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Today's vote is not a James Johnson/ Rae Gabelich issue; this is an issue and a policy decision that will affect the entire city for the next 10 years.

Unfortunately, the reason we are here today is because all council representative have not or chose not to be involved in the process. We can't accommodate one neighborhood or district without impacting another, we are painfully aware of that. However, with all the education you have behind the rail, saying it can't be done is not an option!

Your Criteria has great sound bites but you have failed to uphold the very criteria you adopted and voted on.

Transparency and public participation:

1. Only one draft was voted on for public review (Johnsons map), the Council voting for only one map makes it appear like a done deal and makes a mockery of the public process.
2. City did not arrange a meeting or provide translation or notice for limited English populations.

Splitting /uniting of neighborhoods:

1. One of the main principals of redistricting is to not split neighborhoods, the west Long Beach Community (Canal Summit area) was split in 2000 between the first and seventh district and should be united.
2. Saying you want to unite Bixby Knolls is wrong when you haven't even united the west side or Wrigley area in your own district where majority of the residents are middle to low income residents of color.

Boundaries should follow major arteries and avoid neighborhood streets

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1. 20th street is an arbitrary line and splits a residential neighborhood with another residential neighborhood; Pacific Coast Hwy is a major artery that makes sense. Mr. Johnson makes this argument as a defense for taking large areas of Bixby Knolls.

*Preservation of communities of interest:

1. Keeping the Canal Summit area joined to a purely industrial west side is not preserving a community of interest and you can right a wrong now or we have to wait another 10 years.

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2. The area is bordered by I-710/LA River, Pacific Coast Hwy and Santa Fe with the common boundary of 20th street to unite them with the residential area.

Splitting of census tracts:

1. The City Council voted to keep census tract boundaries whenever possible.
2. **The Seventh District plan splits 4 census tracts in Wrigley (Wrigley tracts 57303, 573100, 572202, 572201) and 1 census tract (572900) on the west side.**

Preservation of population cores traditionally associated with a particular area:

1. **The west side of Long Beach has traditionally been associated with the Seventh District.**
2. **Bixby Knolls has traditionally been associated with the Eighth District.**
3. The general population thinks the canal summit area is in the Seventh District because it is impossible to believe that the city would leave an island of residents in the West side and put them in the First district.

Avoidance of large scale dislocation of district populations:

1. The City Council voted to avoid large scale dislocation of district populations.
2. **The grab for Bixby Knolls or all of Los Cerritos goes against the criteria voted on by the council.**
3. **The keeping of the canal/ summit area in the First district is a dislocation of residents on a large scale is also wrong.**

Compacting or cracking of minority populations:

1. **"Cracking" a minority community between several election districts, and "submerging" minority communities in multi-member districts is a typical form of voter dilution and is prohibited under the voting rights act.**
2. **What is being done to the Canal/Summit area is called "Cracking", especially when coupled with Dramatic Bixby Knolls grab.**
3. **A demographic review of the Long Beach population is needed before we continue with the redistricting process.**

In conclusion, Johnson's plan absolutely does not follow the Redistricting criteria adopted and voted on by the Long Beach City Council and it may even be in violation of the Voting rights act as it relates to the population in the Canal/summit area of the City. MALDEF has been asked to review the map and determine if voting rights act have been violated by not considering impact to communities of color by your actions today.

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