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July 5, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and discuss redistricting of City Council districts and provide direction to staff on the redistricting option released for public comment. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

At the June 7, 2011 City Council meeting, the City Council voted to release a map (attached) for public comment and request that staff return to the City Council on July 5, 2011 for further discussion. On June 10, 2011, City staff released and posted the map on the City's redistricting website at www.longbeach.gov/redistricting. The City has provided an online public comment feature on the website that the community can use to provide direct written comments to the Mayor and City Council. A copy of the responses received thus far is attached.

City staff is requesting direction from the City Council on the next steps for redistricting. The City Council may take the following actions:

1. Approve the map as the final redistricting map and direct the creation of the official ordinance describing the new boundaries;
2. Provide direction through a motion to change or modify the map; or
3. Provide other direction as appropriate.

This matter was reviewed by Chief Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 23, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

In order for the redistricting Ordinance to take effect in August 2011, City Council action is required on July 5, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK W. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Attachments: Redistricting Map for Public Comment
List of Website Comments Received

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Additional Attachment

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| 1472099529 | 7/1/11 | District 7 | District 7 | <p>I attended the meeting Last night in the 7Th district, hosted by Council Member James Johnson. Council Member Johnson did a fantastic job of managing the different emotions in the room. When you get beyond the rhetoric that some members of the community brought to the meeting, it's clear that the current proposed redistricting map is the most rational for the 7th District. If you take into consideration that many of the other districts in the City will remain status quo, and that the 8th district must shrink, then the current proposed map presented by council is the best thing for the Long Beach, and the 7th District. It is important that the 7th district be made more whole. I applaud the City Council for adhering to the redistricting guidelines. Long Beach cannot afford to gerrymander the 7th district out as it has in the past. I live on the border of Bixby Road at Myrtle. My neighbors across Bixby Road have the same common interest as I do. We share the same business corridor on Atlantic during first Friday, both south and north of Bixby Road. We are of like mind by the mere virtue that geographic proximity makes us so. Council member Johnson made it clear that he hopes expand the business corridor from Fresh & Easy to Trader Joes. Much of the funds that fueled the redevelopment of the Atlantic corridor were redevelopment funds. As we all know, the governor has cut redevelopment in his budget. It is ever more important that we have representatives in office with the background and character to look for other avenues to grow the Atlantic Corridor. It's clear the two other representatives at last night's meeting (one current and one previous), yelled out their comments last night, are misdirected by their uncontrolled emotions. Of the 3 representatives, it is clear James Johnson stands the best chance of growing the Atlantic Corridor because of his professionalism at the meeting, background in law, and ability to work.</p> | Gonzalo | Medina |

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| | | | | with various groups. During the meeting I witnessed Council Member Johnson explain the redistricting process in Spanish to a concerned citizen on the border of the 6th and 7th district. It was an example to me of how James Johnson is communicating in every way possible the rational behind the current proposed redistricting map to his constituents. | | |
| 1471931530 | 7/1/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I support the purposed map and moving the 7th district into Bixby Knolls north to San Antonio. I've seen the signs about not breaking bixby and I must say I think this "one vision" argument is disingenuous. The Bixby coordinator doesn't have a start and end point. The entire stretch of Atlantic is what everyone should focus on- from Fresh and Easy to the Post office. So this theory that we'll break up the corridor silly - it's already broken up. The lines have to be redrawn so let's focus on what makes the most sense. It doesn't make sense to extend the 7th district further north on Cherry. That will just make an already sprawling district more so. I view this as a slippery slope. For the past 3 years myself and a group of volunteers (7-15 people) have picked up litter every Thursday morning and not once has anyone said "don't pick up that trash it's in the 8th district and we are all from the 7th"! We move freely between districts on our search for trash with the thought that this is one neighborhood. We are one Long Beach- let's keep that in mind. | Stacey | Morrison |
| 1471746170 | 7/1/11 | District 7 | City Wide | I have to agree with Councilman Johnson, the proposed new boundries are along more natural city borders, while not diminishing the representation in the 8th district | Martin | Sanchez |
| 1471648329 | 7/1/11 | District 8 | City Wide | The Proposed Redistricting Plan approved by the City Council on June 7th needs to be negated and either forgotten altogether or really allow public input from the citizens to staff without city council and/or the mayor's input behind the scenes. It does not follow the Redistricting Criteria adopted on March 22, 2011. It needs to trashed..... | Elena | Wright |

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| 1471634170 | 7/1/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I agree with the proposed redistricting plan moving the 7th district west to Atlantic Ave. This plan follows the city of Long Beach redistricting criteria best and I would like to see it implemented as proposed. | David | Dingman |
| 1471605125 | 7/1/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I support Councilman Johnson's proposal to expand District 7 to Atlantic Blvd. District 7 does not need to sprawl out any more than it already is and his proposal is cohesive for the district. | Tom | Gibson |
| 1471202427 | 6/30/11 | District 7 | District 7 | Please don't create any more divisions in the Bixby Knolls area. We want to be a unified neighborhood, the city should be behind this unification and not undermine it. Bixby Knolls is the predominant neighborhood name among so many different names like bixby terrace, bixby highlands etc., There has been some confusion as to where these division lines are. People want to have one neighborhood name. It will be far less confusing. It would be nice to see the city council pass this redistricting to include the area west of Atlantic into district 7. It's only logical and makes sense. It isn't what the 8th district representative wants, but she needs to accept this and move on. Unification is the key. | Marie | Galley |
| 1470936468 | 6/30/11 | District 8 | District 7 | can't we deal with any issue in a straight foward manner. where has common sense dissappeared to. it is a fact of live and we are all brought up this way and that is with age come's responsibility. that is why you have to be over a certain age to have a say on most issues. why are children being included in the numbers used for redistricting. people who are registered voters should be counted or at the very most all adults and people over the age of 18. there, problem solved. look at the numbers.we do, and this game is going to stop. and don't give us that crap about 1 vote for one person. we all know that it is one vote for each person of the voting age. just because my grand kids live in your district. it dosen't give you the right to use them as pawns in your little games. | mike | reynolds |

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| 1470922679 | 6/30/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I want to thank the City for finally putting the community meeting notices on line. It appears my council person has selectively mailed and called only certain areas in the 7th District to announce and invite selected members to the meeting to be held at the Bixby Knolls Church. I would like to address the issue of the West Long Beach area. It appears that one neighborhood has been left out of the residential portion of the West Long Beach 7th District. The west side of the I-710 is solidly 7th district, the 8th district portion of the west side has 0 residents. The 1st district portion of the west side has the neighborhood bordered on the east by the LA river and I-710, on the west by Santa Fe Ave and to the south by the industrial area and the POLB. The Northern boundary is 20th street. Why is this community being left out and included in a "Community of interest" which is an industrial area! This community is solidly ethnic, residents of color, mainly Latino, Spanish speaking and is a gang injunction area of Canal and Summit. It appears that this is enough to assume that this area is being left out of the 7th and put in an island by its self to the convenience and approval of both the 1st and 7th Council offices. Please consider including this residential neighborhood with the rest of the "people" in the west side. I believe it is not only the correct thing to do but also the legal thing to do. | Tonia | Uranga |
| 1470441742 | 6/30/11 | District 8 | District 8 | As a life long (46 year) Long Beach resident with my first 33 years in Cal Heights and now 13 in Bixby Knolls, please don't split the district up Atlantic. I live on Lime and would be moved to the 7th, which i do not want. If you must make a change, use Rae's plan. Here is a great article you all should read. http://www.lbpost.com/news/peoplepost/11900 Thank you for your time. | Randall | Skinner |
| 1470334406 | 6/30/11 | District 8 | District 7 | Keep hope alive! Don't cave to those District 7 player haters... | | |

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| 1470225815 | 6/29/11 | District 8 | District 8 | Ok, so I get the purpose of redistricting and why we have to stay within certain percentages. Main concern is the hard work that the Bixby Knolls improvement association has done and real community feel that we have going on Atlantic Ave. I've been in Long Beach for 31 years and have never seen anything like this. Its well socialized now in the community who will be running for 7th and 8th districts and frankly both of these individuals don't play well in the same sand box. Do we really want to set ourselves up for this? Blaire would have to work with both and will be stuck in the middle? I went to the 8th district meeting last night and didn't really feel it was a meaty argument to keep homes together based on "year built." The 37th street option was smart and won't upset or shake up people as much as Atlantic would. Likewise, redistricting because the shape of a District somehow offends someone's delicate sensibilities completely ignores social and economic realities that helped generate the District boundaries in the first place. Lets do something that makes sense for the community and health of that great strip alone Atlantic Ave. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Atlantic is working fine, lets look at other options. | | |
| 1469962644 | 6/29/11 | District 8 | District 7 | why if the number of adults registered or not clearly show that there is no need to waste our money on redistricting are we doing this. look at the numbers, it doesn't add up. oops i forgot in politics it really doesn't matter. it is really time to make some changes, and it's not redistricting. it's the people who are pushing it. think about it, then get involved. | mike | reynolds |

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| 1469803625 | 6/29/11 | District 8 | District 8 | <p>Long Beach City Council Members, I recently became aware of the most recent City Council discussion on redrawing Council Districts in Long Beach. I am appalled to learn that our neighborhood may be moved from the 8th to the 7th District. I am very concerned that this redistricting will have a negative impact on continued improvement of the Bixby Knolls business corridor. I am even more displeased that enactment of this proposal would mean that my neighbors and I would not be able to vote in next year's City Council election and would instead have a new council representative forced upon us for the next three years. Our current Councilperson Rae Gabelich, Bixby Knolls business leaders, and area residents have worked very hard for many years to support our many small business owners along Atlantic Avenue and enhance a sense of neighborhood in the Bixby Knolls area. We have finally seen some success from these efforts, but business owners and our neighborhood need our continued support. However, Councilman Johnson's redistricting proposal which was released for comment</p> | J Martin | Lazniarz |
| 1469601305 | 6/29/11 | District 8 | District 7 | <p>Given that District 8 must transfer population to District 7, shouldn't it be the 8th's option to select the transferred population rather than the 7th taking it?</p> | | |
| 1469316564 | 6/29/11 | District 8 | District 7 | <p>I don't get it. Why would you approve redistricting lines in Bixby Knolls to be bifurcated in the Atlantic Ave business corridor? What does this accomplish but more bureaucracy! There are other options to the redistricting plan that should be considered before final approval. Has the council driven the neighborhoods involved to see if it makes any sense? Please, we want additional alternative mapping choices for the redistricting of district 8 to 7. Moving 3,400 residents out of district 8 and into district 7...really? District 7 already needs the attention it deserves, but seems to be neglected by the 7th district council member. So what gives? Is there an underlying agenda on the redistricting of these lines? Keep politics out of redistricting. Voters are suspicious and concerned in Long Beach.</p> | | |

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| 1468503707 | 6/28/11 | District 7 | District 7 | There is a change pending in the 7th district which makes me very unhappy. 2700-2800 blocks of Cedar Ave to Eucalyptus Ave may be shifted to the 6th district. I live in this area and DO NOT wish to be a part of the 6th district. We voted for James Johnson and are very happy with his representation and the progress being made here. Thank you for taking the time to consider what the voters want. Christine Ladewig 2768 Cedar Ave | Christine | Ladewig |
| 1467769560 | 6/27/11 | District 7 | District 7 | The fact that we would be living in District 7 was a major selling point when we bought our home at 2768 Cedar Avenue last year. Aside from the historic value and a certain cachet of living in District 7, we are most pleased that we have James Johnson representing us and doing one good job as our councilperson. I have discussed this issue with a number of neighbors and not one has been in favor of the move. I encourage you not shift us over into District 6. David W. Betterton | David W. | Betterton |
| 1466892648 | 6/27/11 | District 7 | District 6 | Once again the Wrigley Historical District is being changed. Once we were a united small Historical District in the 7th Council District. Then we were split down the middle with the east side of the street going to the 6th. Now the whole district will be forced in the 6th. I am saddened that more and more of the Wrigley Neighborhood is being forced out of the 7th - our traditional home. | | |

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| 1466846018 | 6/27/11 | District 7 | District 7 | As a recent addition to the residence of the 2800 block one of the main reasons I decided to purchase a home in this area was that this was such a nice and quiet neighborhood and an area where my family can grow and raise children. But when I heard news that there is a vote to push our section into district 6, which was an area I was trying to avoid, I became quite angry and this is the reason I am coming on here to voice my displeasure. Forcing our zone into district 6 would waste all the hard work we as a group take pride on our homes not to mention destroying the property value that we have worked so hard to keep. Please take that into consideration before you make such a decision that will affect so many of us. I for one will say now if this happens I will be looking to move out of this area asap before my neighborhood turns into something that looks like district 6. | Leo | kwok |
| 1466434812 | 6/26/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I am vehemently opposed to the redistricting plan to move 2700 and 2800 blocks of Eucalyptus Avenue to District 6!! It makes no sense and there is no comparison between our streets and those in District 6 nor is there any commonality. What are you thinking? | marlyne | rinaldi |
| 1466363508 | 6/25/11 | District 7 | District 7 | Please keep the 2700 block of Eucalyptus Ave in District 7 | Ronald | Sparling |
| 1466175546 | 6/25/11 | District 8 | City Wide | I understand that we have a charter/municipal code that mandates certain actions and hence the reason that this has been addressed at this time however, the City wants us to believe that we are broke, we have to lay off police people, we have to do with services, we have to be patient and wait out the economy so remind me again why we are redistricting now.? If you are going to say that the charter/MC requires it - get a variance - we can make exceptions all over the place and this exception would make sense given the timing and budget constraints. I would like to know how much money is being spent on meetings, proposed maps, arguments, debates, etc. By the way, I am not happy about the proposed changes to 7 & 8. | Mrs. | Meyer |

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| 1464969107 | 6/24/11 | District 7 | District 7 | As a concerned homeowner, I ask that you please reconsider the redistricting of the 2700 block of Eucalyptus. We really value continuing to be a part if district 7. Please don't move us to the sixth district. | Riley | Wilkinson |
| 1462014486 | 6/21/11 | District 8 | District 7 | There is no reason for the redistricting of 8 into 7, at all. | JOSEPH | CROOM |
| 1461987684 | 6/21/11 | District 8 | District 8 | I am completely against the redistricting of any portion of districts 7 and 8. | KAREN | MAYER |
| 1461130750 | 6/21/11 | District 8 | District 8 | The idea that James Johnson wants to promote as, unifying the Bixbys is just stupid. Why in the world would the council vote to create a new boundary for the 8th district that would physically split the business district on Atlantic Ave between Bixby Rd. and San Antonio Ave down the middle? As a resident and a business owner in the 8th district, I strongly oppose this action. If the residents of the proposed new boundaries are not heard and suddenly inherit a new council person, he had better be prepared to lose his next election. Many of us will be protesting his next library reading event on First Fridays that promotes both sides of Atlantic Ave. | | |
| 1460887639 | 6/20/11 | District 8 | District 8 | James Johnson's claim to reunite Bixby Knolls is true "misinformation". Bixby Knolls has always been in Dist. 8. This proposal gives the distinct impression of a power grab. To annex Bixby Knolls and its viable business district is nothing more than a move to claim for Dist. 7 what rightfully belongs in Dist. 8. Furthermore, B.K. citizens want and deserve a Representative who lives in the area; who knows the concerns of the residents and is able to address these concerns with knowledge and first hand experience. Dist. 7 is a sprawled out district in which the residents of Bixby Knolls do not want to join. | Donald and Mildred | Carr |

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| 1459460546 | 6/19/11 | District 8 | District 8 | <p>I am not in favor of dividing the Atlantic corridor and essentially segregating the area between Carson to Bixby and Atlantic to Orange to District 7. I grew up in the California Heights-Chateau Thierry area from 1963-1979, downtown Long Beach from 1980-1984, the Bixby Knolls area from 1985-1991, and currently the Rancho Los Cerritos/Virginia Country Club area from 1992 to the present. As a long time resident of Long Beach and District 8, the current re-districting proposal would undermine the cohesiveness of the greater 'Bixby Knolls' area. I would have great concern in having two council people represent our area, potentially creating division amongst residents and businesses by proposing opposite agendas in the name of 'greater good' for what each believes the people who live in this area want. I would also have a concern that residents in the area would have trouble identifying their appropriate councilperson for issues affecting the overall neighborhood or having those issues addressed timely or even at all, if their issue was mis-directed to an incorrect district. I would also have a concern that there would be two council people when trying to get things done for the area. The Atlantic corridor has (finally and) recently had a resurgence of neighborhood support in the businesses. It's been a long, long time coming and one that I'm glad to finally see happen. What happens on the east side of Atlantic greatly affects the residents and businesses to the west, how our neighborhood is perceived, real estate prices, etc. Dividing us, the residents-- into two distinct districts would not give us a large enough voice and it would only serve in the mid-long term to be divisive in support of our respective councilperson's agenda, should this happen. The greater 'Bixby Knolls' area needs to remain intact in District 8 and be represented by one councilperson, one that has the 'greater good' in mind for residents and business people on both sides of Atlantic. I hope you consider my comments and vote to NOT redistrict/split up the Bixby Knolls/Cal Heights/Los Cerritos community. Thank you.</p> | Connie | Hughes |

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| 1459424592 | 6/19/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I would like to see the redistricting happen. I applaude our new councilman James Johnson as he is trying to bring businesses to the 7th district. If this helps him with this goal, good. | Patricia | Turner |
| 1458951373 | 6/18/11 | District 8 | District 7 | Tell Councilmember Johnson to leave the 8th district in tact. He has enough on his plate and will only divide the community. | | |
| 1457718115 | 6/16/11 | District 8 | District 8 | I feel this is an outrage! There are plenty of ways to proceed with this - but where is the input from our district? Doing nothing is an option - splitting the heart of Bixby Knolls and the heart of the business district is not an option, it is inexcusable. | | |
| 1456310345 | 6/15/11 | District 5 | District 6 | Since District 6 already borders on Signal Hill, why doesn't District 6 (rather than District 7) have the area surrounded by Signal Hill south of Wardlow? | G.G. | Richardson |
| 1456304629 | 6/15/11 | District 5 | District 4 | Why is the Eldorado Park area on the city's far east side included in District 4 rather than District 5? Wouldn't it make more sense to have the Recreation Park area rather than Eldo park area in District 4? | G.G. | Richardson |
| 1456161498 | 6/15/11 | District 7 | District 7 | I understand only ONE map was approved by the council to be discussed with the public. What does this say for a sincere attempt at the integration of public comment? Will other maps be considered? When and where are the public meetings? to my knowledge only the 9th and 8th district had meetings and the communities most impacted have not been consulted. | Tonia | Uranga |

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| 1452261335 | 6/11/11 | District 8 | District 7 | We do not want to be in the 7th. District. This map excludes the best candidate for Council office in the 8th. District and this would eliminate him. Also, we would not be able to vote in the 2012 election. | Wilma and John | Oppenheim |
| 1451893444 | 6/10/11 | District 5 | District 4 | If District 4 moved back up to Willow Street going East to the County line, District 6 could move East to Redondo and District 7 could move East to Pacific, This would alleviate the pressure for District 7 to move North and leave 8 as much as it is as possible. The communities South of Willow were in the 4th before and fit better. The idea that the 3rd, 4th and 5th don't have to change needs to be reviewed. | Ron | Nelson |

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| 1450822758 | 6/10/11 | District 7 | District 7 | <p>As a resident of the 2700 block of Eucalyptus, I take pride in living on one of the nicest, most kept-up blocks in our neighborhood. While much of the North Wrigley neighborhood (north of Willow between Magnolia and Pacific) is decent, our block stands out as a particular jewel. This is a direct result of our historic inclusion in District 7 where we have long shared the same goals, resources, and leadership of neighborhoods including Bixby Knolls and California Heights. We owe much of our block's success to the support of James Johnson and Tonia Reyes Uranga before him. Council Redistricting Proposal #4 would eject our block from District 7 and relegate us to District 6, with which we have little in common. The vast difference in street surface quality and general neighborhood appearance between District 6 and 7 is painfully evident. Forcing our block into District 6 would disenfranchise a group of families that takes pride in their neighborhood and homes, and discount the investments we have made as a small community to create a Block of Pride over the past several decades. Maintaining the 2700 block of Euc District 7 would send a loud message to citizens from across our city that Long Beach leadership recognizes and appreciates the efforts of its citizens to maintain a shared environment of quality and pride of ownership. I fear that by forcing our block to District 6, we will be regretfully linked with neighborhoods stretching for miles to the east and south that do not share the same quality focus that our block has worked to build over the years. Sincerely, Andrew Downin District 7</p> | Andrew | Downin |
| 1450572241 | 6/9/11 | District 9 | District 8 | <p>I was appalled at the action that took place at the June 7th council meeting by Council person Johnson. He said that it was a move for the people but what I saw was a blatant power move to improve his district. Shame on you Council Person Johnson you are not for the people at all you are only for yourself.</p> | | |

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| 1450555540 | 6/9/11 | District 6 | District 7 | During the last re-districting process(2001), then councilwoman, Laura Richardson gerrymandered our portion of the seventh district (Wrigley area) to her sixth district(Central). I would like for the city council to put our portion of the Wrigley district (3000 block of Chestnut) back into the seventh district. Dee Andrews of the sixth district has issues in his area that have nothing to do with the Wrigley district and I believe we do not receive good representation for our area. Please consider my proposal. | Rick | Hibbard |
| 1450458755 | 6/9/11 | District 8 | City Wide | In general, the districts need to be more compacted as all the council offices are endorsing rather than allowing for more sprawl. Fix these problems now or they will only get worse. Even though it will mean some serious, but necessary, tweaks to each council district. Utilize the MOST compact lines without splitting up important business districts or neighborhoods - such as Bixby Knolls, downtown, 2nd street, etc. Anticipating growth is another important consideration. Rather than making such a convoluted mess of the 7th and 8th, why not clean up the boundaries all around? It will require some compromise by all, but the council districts need to share in this exercise. Just be mature, apolitical (for the best of the city) â€" stop paying favorites and stop punishing council members you donâ€™t like â€" because they are independent thinkers, and take care of business. That is what the public expects. Some obvious suggestions, that should be seriously considered and calculated out to the extent necessary: For the 9th: OK as proposed For the 8th: Keep north of the 405, preferably Wardlow, maybe even Bixb Move the 7th out of there. Allow the 4th or 5th to move west and north, where the 7th CD is now - after considerations for movements proposed in ALL other council areas. For the 7th: rather than gerrymandering into the 8th on the east side (that was never a natural move) stay south as much as possible. It would make more sense for the 4th or 5th to move into the area. The 7th should stay south of Carson, south of Bixby would be better, south of Wardlow better still and south of the 405 best of all, and make PCH or Anaheim the southern border, if necessary - moving east to Signal Hill. West of the I710 or LA River only it would | Laurie | Angel |

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| | 6/9/2011 (cont.) | District 8 (cont.) | City Wide (cont.) | <p>make sense to go north of the 405, up to Del Amo, rather than crawling up and around the eastern edge north of the 405. However, the 7th would be more compact if it moved west and south of the 405 east of Signal Hill. For the 6th: Head south and east -south of Willow, Hill or PCH to allow for the 7th to be south of the 405. Move east using 10th as the southern dividing line. For the 5th: On the eastern side use the 405 as the southern border. East of Palo Verde, use Sterns as the southern boundary or use Palo Verde as the western border to Atherton. Take the port and airport out of the mix. Make them citywide assets as they are. If not, move the 1st into the port - remove the 2nd CD gerrymander, keeping west of Alamitos to the shore. For the 4th: Make the 405 the natural boundary, west of Lakewood, and Sterns or Willow south of the 405, the northern boundary to the eastern city limit to Signal Hill. Keep the 5th north of the 405 west of Palo Verde. The 4th could expand northward around Signal Hill. For the 3rd: Redondo or Temple could be the natural western boundary, all the way to the shore and north to Atherton to the eastern city limit. For the 2nd: Orange or Alamitos should be the natural western border, as the ocean should be the southern border. Will probably have to move east to Redondo, possibly Ximeno. For the 1st: Depending on the port, will have to move east, but would all the additional housing downtown would assume substantial residential growth over the next 5 years. I'll work on a sample map and send it in.</p> | Laurie (cont.) | Angel (cont.) |
| 1449153228 | 6/8/11 | District 5 | City Wide | <p>Redistricting Criteria #7 states, "Splits in neighborhoods, ethnic communities and other groups having a clear identity should be avoided." The 4 alternatives splits the core of the Cambodian community, generally between PCH/7th and Alamitos/Redondo, between 4 council districts. What has been done to prevent splitting up this ethnic group?</p> | Ray | Pok |

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| 1449148323 | 6/8/11 | District 8 | City Wide | Council, I reside on E Cartagena Street in the 8th district. I vehemently oppose any redistricting option that splits the core Bixby Knolls neighborhood from the Atlantic Avenue business corridor. Bixby Knolls and Atlantic Avenue rely on each other completely, and it makes absolutely no sense to separate them. This is far more important than reuniting the Bixby-area neighborhoods. Please do not consider any proposal that will split Bixby Knolls from Atlantic Avenue. Thank you, Justin Bovee | Justin | Bovee |
| 1448797909 | 6/8/11 | District 8 | District 8 | While I can honestly say that I'm not political, I feel that it would be extremely detrimental to divide the 8th district along Atlantic Ave. Since I've lived here the area has gone from having a blighted out-dated business district to an area with a positive neighborhood identity, as semi-hip, even in our minivans, and totally eclectic, diverse population that wants to have a neighborhood in which to shop and hang out. Dividing the district along Atlantic Ave. would only make it more difficult to continue that forward momentum. | Diane | Fruta |
| 1448782153 | 6/8/11 | District 8 | District 7 | I think all of Bixby Knolls should be moved to District 7. It would better unify the community and assist us in obtaining a better council person. The only area that the District 8 council person listens to is the Country club. So i would like another chance to get better representation and actually a person who will listen. | Steven | Cantrell |
| 1448529829 | 6/8/11 | District 8 | District 8 | Of course he will add something now... But MK's claim to fame and only accomplishment (if you can call it that) is his www.lbneighborhoodsfirst.org. It has not had ANY update since June 16, 2009! Dat-a-boy MK! Thanks for all you've helped out with on Atlantic along side BC (from the BIA) who really has delivered results. Maybe if MK gets the power of 8, we'll see a new nail salon every 2 or 3 years on the "ave". Will somebody please buy a house from him. Maybe he will not have to take this jobby job then. | The BK poonS GGOD | |

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| 1448518828 | 6/8/11 | District 8 | District 8 | Can we get back to the business of focusing on the 7th & 8th districts needs for revitalization? If our next leader is MK, I say give all of the 8th to JJ as well. God save the 8th from MK! | The BK poonS GGOD | |
| 1448299051 | 6/8/11 | District 4 | District 4 | I have difficulty believing the accuracy of percentages provided through (a census?) that proposes levity amongst all districts, when the County Recorder's website fails accuracy of our very own existence within the 4th District. ie. Entered our address info within the County Recorders website to determine Location<>District association, the results came back as though our address does not exists within the very district that we do belong within. Were's the accuracy in the figures and how can they be trusted? based on my recent findings. Link: http://rrccmap1.co.la.ca.us/imf/imf.jsp?site=District_Maps&qlyr=INCORPORATED_CITIES1&qry=Districtmapping.sde.INCORPORATED_CITIES1.ABBR='08LO004'&qhlt=true&qzoom=true&mapTitle=CITY OF LONG BEACH 4TH COUNCIL&abbr=08LO004 Use the locate button to enter the following as instructed: 4500 E. 14th St. Results show the address within the 4th District, but the site responds with it not being within. | Dan | Halverson |

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| 1448127958 | 6/7/11 | District 7 | District 7 | <p>The gerrymandering that was done in Northeast and Southwest Wrigley during the 2001 redistricting process is being perpetuated and not fixed during the current effort. District boundaries can, and should be, redrawn to honor natural neighborhood boundaries. 1. Southeast Wrigley between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street from Magnolia to the LA River should be part of the 7th District. 2. Northeast Wrigley between Willow and Spring Street from Magnolia to Del Mar/Blue Line Tracks should also be part of the 7th District. 3. The area from Spring Street to the 405 between Long Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue should be redistricted from the 7th District to the 6th District. 4. The area from Spring Street to 31st Street from Del Mar to Long Beach Boulevard should also be redistricted from the 7th District to the 6th District. 5. The area east of Magnolia identified as E in Option 2 should be redistricted from the 7th to the 6th as proposed in Option 2; Area H should remain in District 1. 6. The narrow strip west of Cherry from the Signal Hill line to 10th Street should be redistricted from the 4th to the 6th. (Note: Area G in Option 2 stops at PCH but should be continued down to 10th.) 7. Area H in Option 2 should remain in the first District and be expanded to include the 6th District Area just south of it between Long Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue. 8. The area south of Anaheim to 10th that is currently in the 2nd District should be redistricted into the 6th. The approach outlined above would honor the natural boundaries of Wrigley neighborhoods and allow the 6th the District to increase more than in the four Options presented by staff for City Council consideration. The 4th and 2nd Districts, despite being above the ideal number, were left out of consideration. The 7th District, which was under the ideal number, is once again being gerrymandered to satisfy political motives.</p> | Joan | Greenwood |

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| 1448074964 | 6/7/11 | District 9 | District 9 | In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that districts in the state legislature must be as close to equal in population as possible. In 1968, they extended this ruling to include local municipalities. Recognizing that districts cannot be completely equal (down to each and every voter), the City Attorney's office has relied on case law to formulate an opinion that it is sufficient to be within 5% of the average for all districts. While this may be acceptable in cases where an attempt was made to balance all districts equally, I have trouble believing that there is a 5% "safe harbor" in our city under the circumstances. When the Long Beach City Council voted to avoid disruption by maintaining boundaries as close as possible to what they have been the last 10 years, they in essence were going against the mandate of the Supreme Court that they must strive to make them as equitable as possible. (In other words, they were saying we should resist the Court to the extent we could get away with it.) I doubt if the case law supports this thinking and must wonder if this approach would withstand a legal challenge. | Dennis | O'Hoyt |
| 1447509245 | 6/7/11 | District 8 | District 8 | I do not believe the 7th and 8th district lines should be changed to move Atlantic Ave into the 7th district. The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association has done a fabulous job improving life on Atlantic Ave. A lot of hard work has gone into bringing more businesses and recognition to the 8th district and it should not be altered so the 7th district benefits. If the discrepancies in population are in the 9th district, then their boundaries should change to move people into the 7th and 8th and everyone else stays the same. Residents take pride in the district they live in as well as being a resident of Long Beach. Change is a good thing however, it should be make sense for the majority and the options we are being offered do not. | Jane | Nadeau |
| 1446931152 | 6/7/11 | District 7 | District 8 | The present aliingment of 7th & 8th districts do not reflect their respective communités. Cal Heights and Bixby Highlands have no connection nor do they share the same environmental concerns(ie: The Airport and it's proposed expansion) as the Wrigley area residents of the 7th district. The council needs to look beyond the population and racial boudries they are attempting to address in the redistricting. | Rick | Meier |

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| 1446844382 | 6/7/11 | District 8 | City Wide | After reviewing the maps and I must say I emphasize with the District 7 voters - especially voters on the east side of that district who have limited, other than City wide, similar issues and concerns with the west side of District 7. But my primary concerns are District 8. Redistricting Options #1 and #2 have the most potential because neither of these plans break up the Atlantic business district significantly. The Atlantic business district is just now very, very slowly growing and developing. This growth had been stimulated first by Jeff Kellogg when he was the representative and Ray Gabelich has continued to support development of businesses. The local business associations will continue, but a single voice on our City Council will benefit continued promotion of this challenged business district. | Barbara | Tidball |
| 1446761952 | 6/6/11 | District 8 | District 7 | As a potentially impacted resident on district 7, I have no problems with redistricting option #4 and would support that option. Thank you. | Naomi | D |
| 1444538441 | 6/4/11 | District 6 | District 6 | For many ,many years I lived in the 7th district. I always felt like I was represented....Then they "redistricted" me into the 6th district. I only feel "represented" when someone is running for my district and wants my vote.The rest of tihe time I am forgotten. When voting was going on....no one knew where we were supposed to vote. The address on our sample ballots was wrong, Birney School, where we had been voting for 20 years(and is 1/2 block from my house) is no longer in "my district" so they couldn't help.I drove around to different places that I was told to check for an hour, and FINALLY found a place to cast my vote. I now vote by mail because that was totally screwed up. I live in 2900 block of Daisy Ave...Please put us back into the 7th district...Wrigley...ALL of Wrigley should be in ONE district! | Susan | Brasch |
| 1433277524 | 5/24/11 | District 8 | District 8 | Please do your best to maintain community boundaries. Many of the criteria overlap, but the community boundaries should be #1 after absolute legal requirements. | Bob | Gill |

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| 1421752435 | 5/15/11 | District 8 | District 8 | who is my librarians for my district, and parks and recreation along ith who is the Public work person names? | Benita | McGlothen |
| 1406917284 | 5/3/11 | District 5 | District 5 | I hope the City will consider redefining the lines between the 4th & 5th district, I think the 4th District should extend along Willow to as far needed east to off set the finger which covers the area east of Studebaker along the San Gabriel Riverbed. It seems to me that these would represent more uniform lines. | Ron | Beeler |
| 1406916416 | 5/3/11 | District 7 | District 7 | We are in the Gerrymandered sliver of Cal Heights that receives little recognition in comparison to Wrigley. We provide money to candidates, but receive no benefit from our representation. Bordered on the North by the 8th District and on the South by Signal Hill, we are plagued by MedPot shops on the Wardlow (six at one time!), liquor stores, and a smoke shop. Atlantic gets redevelopment money and traffic gets pushed to Orange Ave. Atlantic gets resurfacing and three new stoplights and we are told we will not get a traffic light. It would be better if we were placed in the 8th District as it is contiguous on the north side. But at least we are not in the 4th which is a blatantly gerrymandered district. And let's get rid of race based districts. I should not be judged by my race and political leaders should not pick us on this basis! We all have common needs--fix the roads, cover graffitti, pay for police. I should be treated the same as anyone else. Yes, I am a minority but am tired of being used by politicians who claim to represent me. | | |