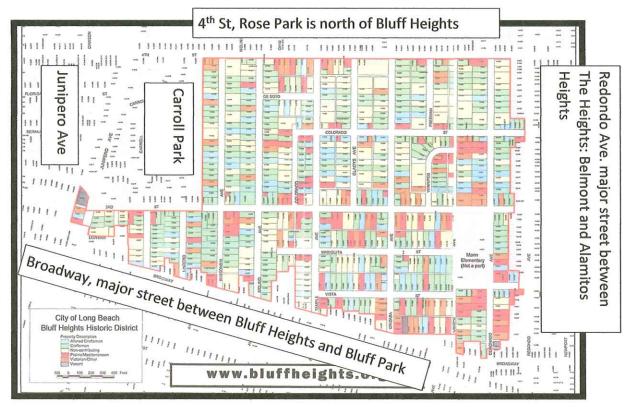
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We respectfully ask that you make the following adjustments to your Proposed Final Map #2. We believe that the Commission should adjust the Proposed Final Map (IRC Map 2) in the public setting of the Commission meeting on November 10, 2021, in order that you can illustrate that our suggested changes would not disrupt Districts D, E, F, H or I.

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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

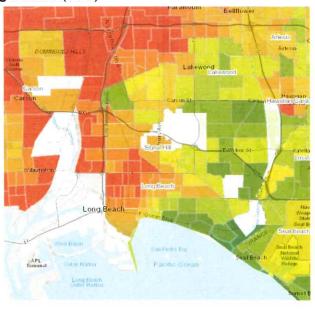
Attached for your consideration is a memorandum on climate and environmental justice concerns in the ongoing process of redrawing Long Beach city council district boundaries. These concerns, highlighted in the global discussion of climate change impacts concurrent with the ongoing UNFCCC COP-26 climate 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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## 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

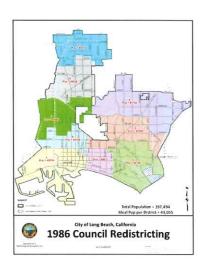
### IRC Draft Map #2 Improvements:

- 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 in 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.

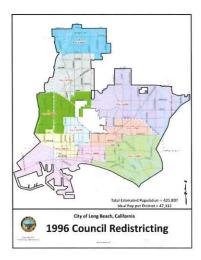
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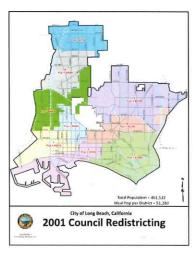


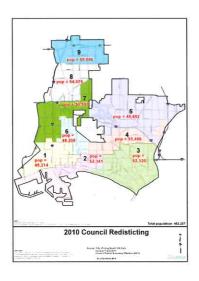
















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(Analysis, continued)

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.

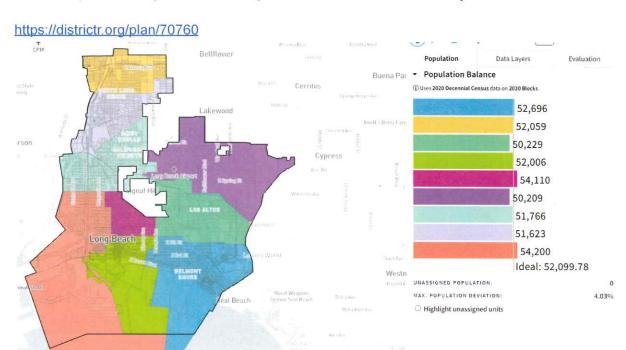
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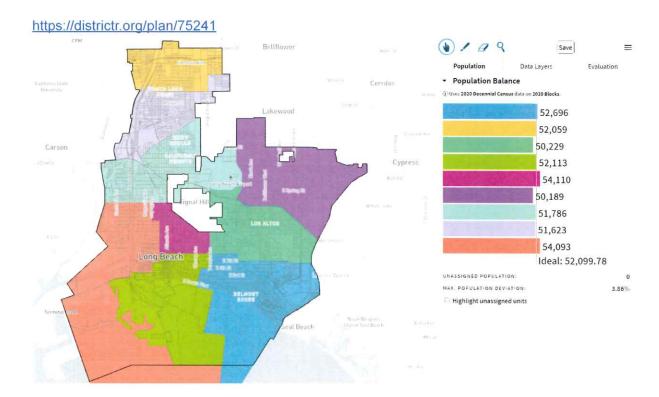
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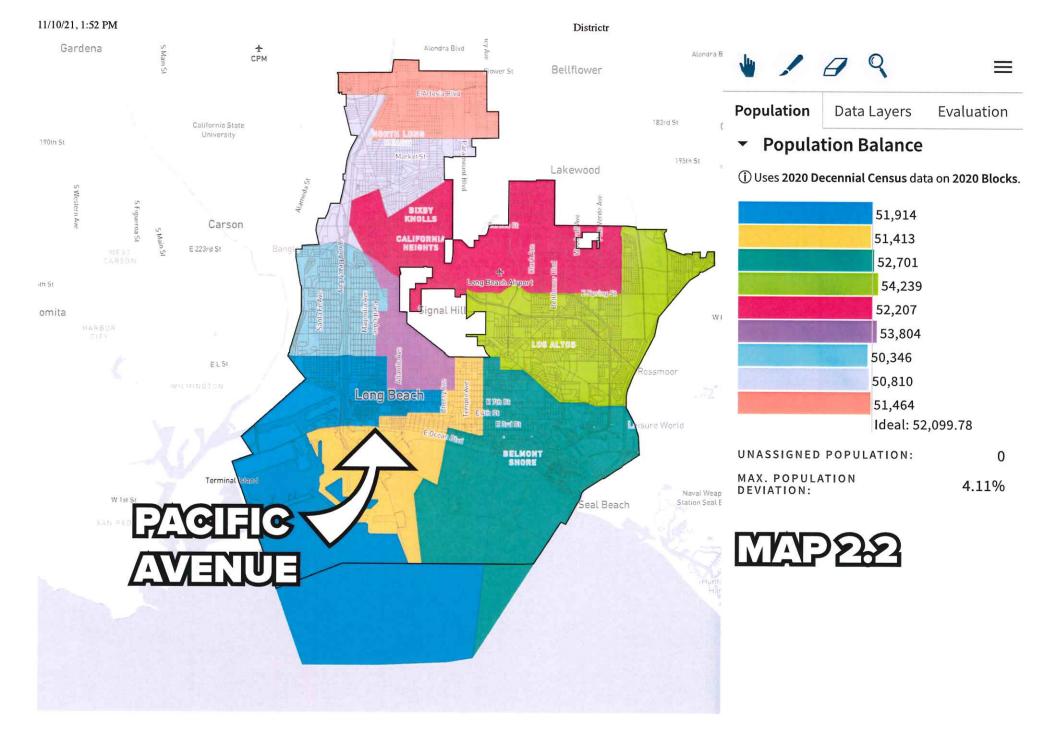
- Keep both unifying the Cambodian Community, and the Historical Black Community in the Central District, as coextensive as possible - The IRC has done an admirable job balancing these delicate issues, with inherent tradeoffs between DM1 and DM2, but more public testimony, and balancing with other districts, is needed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.







## POLITICAL CONSULTANT LETTER

From: Jeannine Pearce < jeannine.pearce@gmail.com >

Subject: Have you "United for Map 2.2? Add your name now... support city wide Equity & Inclusion

Date: November 8, 2021 at 11:11:01 PM PST

To: JP - Fierce Courage < ieannine@fiercecourageconsulting.com>

Good Evening/Morning,

I have talked to many of you personally the last few weeks, thank you for your time and work on helping to ensure that as Long Beach we come together to support ONE MAP. We know we can help make the Commission's job that much easier to respect our neighborhoods.

I am writing to ask that you share your support for the IRC Map 2 with the community changes. You can sign your name at Yes, I Support Map 2 with Edits

Map 2 with minor changes can be found at Map 2 with Edits is "Our LB Map"

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.

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.

I thank you for your time. Please share, we will submit the letter with names late Tuesday.

Your friend,

Jeannine

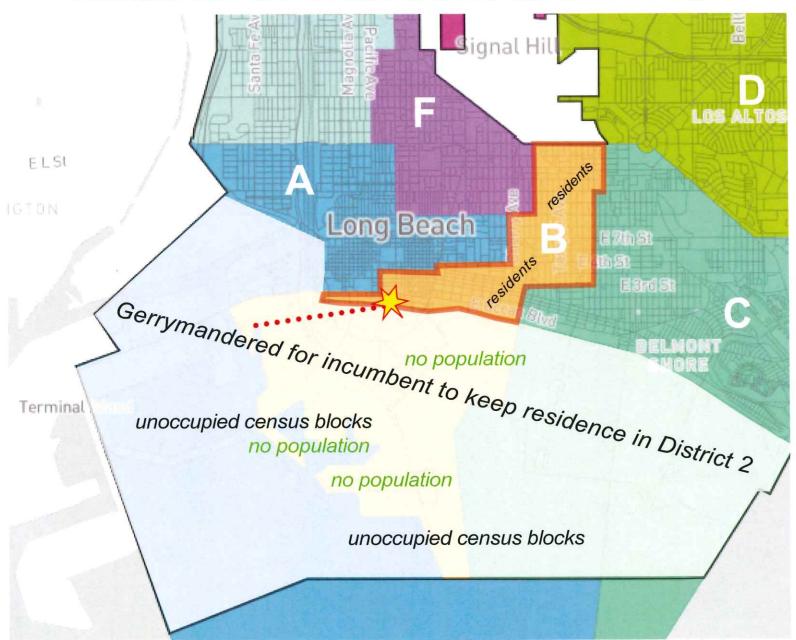
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