

10/06/21 Forum

My name is Bob Joy, I am here representing all the Communities Of Interest that are part of the Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group (AANG). I'm sure the Commission is aware that to broaden airport representation on the City Council by including portions of airport property within the boundaries of districts 4 and 7.

The 2020 census data has allowed easy accomplishment of that goal for District 7 by a census block, adjacent to District 7, that cover the Globemaster Business Park District. adjacent unoccupied Census Block that could most easily add airport property to District 4 contains the Long Beach Airport Business Park which we feel should remain in District 5 to minimize the disruption of council district responsibility for assets within the airport.

AANG is requesting that the unoccupied census block in question, as illustrated in the graphic, be added in its entirety to District 4. We are asking the Commission to make a choice; let the northern edge of this block define the new District 5 boundary or, let that be defined by a line that follows a runway access road, as shown in the graphic, allowing Long Beach Airport Business Park to remain in District 5.

The September 30 memo from redistricting council Olson Remcho clearly establishes the authority of the Commission to re-position the District 5 boundary through a census block justified to "keep a neighborhood or community of interest whole" and if it does not violate the Charter criteria other than 2506(b)(7).

In response to the Redistricting Partners' interpretation of public comments for the Commission, we feel it is critical that we clarify what AANG is and is not asking for.

AANG wants the airport to remain in District 5

AANG wants the current airport census blocks to remain intact

AANG does not want to split the airport into multiple census blocks

AANG does not want any census block within the airport to be "split"

To make it easy to get community consensus on adding airport property to District 4, AANG is asking you to re-position a Council District boundary within an unchanged Census Block.



