

**From:** John <johnn90807@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** District 2 - Redistricting Lines

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Redistricting Committee,

My name is John Newell. I serve as the Vice President and Vice Chair of the LGBTQ Center in Long Beach. My reason in writing today is to request that you keep the current District 2 borders intact. This district is home to a wonderful and thriving gay community that have become an integral part of the city. This community and all of its residents have both received services from or supported The Center for many years. A long standing synergy has been cultivated and fostered by both current and former City Councilmembers. Underserved community members have come to count on the services and support programs offered by The Center. Building strong relationships for social justice and older adult organizations is a key concern for The Center.

After the burning of the Pride Tower in March of this year, our community came together to heal and be with one another, and we saw again the importance of having a representative who lives in our neighborhood and is sensitive to our concerns.

Dividing up the district could damage the synergy that has been built up over the years, especially when other districts and neighborhoods might not understand and value this history and relationships that work effectively to serve these communities.

I appreciate your work on the redistricting process and I am asking that you leave the current District 2 boundaries intact.

Please keep our community and our City together!

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All the best,  
John Newell  
Vice Chair LGBTQ Center  
Advisor to AFS  
Pronouns - he/him/his

**From:** Adriel Fasci <fasci.fasci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 5:17 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good afternoon Commissioners,

I am a Downtown resident and I wanted to thank you for all your hard work so far, and for the hard work yet to come. I appreciate all of you taking the time to consider all the comments and concerns from us residents.

I strongly support IRC Draft Map 1 as amended on October 27. This consolidates downtown, ensures the Port is covered under two representatives, and makes sure our Alamitos Beach is unified and connected with Downtown.

I am deeply troubled, however, by the Licon Amendments proposal. This Map:  
- doesn't seem to make any sense and seeks to overturn previous actions of this Commission and the voices of residents in Downtown and Alamitos Beach. Please reject this set of amendments.

-Please support IRC Draft Map 1 as amended on October 27, it is the best map of these choices by far.

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Respectfully,

Adriel Fasci

**From:** Ester Fasci <eruvalcaba1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Maps

**-EXTERNAL-**

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Ester Fasci

From: Donna Palmer <palmer-donna@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2021 5:44 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Approve IRC Map 1

-EXTERNAL-

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting in person, but I feel strongly about my community.

I support approval of IRC Map1. It preserves our community that shares the interconnected Colorado Lagoon, Marine Stadium, Alamitos Bay, etc. We, as a community, enjoy our great Marina Vista Park and the formerly Marine Stadium Park (recently renamed). We shop at Ralph's/Gelson's and hang out at 2nd and PCH. With our primary freeway access being 7th Street and 2nd Street, these areas also impact our daily traffic patterns.

I have reviewed the current proposed maps and ask that you approve IRC Map 1. It is the one that preserves the neighborhoods that combined equal my community.

Thank you,  
Donna M. Palmer



**From:** yvonne melton <ylmelton67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 6:19 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Comments

-EXTERNAL-

November 3, 2021

City of Long Beach  
RE: Redistricting

I just wanted to take a moment to Thank you, The Commissioners for all of your hard work and for the continued hard work set before you. Thank you for listening to the community and our concerns. Thank you for consolidating downtown as currently represented in the IRC Draft Map 1 from October 27, and for ensuring that the Port is covered under two representatives. Thank you for listening to the LGBTQ community and keeping them united in Alamitos Beach and Downtown.

*Also I would like to state that I am deeply concerned, however, by the Licon Amendments proposal. This map does not seem to make any sense to me and seeks to overturn previous actions of this Commission and the voices of residents in Downtown and Alamitos Beach, I ask you to Please reject this set of amendments.*

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Sincerely,  
Yvonne Melton  
Long Beach Resident

**From:** Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 6:29 PM

**To:** Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>; Jesus Lopez <jlopez11@live.com>; Cassandra Davis <cassandra.aop@gmail.com>; Melissa Williams <melissafaerie@gmail.com>; Carrie Eldridge <Carriejoeldridge@gmail.com>; Sanghak Kan <sanghakkan@yahoo.com>; Fatima Castro <fatimacastro.LB@gmail.com>; Pam Chotiswatdi <pamc.lbca@gmail.com>; Chan Hopson <chopsonkpa@gmail.com>; Adam Hijazi <adam.lbca@gmail.com>; steven@thelbca.com; Alan Partlow <apartlow@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Anaheim, Orange, Cherry and 7th Street (AOC7) Neighborhood Association

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Bradley and IRC,

AOC7 Neighborhood has been around since 2011. We have defined our neighborhood with community building and creating a safer and better community. The City of Long Beach and LBPd continuously has recognized our neighborhood as a model to follow. AOC7 has clean boundaries, Anaheim on the North, Orange on the West, Cherry on the East and 7th Street on the South, however, we work outside our boundaries to improve all of our areas.

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Thank you,

Rocio Torres

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AOC7 Board Member

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From: Melissa Mihalik <melissamihalik@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2021 6:34 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Community of Interest for Alamitos Heights - IRC Draft Map  
Importance: High

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commission,

I would like to be heard that I want to keep my Community of Interest, The Alamitos Bay Inter-Coastal Community together and approve IRC Draft Map 1 Dated 10.27.2021.

I believe a gerrymander-merge of distinctly different communities of interest or neighborhoods in east Long Beach buries the voice of nearly half our city's residents!

I am against merging district 3 and district 4.

With regards,

Melissa Mihalik

From: Kimberly Van Lant <kvanlant@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2021 6:54 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: IRC1

-EXTERNAL-

Hello. I live in the third district and I support only redistricting map IRC1. Please keep neighborhoods together. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Kimberly Van Lant

From: Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2021 7:33 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; tsemoydavy <tsemoydavy@gmail.com>; Derald Tucker <eye.evolve@gmail.com>; elaine.bernal <elaine.bernal@gmail.com>  
Subject: Re: LBACE community map submission

-EXTERNAL-

Good evening,

Incorporating much of the testimony thus far this evening, I have modified the map that I submitted (ID#70760).

The new map (ID#75241) also achieves:

- 1) all of the criteria in the staff presentation
- 2) a 3.87% total population deviation
- 3) meets climate justice and environmental equity concerns with major infrastructure
- 4) more even political representation than either of the IRC draft maps reviewed this evening
- 5) this would require more analysis, but likely involves less change of population than either of the IRC maps.

The new map ID:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://districtr.org/plan/75241\\_\\_!!MKV5s95d0OKnVA!5d8IHBCuX4cmyDvfWlbLuwiecA1fzj0rYB7t0xWVXiLRTCqR5qnM\\_5JGUQd1mnpFxFxZn2eKNU\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://districtr.org/plan/75241__!!MKV5s95d0OKnVA!5d8IHBCuX4cmyDvfWlbLuwiecA1fzj0rYB7t0xWVXiLRTCqR5qnM_5JGUQd1mnpFxFxZn2eKNU$)

Thanking you,  
Dave Shukla

On 10/27/21, Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com> wrote:

> Good Morning,

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> Hope this finds you well.

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> Following up on my public comments at the 10/20/21 Independent

> Redistricting Commission meeting, I have created and submitted a map

> on behalf of the Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy.

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> This map (

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[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://districtr.org/plan/70760\\_\\_!!MKV5s95d0OKnVA!5d8IHBCuX4cmyDvfWlbLuwiecA1fzj0rYB7t0xWVXiLRTCqR5qnM\\_5JGUQd1mnpFxFxRLARwDK\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://districtr.org/plan/70760__!!MKV5s95d0OKnVA!5d8IHBCuX4cmyDvfWlbLuwiecA1fzj0rYB7t0xWVXiLRTCqR5qnM_5JGUQd1mnpFxFxRLARwDK$) ) is a modified version of IRC Draft Map #1 as amended on 10/20/21.

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> Map ID# 70760 meets several of the priorities discussed by

> Commissioners and the public at large at that 10/20/21 meeting:

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> - Pop. Deviation of 4.03%

> - 3 Districts adjoining LB Airport

> - No one district with an over-concentration of climate

> risks/environmental health burdens

> - Keeping Neighborhoods whole and together:

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> Regrettably, there is no feature on Districtr to overlay a pre-defined

> 'neighborhoods' layer, with which to judge how well (and how many)

> city neighborhoods are kept whole and together. Given the public

> comments last Wednesday, that was obviously a priority.

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> Temple St./Paramount Blvd is a physical, industrial, and demographic

> dividing line in town for borders North and South of Signal Hill.

> Hopefully it made sense here to utilize it as a border for council

> districts.

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> Looking forward to tonight's discussion

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> All Best,

> Dave

**From:** Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 7:53 PM

**To:** Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>

**Cc:** Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Jesus Lopez <jlopez11@live.com>; Cassandra Davis <cassandra.aop@gmail.com>; Melissa Williams <melissafaerie@gmail.com>; Carrie Eldridge <Carriejoeldridge@gmail.com>; Sanghak Kan <sanghakkan@yahoo.com>; Fatima Castro <fatimacastro.LB@gmail.com>; Pam Chotiswatdi <pamc.lbca@gmail.com>; Chan Hopson <chopsonkpa@gmail.com>; Adam Hijazi <adam.lbca@gmail.com>; steven@thelbca.com; Alan Partlow <apartlow@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: Anaheim, Orange, Cherry and 7th Street (AOC7) Neighborhood Association

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi Bradley,

AOC7 has partnered with the City on many initiatives like creating a cleaner, safer community including tree planting. In partnership with the City of Long Beach we've planted over 400 trees within our neighborhood and removed 70,000 tons of trash every year for the past 10 years.

[Neighborhood Group Teams Up With the City to Build a Safer, Cleaner Community \(longbeach.gov\)](https://www.longbeach.gov/neighborhood-group-teams-up-with-the-city-to-build-a-safer-cleaner-community)

Thank you,

Mary Simmons  
AOC7 board member  
562 758-5751

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Thank you,

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**From:** William Thomas <witsbt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2021 8:07 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: stop changing to unreasonable districting

**-EXTERNAL-**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **William Thomas** <[witsbt@gmail.com](mailto:witsbt@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 8:03 PM  
Subject: stop changing to unreasonable districting  
To: <[redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov)>

I'm unable to attend tonight meeting due to illness.

Why do you pay no attention to the community cooperation that have developed over past 50 years. The draft map 1 changes dated 10-27-21 responded to the lengthy explanation of community common interest that had made positive impact on issues in the current 3rd district that have made positive improvements for Long Beach .

Now you are showing possibility of destroying the voice our communities need at city hall to continue facing the environment issues and support future development already approved by coastal commission.

Please respect your original goals to support common interests of our various communities.

Bill Thomas

From: Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2021 12:12 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Becca Taylor <becca@redistrictingpartners.com>  
Subject: FW: Update on Community Submitted Map

Hello,  
Can you process #75241? Please add all the new submissions to a new folder.

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

From: Dave Shukla <dave.shukla@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:29 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Update on Community Submitted Map

-EXTERNAL-  
My public comment in response to IRC Map 1b:

Good Evening,

Dave Shukla.

Last week, I submitted map ID#70760, and in light of considerations this evening, I have updated it, and emailed the IRC the link.

The new map is ID#75241. It is a revision of IRC Draft Map #1, and as such is eligible for future consideration.

I respectfully request the IRC elevate map ID#75241 for consideration as a proposed final map at your next meeting on the 10th.

Please consider several facts:

Map ID#75241 meets Every Single Criterion in this evening's staff report

It has a total population deviation of only 3.86% - Citywide, preserves 90 whole neighborhoods,

Map ID#75241 meets the goals of the equity map, and unlike that map, or any of the IRC Draft Maps, or any other community submitted map, addresses serious concerns of equitable representation and climate and environmental justice in Long Beach.

We have not even scratched the surface of these concerns. I mean seriously, some of these map constructions tonight are tantamount to environmental apartheid.

I am writing the IRC a memo on this post-haste, hopefully drafted out to you in a day or two. Tonight, I urge you to publicly consider and elevate Map ID#75241 to be a proposed final map for consideration and revision at your next meeting.  
Thank you.

From: Barbara Geortner <b.fordgeortner@verizon.net>  
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2021 4:47 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: IRC Draft Map 1 Dated 10.27.21

-EXTERNAL-

Please approve!  
Keep our Community of Interest, the Alamitos Bay Inter-coastal Community together!  
We have distinct and separate needs and must maintain a voice.  
We have been paying taxes in this neighborhood for 31 years.

Thank you for listening  
Barbara and Jack Geortner

Sent from my iPad

**From:** geline1@verizon.net <geline1@verizon.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 8:11 AM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Airport Representation

**Importance:** High

**-EXTERNAL-**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned homeowner who lives within 2 miles of Long Beach Airport. I am writing to request the following:

- Give Airport Impacted Neighborhoods in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Districts a part of the Airport.
- Demand the Consultant comply with the Commissions wishes to SHARE THE AIRPORT FOR BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATION!

Thank you.

Evangeline Atienza

**From:** Leslie Bryant <leslie@lab-con.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 9:48 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** MY VOTE: IRC DRAFT MAP 1 (10/27/21)

**-EXTERNAL-**

I am a resident of Alamitos Heights and am writing to express my support for the revised redistricting map linked below (IRS Draft Map 1 Dated 10/27/21).

I appreciate you taking into account the geographic and social nuances of this community and providing an updated option that keeps the Alamitos Bay Inter-Coastal Community together.

Thank you,  
Leslie

[https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/PostOct12/Draft\\_Map\\_1.html](https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/PostOct12/Draft_Map_1.html)

**Leslie Torres-Bryant**  
*she/her/hers*

**From:** Steve Bryant <sbryant151@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
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Steve

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**From:** Connor Lock <connor.a.lock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Select IRC Draft Map 1 as your Final Map

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work and the process up until this point. I am a fourth district resident who has lived on PCH west of the Traffic Circle, in the neighborhood south of CSULB, in Belmont Shore, and now in Los Altos.

I write to you today to request that you please select IRC Draft Map 1 as the final map for Long Beach's new Council Districts.

I was disturbed to see such radical changes proposed and advanced last night, after very little community engagement and input. I was even more shocked when four members of the Commission decided to block future consideration of IRC Draft Map 1, the only map under consideration that had been subject to repeat community feedback, and which had garnered significant support from areas across the City.

Unlike the map advanced on November 3, IRC Draft Map 1 has been a creation built upon public input, outreach, and engagement. The map you are currently considering was first put together in the dead of night, and then heard at a new meeting called also in the dead of night. It also splits neighborhoods and is a radical departure from the districts people know and are accustomed to.

This map splits a district across the airport, which doesn't make sense to me. It also splits the Anaheim Corridor to create a District B which makes zero sense to me. Finally, it combines the Port and all of Downtown into one district. You have heard from community members that major assets with major impacts should be split into multiple districts. The Port and Airport need to be split into multiple districts, and Downtown should be split between districts A and B in some fashion similar to IRC Draft Map 1.

Please advance IRC Draft Map 1, the map that actually had a community feedback and engagement process to refine it, and select it as your final map.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Connor Lock  
Georgetown BSFS, CSULB MPA

From: Sandi Austin <sandiaustins@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2021 11:35 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

DO NOT GERRYMANDER-MERGE THE ALAMITOS BAY INTER-COASTAL COMMUNITY A gerrymander - merge of distinctly different communities of interest or neighborhoods in east Long Beach buries the voice of nearly half our cities residents.

Sandi Austin  
398 Los Altos Ave LB

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Laura Sellmer <[laurasellmer@gmail.com](mailto:laurasellmer@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:22 PM

**To:** Redistricting <[Redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:Redistricting@longbeach.gov)>; JT Nagayama <[Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov)>;  
Bradley Bounds <[Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov](mailto:Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 4 <[District4@longbeach.gov](mailto:District4@longbeach.gov)>

**Cc:** Gary Morrison <[garymorrison@verizon.net](mailto:garymorrison@verizon.net)>

**Subject:** Serious Problem on website

-EXTERNAL-

Commission Staff,

Please confirm the names and links on the current map(s) that were elevated last night at true and correct.

I received a note this morning. The public needs assurance the maps are true and correct

Today 9:59 AM

I'm pretty sure the hotlinks on  
the city website for Maps 1C  
and 1B are reversed right now.



iMessage



Laura Sellmer

**From:** JOHN THOMAS <thomasjohn1703@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 12:45 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Subject: Alamitos Bay Intercostal Community Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

As a resident of the Los Alamitos neighborhood I protest the unfair and unreasonable merger of Districts 3 & 4 of the city of Long Beach council districts. It limits and distorts the identity of my district. Such a change is negative and destructive for all residents of districts 3& 4

Sincerely, JOH WIX THOMAS 111, MD.

**From:** Laura Sellmer <laurasellmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Gary Morrison <garymorrison@verizon.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Serious Problem on website

-EXTERNAL-

Thank you.

Laura Sellmer

On Nov 4, 2021, at 12:33 PM, Bradley Bounds <[Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov](mailto:Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov)> wrote:

Hello Laura,

The links are correct and are the right maps. We corrected the order sequence on the website. Thank you for the email.

Sincerely,

Bradley Bounds II

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Laura Sellmer

**Subject:** On behalf of lindajwilson@att.net: D9\_PLANWhole

Districts	PPA_Population	Deviation	% Deviation	PPA_Hispanic_Origin	% PPA_Hispanic_Origin	PPA_White	% PPA_White	PPA_AfAm	% PPA_AfAm	PPA_AiA
Unassigned	468,834	416,735	799.89	202,834	43.26	122,145	26.05	56,825	12.12	1,12
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**From:** NORA <nora2b@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Failure Notice

**-EXTERNAL-**

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**From:** [MAILER-DAEMON@yahoo.com](mailto:MAILER-DAEMON@yahoo.com)  
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**To:** [predistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:predistricting@longbeach.gov)  
**Subject:** 3rd council district map

I support IRC1. All other maps divide our neighborhood.  
Reference City Charter Criteria # 1.  
Stephen B. Ehren  
Lifelong resident of 3 rd District

LML 🍀

From: Jamie Unger <jamung@aol.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2021 7:30 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Redistricting Map

-EXTERNAL-

Sutter should be part of district E.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Dorothy Mcdermott <mikendotty@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 9:01 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners -

The idea of splitting Bixby Knolls south of San Antonio into another district is CRAZY! That's cutting the business district in half. Who was the bright one who thought of this idea? We have been in District 8 forever. A big NO! on this idea. Find a better solution and leave Bixby Knolls alone with Los Cerritos, etc.



**From:** Kathleen Schoendienst <kandschoend@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2021 7:35 AM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Redistricting Opposition

**-EXTERNAL-**

We are opposed to the redistricting which pulls us out of district 8 and out of Bixby Knolls.

For those homeowners in District 8 above San Antonio are not happy about the redistricting that will pull us out of Bixby Knolls. In addition if this does happen then we feel that Bixby Knolls Shopping Center, Bixby Knolls Park should need to be renamed. Also Bixby Knolls Business Association may need to be revised due to the Bixby Knolls shopping center would no longer be part of Bixby Knolls. Also all the banks in our area would no longer be part of Bixby Knolls.

Very angry residents in district 8 as well as all the neighbors North of San Antonio and South of Del Amo opposing this change.

Bixby Knolls Park - Marcellus Community Group  
Bixby Knolls/Ridgewood Neighborhood

Kathleen Schoendienst

From: Sherry Nieto <scasamilagro@verizon.net>  
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2021 11:37 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Maps

-EXTERNAL-

The latest one looks great. Keep Bixby/Los Cerritos together! Thank you for your work!!

From: mimi.fox@verizon.net <mimi.fox@verizon.net>  
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2021 12:32 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Cc: Bixby Knolls BIA <blair@bixbyknollsinfo.com>  
Subject: Maps

-EXTERNAL-

Under no circumstance should Los Cerritos/Virginia Country Club and Bixby Knolls be split up! This tight knit community is more homogeneous than any other in the city. Our businesses deserve to be supported by the whole community.

This is a poorly veiled attempt at social engineering. STOP IT.

Mimi Fox  
90807

**From:** Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2021 12:55 PM  
**To:** Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>; Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Kevin Jackson <Kevin.Jackson@longbeach.gov>; JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Taylor Anderson <Taylor.Anderson@longbeach.gov>; Amy Webber <Amy.Webber@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
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**Cc:** Bradley Bounds <[Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov](mailto:Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov)>; Redistricting <[Redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:Redistricting@longbeach.gov)>; Jesus Lopez <[jlopez11@live.com](mailto:jlopez11@live.com)>; Cassandra Davis <[cassandra.aop@gmail.com](mailto:cassandra.aop@gmail.com)>; Melissa Williams <[melissafaerie@gmail.com](mailto:melissafaerie@gmail.com)>; Carrie Eldridge <[Carriejoeldridge@gmail.com](mailto:Carriejoeldridge@gmail.com)>; Sanghak Kan <[sanghakkan@yahoo.com](mailto:sanghakkan@yahoo.com)>; Fatima Castro <[fatimacastro.LB@gmail.com](mailto:fatimacastro.LB@gmail.com)>; Pam Chotiswatdi <[pamc.lbca@gmail.com](mailto:pamc.lbca@gmail.com)>; Chan Hopson <[chopsonkpa@gmail.com](mailto:chopsonkpa@gmail.com)>; Adam Hijazi <[adam.lbca@gmail.com](mailto:adam.lbca@gmail.com)>; Steven <[steven@thelbca.com](mailto:steven@thelbca.com)>; Alan Partlow <[apartlow@gmail.com](mailto:apartlow@gmail.com)>  
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Thank you,

Mary Simmons  
AOC7 board member  
562 758-5751

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Thank you,

Rocio Torres

Pronouns-she/her/hers

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**From:** Kathleen Schoendienst <kandschoend@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2021 2:26 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Meeting 11/10/21

**-EXTERNAL-**

I sent an earlier e-mail raising our concerns about the redistricting of district 8.

I would like to attend the Redistricting meeting on 11/10/21 at 6:00 pm in person.

Myself and our neighbors have concerns with the proposed changes to our current district 8.

We would like an opportunity to speak at the meeting on 11/10/21.

Please let me know if we will be able to attend.

Thank you

Kathleen Schoendienst  
Bixby Knoll Park - Marcellus Community Group  
Freeland St - Community Group  
Cerritos Ave

**From:** Walley, James (JR) <JRWalley@dow.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2021 3:40 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** jrwalley@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Against merging District 3 and 4

**-EXTERNAL-**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose the merging of districts 3 and 4. Please support the [IRC Draft Map 1 - Amended 10.27.21 \(Web Map\)](#). This makes the most sense and keeps similar issues that affect these neighborhoods together.

*Regards,*

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent loop on the 'i'.

*James Walley*

**From:** O Tamaki <gentao2008@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** gentao2008@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Redistricting idea for D9 and D8

**-EXTERNAL-**

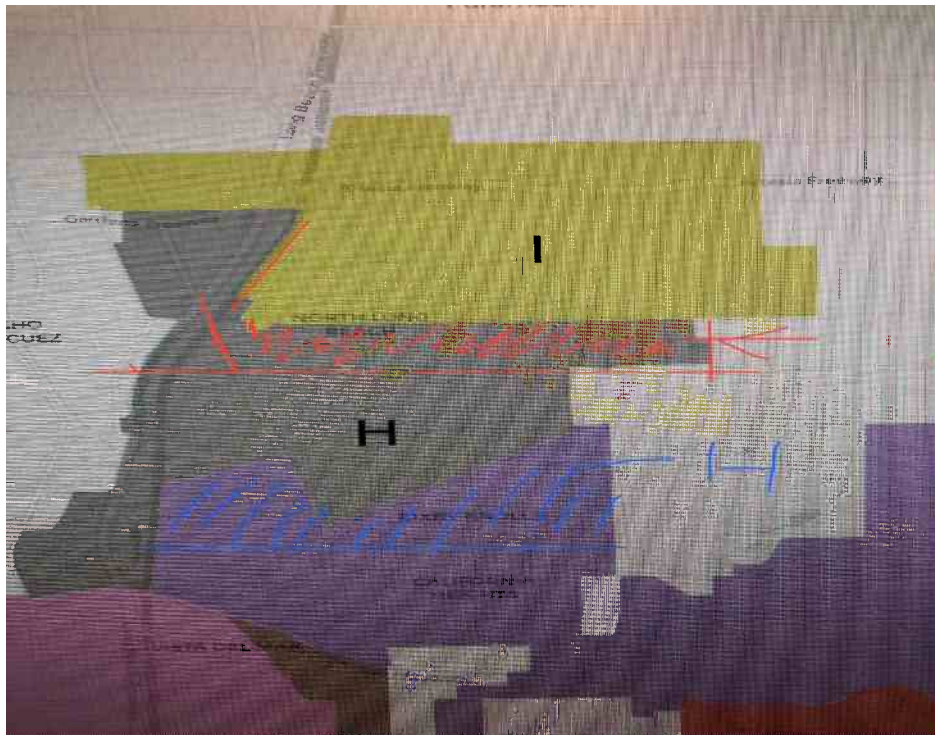
Dear who it may concern,

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.





**From:** Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2021 6:25 PM

**To:** Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** Adam Lara <Adam.Lara@longbeach.gov>; Alan Partlow <apartlow@gmail.com>; Amy Webber <Amy.Webber@longbeach.gov>; Carrie Eldridge <Carriejoeldridge@gmail.com>; Cassandra Davis <cassandra.aop@gmail.com>; Chan Hopson <chopsonkpa@gmail.com>; Elisa Nicholas <enicholas@tccfamilyhealth.org>; Elsa Tung <elsa@lbforward.org>; Gretchen Swanson, DPT, MPH <gretchen.swanson3@gmail.com>; JT Nagayama <Jonathan.Nagayama@longbeach.gov>; Joanna Diaz <joanna@lbforward.org>; Kevin Jackson <Kevin.Jackson@longbeach.gov>; Marlene Montañez <marlene@lbforward.org>; Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>; Melissa Williams <melissafaerie@gmail.com>; Nikki Amick <Nikki.Amick@longbeach.gov>; Nubia Flores Cedeño <nubia@lbforward.org>; Pam Chotiswatdi <pamc.lbca@gmail.com>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Sanghak Kan <sanghakkan@yahoo.com>; Susana Sngiem <susana.sngiem@ucclb.org>; Taylor Anderson <Taylor.Anderson@longbeach.gov>; brenteldridge@hotmail.com; jesus lopez <jlopez11@live.com>; markhopson572@yahoo.com

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**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Bradley,

I am flabbergasted that AOC7 wasn't on the original neighborhood map to begin with:

1. Redistricting Dept. made it a point to outreach at our meeting and outreach to during our community events, so clearly the dept is aware of our neighborhood and know that we are very active in our community
2. As the research demonstrated AOC7 Neighborhood has clear and defined boundaries and we are well know to almost the entire city council and city departments.
3. AOC7 has all the factors that determined the other neighborhood and more

We will still show up at the next meeting and hopefully our neighbors can join us if they can manage to get transportation.

We continue to request that AOC7 Neighborhood to be the city map.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Rocío Torres

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**From:** jill brennan <jillbrennan2014@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2021 1:26 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; JUAN OVALLE <jeovallec@gmail.com>

**Cc:** jill brennan <jillbrennan2014@gmail.com>

**Subject:** LB Redistricting maps

**-EXTERNAL-**

Why are the Districts mapped with letters? Why not use numbers? It is very confusing and looks like something is being hidden from the taxpayers.

Why is an 8-4 vote not considered a majority vote? Draft Plan IRC 1 looked very fair. Why are 9 yes votes needed? if my math is correct, 8/12 is a 2/3rd majority, higher than any local, state, or federal vote required to pass an item.

Have you considered Map#70559?

Will the public be able to attend and comment in your next redistricting meeting by Zoom? Most intelligent folks are still avoiding indoors gatherings as the pandemic numbers are ticking up again. I also do not want to be in downtown LB after dark.

Thank you,

Jill Brennan

Concerned citizen

**From:** David Elaine Karber <dekarber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2021 2:13 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Bixby Knolls

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please do not split up Bixby Knolls area. It needs to stay together since it has become a wonderful community with community activities. Our BK director has done a marvelous job with pulling the Knolls together!

Sincerely,  
Elaine Karber

**From:** dorothy777@gmail.com Hill <dorothyh777@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2021 4:05 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:**

**-EXTERNAL-**

I represent the current Los ALTOS district 4. On my street of a total of 14 homes..the ethnic breakdown is as follows. 5,

**From:** dorothy777@gmail.com Hill <dorothyh777@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:**

**-EXTERNAL-**

I. ..loi live in the los ALTOS area. Of the fourth fist of long BEACH. My street ttotals 14\_HOMES. HERE IS THE ETHNIC BREAKDOWN: 3 SURNAMES..MEXICAN...2\_SURNAMES ITALIAN...ONE SURNAMES JAPANESE.. ONE AFRO AMERICAN....THE OTHER HALF (7)..GERMAN..FRENCH ..CAUSIAN. WE REPRESET THE REST OF DO AT [FOUR.AS](#) SUCH..DO NOT CHANGE THE 4 TH DIST..LEAVE CAMPUS HOMES IN THE FOURTH DIST..AND IN LOW ALSTOS....DOROTHY HILL

**From:** La Vonne Hamilton <lavonhamilton8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2021 8:26 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the November 3, 2021 Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good evening,

Attached are our comments from last week's meeting.  
Please send responses to: [tobasone@verizon.net](mailto:tobasone@verizon.net) or by phone.

Regards,  
The Hamiltons



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

**Re: Long Beach Redistricting – Public Comment**  
**November 3, 2021 Meeting**

On last Wednesday evening (November 3, 2021), we watched the hearing proceedings regarding redistricting in Long Beach, CA.

We are working long hours and don't usually track emails. Unfortunately, the business regarding this important redistricting process is online (no mail was sent to our home regarding this); we now are addressing these important projects, which has implications for our area and us for the next 10 years.

In researching this process, we learned that redistricting also affects the number of seats in the House of Representatives for the 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. As we are reviewing all materials, as well as, looking at associated data, following are our thoughts:

- ❖ We believe that the proposed redistricting will have adverse affects for Bixby Knolls as Bixby Knolls will be split in half according to our Census Tracts (CT):
  - 1) Bixby Knolls North - CT 5715.02
  - 2) Bixby Knolls South – CT 5719
- ❖ We did not purchase this property in Bixby Knolls in 1999 to be separated from the rest of the Bixby Knolls area. **In the updated map, we are no longer referred to as Bixby Knolls.** We feel we in many ways will be cut in half. Imagine how you would feel this way as both north and south have a symbiotic relationship, which will be cut as we support businesses in the south but will no longer receive revenues for our district.
- ❖ We did not leave our city in 1999 to live in a city that is beginning to look like the communities we left. We do not want to live in an underserved community (and yes, not being connect to our Bixby Knolls South – Census Track 5719) that is what we fear we will become. We do not want to deal with the problems and issues residents have with no help from our local

government. Nor do we want our local government to steal from us what we worked so hard to attain.

- ❖ Proposed Bixby Knolls South (Census Tract 5719) is part of our business district for which we shop and go to restaurants. The taxes these businesses pay are used for Bixby Knolls and the needs of District 8. Without this income for District 8 (due to re-districting), our community will have less access to needed services, which include infrastructure and repaving our streets, which would adversely affect our community.
- ❖ We are also concerned with our property values being compromised, as well as, safety in our community.
- ❖ We believe that this redistricting is a form of redistribution of wealth (removing wealth from Bixby Knolls North) by placing our business district in Bixby Knolls South. This redistricting will have an adverse affect on the middle class in this area.

Lastly, when researching data from the 2020 Census, there is no data for redistricting in zip code 90807. Also North Long Beach received a community development Block Grant that did not benefit Bixby Knolls. Our neighbors have requested for or neighborhood streets to be re-paved, yet we have been ignored!

Again, we do not want to be separated from the rest of Bixby Knolls!!! It is not in our best interest!!!

Respectfully,  
The Hamiltons  
Bixby Knolls

[REDACTED]

[tobasone@verizon.net](mailto:tobasone@verizon.net)

[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Hoop <annietop10@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 07, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Bluff Park

**-EXTERNAL-**

I'm in favor of keeping Bluff Park whole ... no changes to the existing Bluff Park district.  
Thank you.  
Anne Hoop  
Bluff Park...2700 block of E. 1st St.

**From:** Meagan Attella-Sevier <meagan@sevierclear.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 07, 2021 11:36 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep the Alamitos Bay Inter-Coastal Community Together

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good morning,

I wanted to express my concern regarding the plan to redraw the district lines.

**We are in favor of approving the IRC Draft Map 1 dated 10.27.21.**

Please do not merge Districts 3 and 4. It would drastically enlarge our district, will silence many voices and slow down our ability to get anything done.

Thanks for your time,

Meagan Attella-Sevier  
Director  
Sevier Clearances, LLC  
[meagan@sevierclear.com](mailto:meagan@sevierclear.com)

**From:** Michael Clemson <mclemsen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 07, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistributing Public Comment

**-EXTERNAL-**

I'm writing to make two comments on the ongoing redistributing process.

First, most of the maps that you are considering connect the Bryant Neighborhood with East Long Beach. That is how we are included in the 4th District now, and its clear that the representation is focused on Los Altos' problems rather than Bryant and Zaferia. We have much more in common with the neighborhoods to the west rather than east. I would like to be included in the district to the west.

Second, the commission seems to be moving in the direction of consolidating all of downtown into a single district. I think this is misguided for a number of reasons. It puts too much power in the hands of one council member, since most of the largest businesses, the port and city hall its self would all be included in one district. Along those lines, it would put too much work on one council member, since they would have so many powerful interests in their district. It also put most of the planned growth into one district, since most of the rest of the city is restricted to low-density housing.

I hope that you can improve the maps as they are currently written and that these suggestions are useful.

Thank you,  
Michael Clemson

**From:** kjlindberg@charter.net <kjlindberg@charter.net>

**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 9:15 AM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** 'EMayor@longbeach.gov' <EMayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; 'kandschoend@att.net' <kandschoend@att.net>; 'tony.chacon@verizon.net' <tony.chacon@verizon.net>; 'brandonpark@yahoo.com' <brandonpark@yahoo.com>; 'simonee7@gmail.com' <simonee7@gmail.com>; 'ki10857@aol.com' <ki10857@aol.com>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Opposition to Newly Proposed Redistricting Boundaries

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

In 2008, we began our search for a home with a large lot in a desirable area with high property values. We narrowed our search down to Bixby Knolls or Lakewood Village and in October, 2008 we purchased our home on Marcellus Street in Bixby Knolls.

Last week, the redistricting maps were shared with many of the residents on our street and we have serious concerns; as it appears that Bixby Knolls is being moved out of our District (District H) to District E based on the fact that the Southern boundary line is being moved North from Bixby Road to San Antonio Drive. Does this mean that the residents South of Del Amo Boulevard and North of San Antonio Drive (between Atlantic Avenue and Orange Avenue) will no longer be located in Bixby Knolls? Will Bixby Knolls Park and Bixby Knolls Shopping Center be renamed? Will our zip codes be changed from 90807 to 90805? If the answer is "Yes" to any of these questions, we cannot support the redistricting boundary changes.

Please refer this letter to the appropriate City staff person who can address and respond to these questions. We would like to request a written response from the City before any action is taken.

Sincerely,

Wayne Shimabukuro and Kelly Lindberg

**From:** M Heron <mmheron@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 10:35 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Councilwoman Suzie Price <suzie@suzieaprice.com>  
**Subject:** Redistricting and changing Council District 3

**-EXTERNAL-**

I live in Bixby Village (south of 7th Street between Channel and Loynes), and would like to remain in Council District 3. Bixby Village has more of an affinity to the area south and east of us (since we were the area addressed in the SEADIP) than we have with the University and Los Altos area to the north of us. Suzie Price is familiar with our concerns and has done well representing and mitigating our issues.

I realize that redistricting is a challenge based on population. BV is a community of 374 housing units. We likely have less than 800 residents. Please consider leaving us in District 3.

Marilyn Heron  
Vice President Bixby Village Community Association

**From:** charles f Ward <wardchuck1@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 12:02 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Jack Cunningham <Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov>; Kathleen L. Ward <kathy@rwcpas.com>

**Subject:** Map and Reasons for District 3 to remain with existing Boundaries

**-EXTERNAL-**

## Redistricting Commision City of Long Beach

Please enter our Map and Reasons for District 3 Boundaries to remain as Existing Boundaries.

Thank you,

Charles F Ward and Kathleen L Ward--

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**From:** charles f Ward <wardchuck1@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 12:33 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Jack Cunningham <Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Kathleen L. Ward <kathy@rwcpas.com>; Mark Williams <MarkWilliams@geoscience-water.com>

**Subject:** Fwd: Redistricting City of Long Beach for District 3 from Charles F Ward

**-EXTERNAL-**

## Redistricting Commission City of Long Beach

Subject: Redistricting City of Long Beach for District 3 from Charles F Ward and Kathleen L Ward

Please update as November 11 2021.

Thank you,

Charles F Ward and Kathleen L Ward

Date: Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 5:20 PM

Subject: Redistricting City of Long Beach for District 3 from Charles F Ward

To: <[redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov)>, Jack Cunningham <[Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov](mailto:Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov)>, Suzie Price District 3. Councilwoman <[district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov)>

Redistricting Commission,

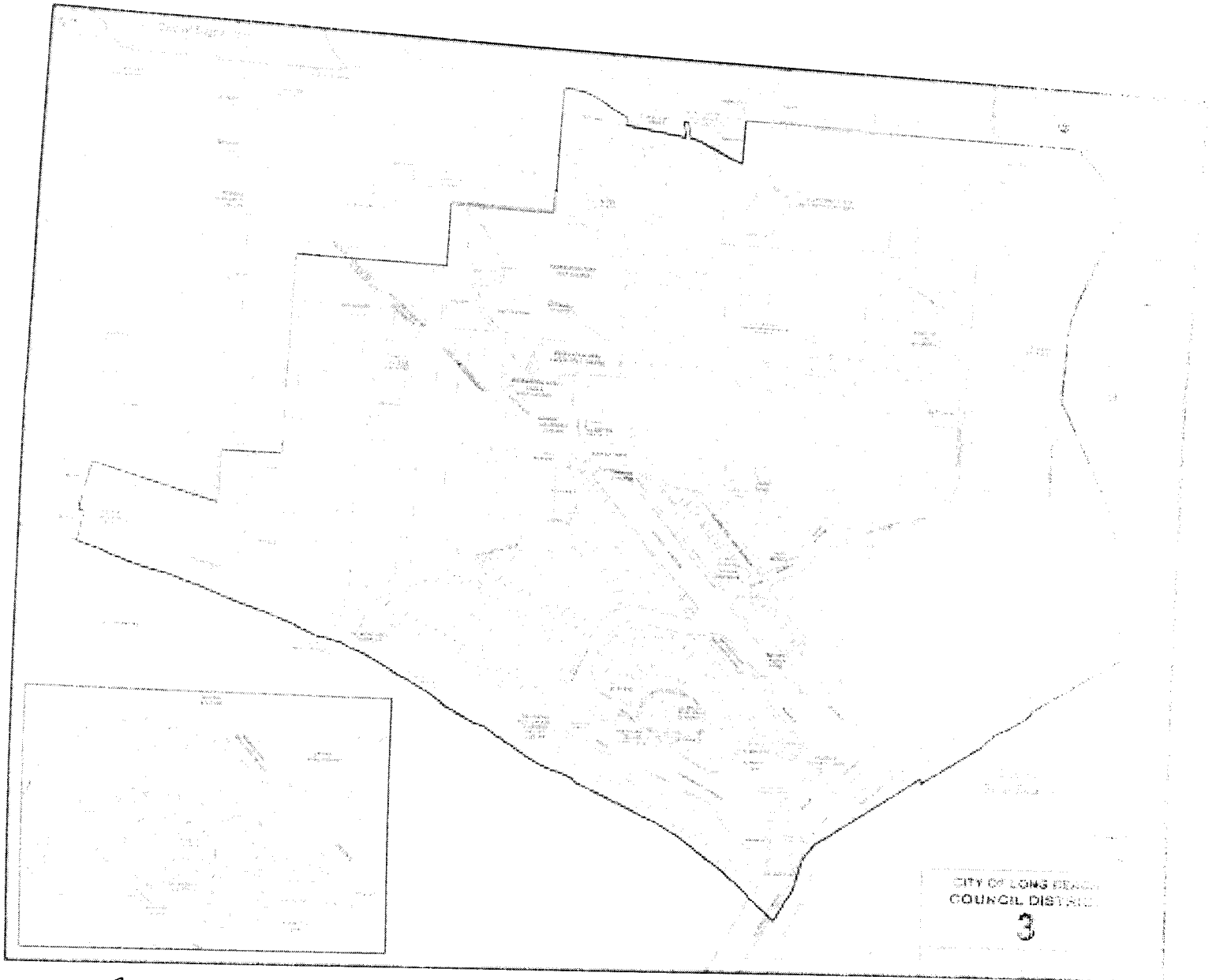
Please file my Redistricting Documents and Map for District 3.



Re: Redistricting District 3

September 5, 2021

Existing Boundary Map District 3, City of Long Beach,



*Retain EXISTING Boundaries as shown for District 3*

*Charles F. Ward*

*153 Angela Walk  
Long Beach, CA 90803*

## District 3, Long Beach EXISTING Boundaries are my choice for Redistricting 2022.

The Neighborhood Associations, Business Associations, Community and Civic Groups such as P.O.E., Church, Clubs and Neighborhood Watch and CERT have organized communication chains and networks. They are working together for the good of Long Beach City.

Our Street is residential homes. The residents are mixed racial with both seniors, families and single adults. Our Church, Schools and Local Businesses are within walking and bicycling. The Naples Improvement Association and Naples Business Association are active in community issues and activities. We have a These Community(s) Associations need to be preserved. Keep District 3, Long Beach, EXISTING Boundaries.

Major Concerns: Public Safety, Rule of Law, Homelessness, Traffic, Parking, Fire, and Disaster Preparedness.

Air Bnbs, and VRBOs are destroying our Neighbor Community. We have a Super Host Air Bnb next door. The 3 bedroom home has been converted to a full time—Air Bnb. There is now a separate entry for guests. Each bedroom has a key pad for entry. This is a commercial operation in an R-1 zoning.

The VRBO residence behind us has a separate alley key pad controlled entrance.

Air Bnbs, and VRBOs are destroying our Neighbor Community.

See Attached photo of my Redistricting Boundaries for 2022.

[Redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:Redistricting@longbeach.gov) email address for redistricting.

*Please File*

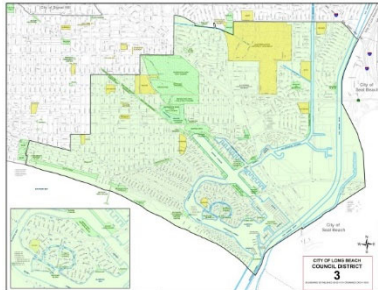
*Charles F. Ward  
153 Angelo Park  
Long Beach, CA 92403*

Thank you  
Charles F Ward

Note: The Mapping Tool is very complicated to use.

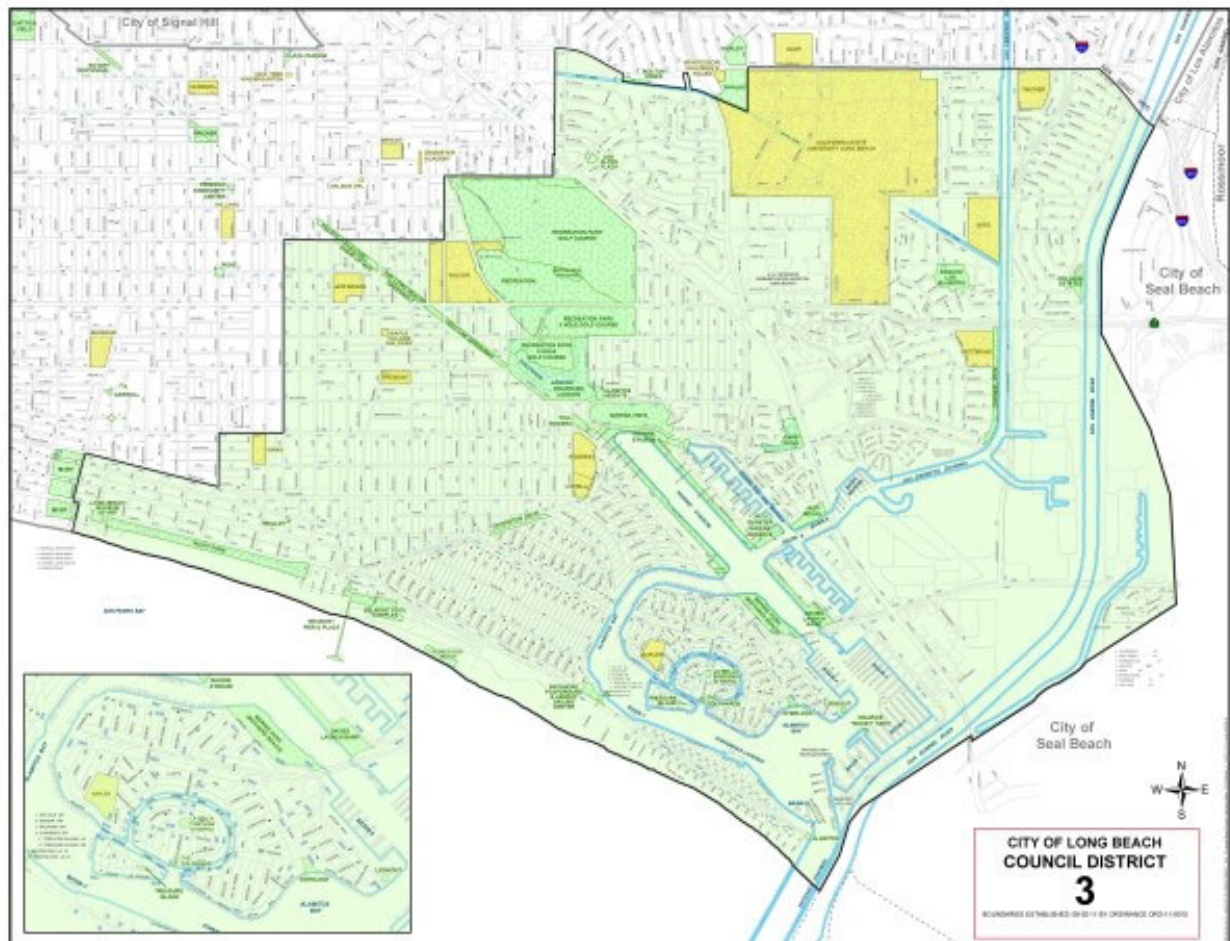
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Re: Redistricting District 3

Retain Existing Boundary Map District 3, City of Long Beach,



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See Attached photo of my Redistricting Boundaries for 2022.

[Redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:Redistricting@longbeach.gov) email address for redistricting.

**From:** Birgit De La Torre <outlook\_7CF8930467E37079@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 2:16 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** final map

**-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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** christine peterson <petersonchristine3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3

**-EXTERNAL-**

IRC Draft Map #1 Amended 10/27/21 is the only map that keeps Bluff Heights together in District C (aka District 3.) Of all the current maps being considered, only this map is supported by the Bluff Heights Board because it keeps together the historic districts and interdependent neighborhoods of Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, Carroll Park, Lowena Drive, and Naples in District C (aka District 3). This map keeps together the 5 coastal historic district neighborhoods, maintains the decades-long relationships of the aligned adjacent neighborhoods, has a diverse demographic makeup, and supports many shared interests for quality of life, public safety, land use, water resources, etc.

As a homeowner, I insist on staying in District C, aka District 3 --- I do not want any change given the reasons above. The Long Beach Government must work and achieve the goals in favor of all of the citizens within Long Beach. All groups must be as one, the LB government cannot favor one group over other groups especially regarding redistricting.

Christine Peterson

**From:** Stephanie Rosenblatt <stephanie.rosenblatt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3: It's ok to redraw

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi,

Thank you for volunteering to serve on this committee.

I am currently a resident of the 3rd District. I know that there has been a lot of outcry about potential new boundaries of our district. I wanted to take a moment to let you know that, as a resident of the 3rd District, I'm fine with the plans that change the District's boundaries. I understand that we need to change those boundaries to ensure that all of the council districts represent roughly the same number of people and there are communities that have been historically under-represented that need to be put together so they can exercise some political power. I also don't care who my councilmember is, of which district I live in, as long as I get to vote. I regularly cross district boundaries all the time to eat/shop/recreate, etc. Since the councilmembers aren't despots, and most decisions are voted on by the group as a whole, I trust that my feelings/ input will be taken into account if I share them with either my councilmember or the body as a whole.

So, as far as I'm concerned, change things up if it will help democratize our city.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Rosenblatt

**From:** Dave Clark <daverclark55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 4:28 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** district boundaries

**-EXTERNAL-**

I am a 35 year resident of the Wrigley neighborhood in Long Beach. I write to urge the commission and City Council to move forward and approve Map 2, the map elevated by the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) entitled, "Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2" (titled 1B on the document <https://longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/maps/irc-draft-map-1b>), which would reunite the South and North neighborhoods of Wrigley, Wrigley Heights and West Long Beach all in one district.

It's vital for the continued development of the Wrigley neighborhood and local businesses that our area is unified under one district. Maps other than Map 2 are, in effect, cracking the multiethnic communities of West Long Beach and Wrigley into 2 or 3 separate districts, denying us the power to elect a candidate of our choice.

I would also strongly request you to reconsider your boundary line that splits Pacific Avenue in half and ask you to move the boundary just a few dozen feet east to put the entirety of Pacific Ave from Willow to PCH into the mapped "G" district with the rest of Wrigley. It would have little to no impact on the residential allocation, but will make a significant difference when new business associations are formed.

For far too long, Wrigley and the West Long Beach areas, diverse working class communities, have been ignored by the more affluent areas north and east of us. Approving a map that would put us at the whim of votes in Bixby Knolls, Bixby Highlands, Cal Heights, etc., communities that openly admit they have little in common with Wrigley and have asked not to share the same district, would do a tremendous disservice to the area's growth, expansion and representation. Please keep Wrigley together. Vote for Map 2 (1B).

Dave Clark  
Managing Editor, Positive Feedback  
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Artist  
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Founding Member  
<http://artcloutlb.com>



**From:** Zoe at Zoe Nicholson <zoe@zoenicholson.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 5:03 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Please accept my letter for your consideration

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission,

My name is Zoe Nicholson. I live in Rose Park and I am a very engaged member of the City of Long Beach. I belong to many local organizations and have given my time to the advancement of human rights for over 50 years. I have stood with a protest sign, prayed with workers, spoken at churches. I work nationally on Gender Equality and Constitutional Inclusion. Locally, my passion has been spent in advancing women & girls, working on the establishment of a Commission for Women & Girls, serving on the Human Relations Commission and the Senior Commission.

The principles that lift a city all circle around community building. We have so many here in Long Beach; Black, Brown, Cambodian, LGBTQ, educators, health professionals and, sadly, growing population of people living without a home. Thriving on any level, in any economic strata, faith, or shared interest, occurs because of camaraderie, being neighbors, sharing celebrations, schools, children playing together.

I don't see anything humane about your lines. In fact, I see lines drawn, neighborhoods divided and, thus, diminishing the strength of our BIG city offering small city living. I see power wildly assigned to one council seat and gutting another. How on earth can downtown and the Port be one domain, led by one councilmember? I need you to look at that.

I am mystified by your glaring lack of understanding of city-building. There are books and people who study what advances a city. You seem to be doing the exact opposite. You are splitting neighborhoods and combining others that have no relationship. Zaferia + Alamitos Beach? Split North Long Beach and Central Long Beach? Dividing the airport? Splitting the Anaheim Corridor which puts Zaferia and Bryant into different districts, when we are one whole neighborhood.

My concern is that you are about to radically divide a city with NO regard for the residents. No one is united, lifted, brightened by these changes. More than any city I have lived in, Long Beach is a family and you are destroying beautiful traditions, safety, understandings and culture. You are assigning influence, power, revenue, labor and business interests into one district. Creating this "Super" district will become a major obstacle to any chance we have to share in the democratic process.

I truly am disgusted at these proposed outcomes. Your criteria is not representative of social justice, democracy, shared power or honoring our diverse communities. I hope and pray that you advance IRC Draft Map 1 to the November 18 meeting and select it as your final map.

Sincerely,  
Zoe Nicholson

Long Beach Elder

Zoe Nicholson

She/her/hers

[Zoe@ZoeNicholson.com](mailto:Zoe@ZoeNicholson.com)

<http://ZoeNicholson.com>



**From:** Elliot Lewis <elliot.lewis.ceo@southcordholdings.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 6:24 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Letter Re: Illegal Redistricting Efforts in Long Beach

**-EXTERNAL-**

Redistricting commissioners,

see attached letter to city attorney. As stated in public comment the entire "equity map" revolved around keeping North Wrigley with the Westside. That is its fatal flaw. It is not grounded in good policy.

The commission was more than willing during the four hour exercise to break North Wrigley from South Wrigley trying to make the pieces fit.

To illustrate the disingenuous nature of what you were doing (besides the illegality of it)

North Wrigley is 31% Latino ( or so ) and South Wrigley is 57% Latino or so....So if you were going to break the Wrigley's pursuant to your stated false premise ( which again is illegal anyway) and this was for "empowering Latinos" then South Wrigley should more logically be held with the Westside then North Wrigley.

This was never tried with the mapping tool at the meeting. I think tying South Wrigley would make more sense the North Wrigley....well unless of course you were just in the tank for the Uranga family.

Either way, I advise you A) read the letter then B) understand that the author of this email has sued in approximately 10 municipalities for bad processes to much success. And for the record, I have no dog in the fight nor support any map specifically, but I am against one that is based in gerrymandering, has no logic to it, has unrelated neighborhoods running together, etc. etc.

Between the two maps, I believe 1RC is much superior to 2B (equity map). It follows much more closely the mandates in the city charter  
I only strive to encourage a fair process.

But mostly this email is to put the commission on notice that I will seek all legal remedies civil and criminal under the law if there is in fact laws and city charter rules that are not followed by the committee.

Elliot Lewis  
Long Beach Resident

# LAW OFFICE OF JEFF AUGUSTINI

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November 5, 2021

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jeff@augustinilaw.com

## VIA EMAIL AND MAIL

Charles Parkin, Esq., City Attorney  
Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney  
Art Sanchez, Deputy City Attorney  
Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney  
City of Long Beach  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

*Re: Fatal Flaws and Improper Influence in City Redistricting Commission Maps;  
Litigation Warning*

All:

I am writing to you on behalf of a concerned citizen of Long Beach to address the redistricting process the currently is ongoing in the City of Long Beach ("City"). Specifically, my client is concerned the Redistricting Commission admittedly is presenting and is supporting Redistricting maps improperly based on race and that are specifically drawn to benefit Roberto Uranga and other political interests. While I will set forth below an overview of the information we have learned or obtained thus far – and our investigation is continuing – we submit the City Attorneys' Office also must immediately investigate these concerns – which should begin with a review of the minutes of the November 3, 2021 Redistricting Meeting, which I understand Ms. Anderson attended, wherein the Chairwoman openly admitted all of the redistricting efforts have centered around an improper effort to keep "disenfranchised" Latino votes together in District G.

We believe your office also must investigate bias and undue influence over what is supposed to be an independent Redistricting Commission, as it is an open secret in the community that the Commission is controlled by, and is acting at the behest of, Rex Richardson and Roberto Uranga.

The basis for my client's present concerns can be summarized as follows:

The early proposed Redistricting maps show a much different, and frankly more reasonable and logical, set of boundaries for the various City Council districts. Then, in an effort to assuage concerns by Mr. Uranga about his political viability based on the boundaries contained in those earlier maps – including Map 1rc -- the Commission was pressured into significantly altering the proposed maps, and more specifically to substantially reconfigure District "G" – which would be

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Uranga's district as reconfigured. That reconfiguration included the removal altogether of the northeast portion of the district, which Mr., Uranga did not believe he would fare well in, and to instead add a significant piece located west of the 710 freeway which originally had been included within proposed District "A" because it contained what the Commission believed to be a significant Latino population. At the November 3, 2021 Commission meeting, the Chairwoman admitted the reconfiguration of District G between Map 1rc and Map 1b was to keep the City's Latino population together in one district. Of course, that purpose violates the prohibition on making race a predominant factor in the redistricting calculation. *See* Exh. A. Further, as it is clear the entire mapping process vis-à-vis District "G" revolves around the residency and political protection of Mr. Uranga, and all other districts have been gerrymandered in an effort to support those improper priorities, it also violates the prohibition on the Commission considering the residence of anyone in the creation of the map, including incumbent or political candidates. *Id.*

The improper foundational intent of the Commission's work – to keep Latinos together and to politically benefit Mr. Uranga based on his residency – in turn has led to the blatant and illogical gerrymandering of virtually every other district, in violation of the requirement that the Commission make districts compact and that it not bypass nearby populations for further away populations. The Commission's violations of those requirements are readily apparent from even a cursory comparison of Maps 1rc and 1b, both of which are attached hereto. *See* Exh. B.

As you can see, for improper racial and political protection purposes, the Commission took the entire Western half of what is now proposed District G from District A, and also removed the entire Northeastern portion of the proposed District G and added it to District E – making District E a clearly gerrymandered and ill-configured district. That then spawned the need to gerrymander other districts, including adding the Northeastern section to District D that previously had been a (logical) part of District E (which, as set forth above, had to be gerrymandered in order to allow District E to accept the Northeastern portion which was removed from District G). To make "the math work," the Commission then was required to badly reconfigure Districts B and F into contorted and illogical geographical shapes, in violation of the requirement that districts be compact (the entirety of District B had been along the coast, yet now takes a "sharp left turn" northwards into territory previously part of District F, causing the need to substantially redraw District F into an equally strange geographical configuration).

Obviously, I cannot fully and properly lay out the entirety of my client's concerns in one concise letter, but I think you get the point (or should) of my client's justifiable concerns, particularly since the Chairwoman admitted on November 3rd that the entire point of Map 1b was to create a district (G) based on race, which created a "domino effect" need to gerrymander *all* of the other proposed districts – all to benefit Mr. Uranga politically. **To be clear**, this matter must be investigated by the City Attorneys' office and rectified immediately, and it must assure that any finally approved map in fact conforms to the legal and procedural requirements under which the Commission must operate, and not based on racial strategies or the political wills or desires of Messrs. Uranga and/or Richardson.

# **LAW OFFICE OF JEFF AUGUSTINI**

Long Beach City Attorneys' Office.

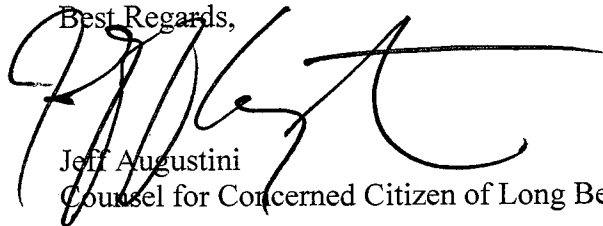
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Please be advised that if this matter is not immediately investigated and then rectified to cure all of the illegal/improper things that are going on, if the Commission is not immediately shorn of undue political control and influence so that it can properly complete its task to draw districts that conform to the law and its own requirements, my client, likely among others, will have no choice but to initiate litigation designed to invalidate any final redistricting map and to require the Commission to start over while (this time) following applicable requirements, and not improper political and/or racial preferences.

As my father used to say, "you have now been warned, so please govern yourselves accordingly."

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Augustini', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Augustini  
Counsel for Concerned Citizen of Long Beach

Cc: Client (via electronic mail)

# EXHIBIT A





# Mapping Hearing

November 3, 2021

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# Mapping Hearing Recap

## October 27, 2021 Hearing

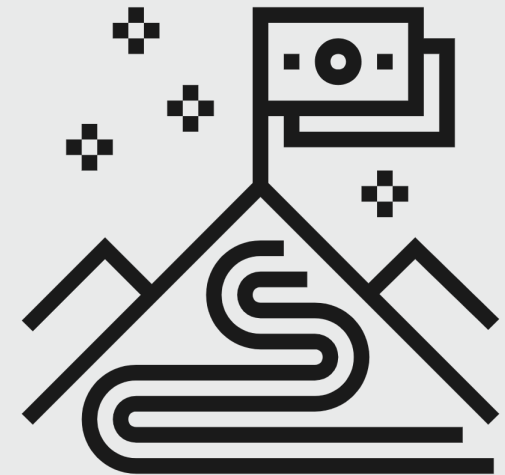
- IRC Draft Map 1 was amended by the Commission to move the southern boundary of District I and to move Wilson High School and the tennis court into District C
- Re-imagined versions of IRC Draft Map 1 requested by the Commission
- Motion for item to be laid over to November 3, 2021 and public comment to taken towards the end of the item



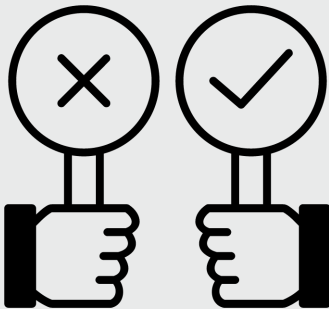
# November 3, 2021 – Mapping Hearing

## Process Overview and Goal

- Discuss potential draft maps and any changes using live line-drawing
- Receive Public Testimony
- Select proposed final map(s) to consider at the November 10, 2021 meeting



## Remaining Mapping Hearings



- Proposed Final Plan Selection
  - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – City Hall
  - The Commission will be selecting a proposed final map to be approved at the next meeting.
  - *Note: Last Opportunity to Make Substantial Changes to a Map*
- Vote on the Final Map (Up or Down Vote)
  - Thursday, November 18, 2021 – City Hall
  - The Commission will approve a final map.
  - Mapping Hearings Complete

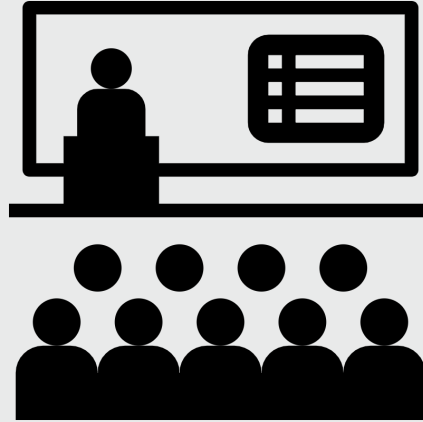
# Community of Interest Testimony

May 2021 – Present



739 Communities of Interest (COI) Form Submissions

Over 1,000 Pages of Emails from the Public



10 Community Outreach Meetings

3 Mapping Hearings

12.5 Hours of Public Comment Overall



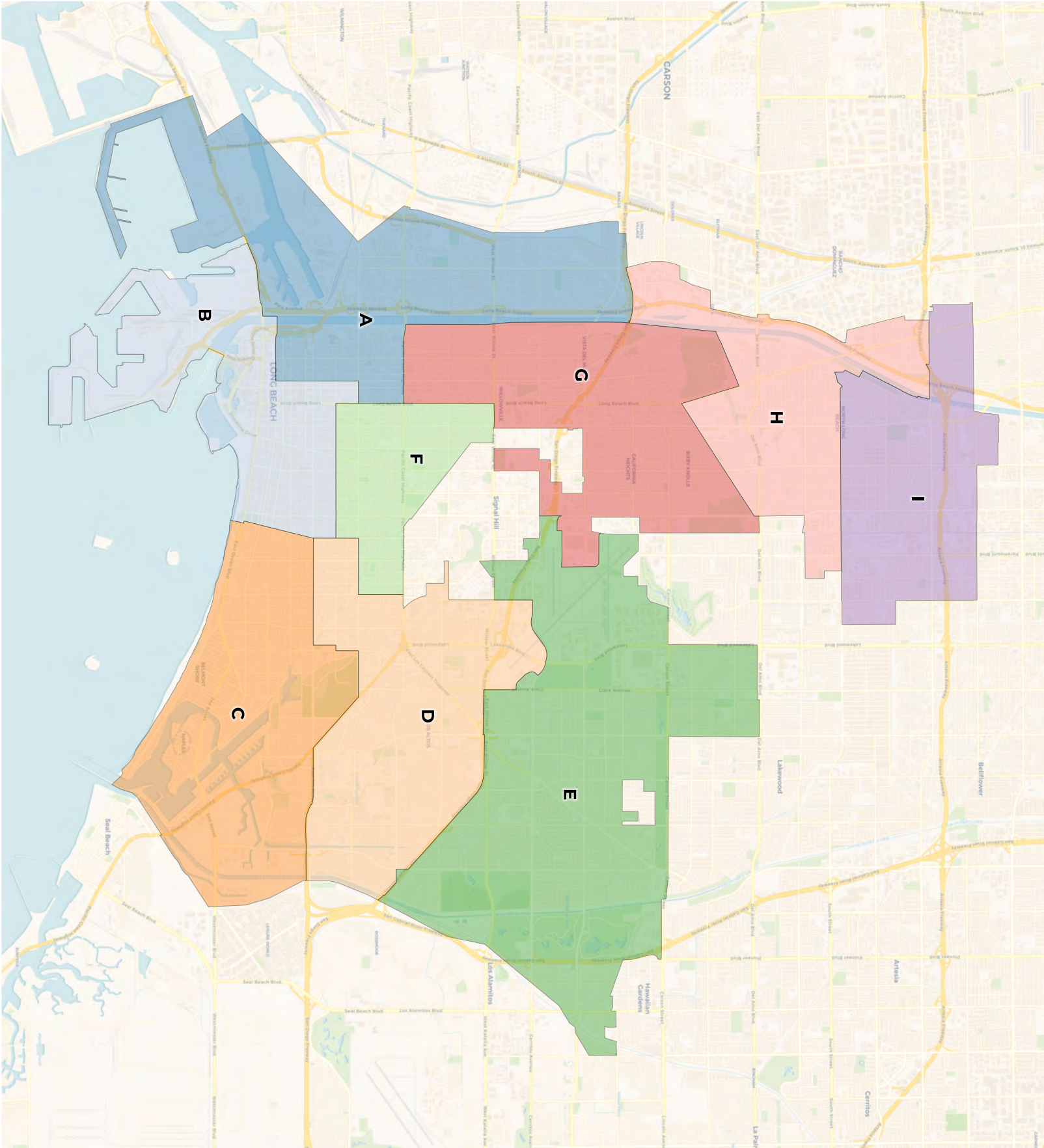
Over 86 COI mapping tool submissions

# Requirements and Criteria in the City Charter

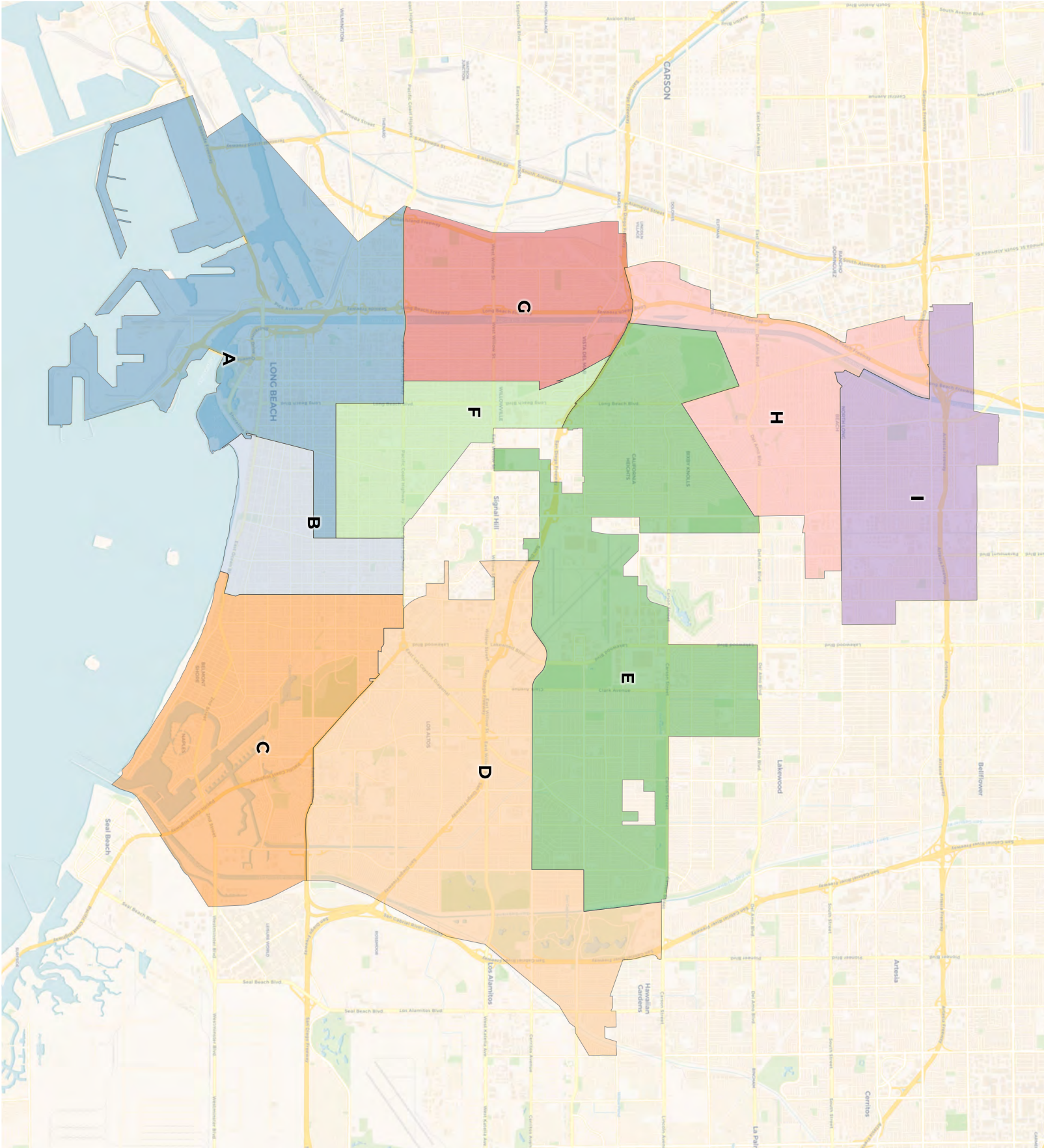
- **All Districts are of Equal Population** - State law allows for the commission to have up to 10% total deviation
- **Following Federal Voting Rights Act / Applicable Laws** - Race cannot be a predominant factor in redistricting. Communities that have Federal Voting Rights in need of protection will be prioritized based on legal counsel input.
- **Contiguous** – Each district shall be one whole contiguous unit, to the extent practicable, and have clearly defined boundaries
- **Minimize Divisions of Neighborhoods** – The geographic integrity of neighborhoods should be respected in manner that minimizes division of neighborhoods.
- **Minimize Divisions of Communities of Interest** - The geographic integrity of a community of interest should be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
- **Minimize Divisions of Neighborhoods and Communities** – Neighborhoods and communities sharing a common language, history, culture and identity should not be divided so as to dilute their voting power
- **Geography / Topography** – Districts should respect major topographic and geographic features of the City
- **Understandable by Voters** - Making districts that are sensible and can be easily understood by residents.
- **Compact** – Making districts compact shapes and not bypassing nearby populations for far-away populations.
- **Follow Census Blocks** – Using the census geography provided by the State of California to preserve the validity of data and avoid arbitrary boundaries
- **Residence of Any Individual Cannot Be Considered.** The Commission cannot consider the place of residence of any individual, including any incumbent or political candidate, in the creation of a map.

# EXHIBIT B











**From:** Gopi Shah <gshah25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 7:28 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Draft Map 2

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Commission,

I'm writing to express concern about my address and the Draft Map 2 being proposed. I currently live on Raymond Ave between 7th and 10th Street. My home is in the proposed District A, which includes Downtown, Washington, and half of the Westside. However, I don't think our neighborhood has similar issues to those of the aforementioned neighborhoods. Moreover, you are splitting up our Rose Park neighborhood, which has a very strong neighborhood group and a sense of pride. I would urge you to keep the square between Cherry and Junipero and 7th and 10th with District B and to keep our neighborhood together.

Thank you,

-Gopi

**From:** Mary Simmons <marylsimmons6119@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:14 AM

**To:** Alison Spindler-Ruiz <Alison.Spindler-Ruiz@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** Bradley Bounds <Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Jesus Lopez <jlopez11@live.com>; Cassandra Davis <cassandra.aop@gmail.com>; Melissa Williams <melissafaerie@gmail.com>; Carrie Eldridge <Carriejoeldridge@gmail.com>; Sanghak Kan <sanghakkan@yahoo.com>; Fatima Castro <fatimacastro.LB@gmail.com>; Pam Chotiswatdi <pamc.lbca@gmail.com>; Chan Hopson <chopsonkpa@gmail.com>; Adam Hijazi <adam.lbca@gmail.com>; Steven <theibca.com>; Alan Partlow <apartlow@gmail.com>; Rocio Torres <addy1412lbc@gmail.com>; Patricia Aleman <Patricia.Aleman@longbeach.gov>; Mia Hernandez <Mia.Hernandez@longbeach.gov>; Connor Lock <Connor.Lock@longbeach.gov>; Chork Nim <Chork.Nim@longbeach.gov>; Barbara Moore <Barbara.Moore@longbeach.gov>; Ray Morquecho <Ray.Morquecho@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Anaheim, Orange, Cherry and 7th Street (AOC7) Neighborhood Association

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good morning Alison,

It was so good talking with you today! We would love for AOC7 to be added to the planning neighborhood map. Here's the email we sent to Bradley.

We also added this link with our work with the City.

AOC7 has partnered with the City on many initiatives like creating a cleaner, safer community including tree planting. In partnership with the City of Long Beach we've planted over 400 trees within our neighborhood and removed 70,000 tons of trash every year for the past 10 years.

[Neighborhood Group Teams Up With the City to Build a Safer, Cleaner Community \(longbeach.gov\)](https://www.longbeach.gov/neighborhood-group-teams-up-with-the-city-to-build-a-safer-cleaner-community)

Thank you.

Mary Simmons

AOC7 Neighborhood Organization

On Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 6:29 PM Rocio Torres <[addy1412lbc@gmail.com](mailto:addy1412lbc@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Bradley and IRC,

AOC7 Neighborhood has been around since 2011. We have defined our neighborhood with community building and creating a safer and better community. The City of Long Beach and LBPD continuously has recognized our neighborhood as a model to follow. AOC7 has clean boundaries, Anaheim on the North, Orange on the West, Cherry on the East and 7th Street on the South, however, we work outside our boundaries to improve all of our areas.

**We are asking to be recognized as a neighborhood on the new City Neighborhood Map.**

AOC7 has collaborated with Rose Parks, Alamitos Beach, Cambodian Town, Craftsman Village Historic District and many others.

## **Research**

City of Long Beach Website:

<https://www.longbeach.gov/district2/community/associations/neighborhood/>

Website:

<https://www.aoc7neighborhood.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AOC7LBC/>

Nationally Recognized NUSA:

<https://lbpost.com/news/city/long-beach-neighborhood-groups-win-big-in-palm-springs-conference>

AOC7 Literacy Fair:

<https://lbpost.com/news/education/aoc7-to-host-sixth-annual-book-drive-and-literacy-fair/>

NextDoor:

<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/aoc7--long-beach--ca/>

NonProfit of the Year 2021

<https://calnonprofits.org/programs/california-nonprofit-of-the-year-2021/2021-nonprofits-of-the-year-los-angeles-honorees>

Other articles:

<https://www.randomlengthsnews.com/archives/2016/08/05/aoc7-neighborhood-sets-mind-safety/13452?v=7516fd43adaa>

<https://www.presstelegram.com/2017/04/19/long-beachs-aoc7-neighborhood-has-turned-from-fear-to-fun/>

<https://www.presstelegram.com/2011/11/01/neighborhood-on-mission/>

Thank you,

Rocio Torres

Pronouns-she/her/hers

AOC7 Board Member

A community that is engaged and working together is a powerful force.-Idowu Koyenikan

**From:** Andi Svenneby <asvenneby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Equity Map

**-EXTERNAL-**

I'm disappointed the commission did not even vote for the equity map to get moved forward last week to make amendments to this week.

Many community members in the most marginalized neighborhoods in our city worked diligently together as a team for weeks on a map.

The commission didn't even wait for the analysis on for many neighborhoods were split and just threw it out without allowing it to be modified at the next meeting to mend some neighborhoods. After public comment was given on the splits, we heard from people that worked on the map why they split where they did and it made sense to me as a resident of many neighborhoods of Long Beach over the last 22 years. When you live in these neighborhoods you see the difference from block to block, which might be due to previous district lines. For example, I live in the south end of St. Mary's neighborhood and I am naturally more connected to the neighborhoods south of me and would rather be connected to that district than on the other side of the hospital which is like a mountain range, like the airport.

I just can't believe the community is encouraged to participate and submit maps and not one was given the time and respect it deserved, even though they were within guidelines. This goes for the other gentlemen that commented about his map and revision submitted.

I did not work on any maps but I am disappointed in the process of the commission not giving community maps a forum. I believe these maps should be looked at and worked on the most. Especially the equity map because it was formed from many voices of the parts of Long Beach that need to be empowered. Once again, unfortunately they've been disempowered. The voices of the commission are only as strong as those voices the uplift. One or two people from the commission from these communities cannot represent their voices if the work of those in the community are being ignored.

Thank you,  
Andrea Svenneby  
Concerned citizen in St.Mary's

**From:** Sean Bernhoft  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** [Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov](mailto:Bradley.Bounds@longbeach.gov)  
**Cc:** Celina Luna <[Celina.Luna@longbeach.gov](mailto:Celina.Luna@longbeach.gov)>; Alvin Avina <[Alvin.Avina@longbeach.gov](mailto:Alvin.Avina@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Resident concerns with the redistricting process

Good morning Bradley,

Please see the message below. Ms. McKibben has concerns about access related to the redistricting process. Could you please reach out to Ms. McKibben to discuss her concerns? Email: [susanmckibben@gmail.com](mailto:susanmckibben@gmail.com)

Thank you for your help.

Best,

**Sean Bernhoft, MPA**  
Field Deputy, District 7  
Office of Councilmember Roberto Uranga  
411 W. Ocean Blvd, 11th Floor  
562-570-7777

**From:** Susan McKibben <[susanmckibben@gmail.com](mailto:susanmckibben@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:50 PM  
**To:** Council District 7 <[District7@longbeach.gov](mailto:District7@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Process

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Councilmember Uranga,

I urge you and all those involved in City Council redistricting to truly seek constituent input by meeting Long Beach residents where they are. The current efforts, using primarily online channels, just aren't sufficient. They are inaccessible to many, and many more just don't use them often enough or well enough for these to be the only outreach tools. A fair redistricting process is the foundation of every other means of representation; residents deserve a robust and thorough process to seek out and gather their input into the process. There should be members of the committee pounding the pavement, talking to folks in grocery stores, libraries, public parks, warehouse parking lots, preschools, where they actually ARE. Please do all you can to ensure that public input is truly captured, and not leave it at hollow gestures that will only further advantage the already advantaged. ALL of Long Beach needs to be heard.

Thank you,  
Susan McKibben  
District 7 resident

**From:** Karen Chaderjian <kchaderjian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 11:23 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Reject Map 2, it breaks up natural Atlantic Ave. corridor

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Redistricting Commission,

This letter is in rejection of Map 2, which ties the Bixby Knolls/Los Cerritos with East Long Beach.

It disregards the natural common interests that the current Council Districts 7, 8, and 9 have. Why break us apart when it is healthy for our communities together?

I am a Bixby Knolls resident who lives just south of San Antonio, here is what I do north of San Antonio in "Uptown" in the 8th and 9th districts:

- shop
- dine
- go to the Michelle Obama Library
- use Houghton Park
- attend senior activities
- ride bus and other mass transit

Why create a new council district on an East-West horizontal?

**- Map 2 does not reflect the lives and priorities of people who live there.**

**- Map 2 breaks up a very natural multi-racial, multicultural, varied socio-economic connection** to our communities that blends us together over common priorities. That is healthy for us. **Our current 8th and 9th districts bind us, rather than divide us.** If we are to go forward as a society, we need those natural ties.

I strongly object to Map 2 and the thinking behind it.

I look forward to seeing the thinking of other alternatives.

Sincerely,

Karen Chaderjian

**From:** Alan Burks <Alan@environarch.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 11:28 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Tonia Reyes Uranga <tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Map 2 with revisions

**-EXTERNAL-**

Wrigley is still split between 2 districts. The area bounded by Pacific Ave, PCH, LBB and Willow is a major part of Wrigley and should be kept in the same district as the rest rest of Wrigley.

Regards,  
Alan Burks, AIA, LEED® AP  
President :: Director of Architecture

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**From:** Greg Ernst <greg@gregernst.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 11:55 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Wrigley! In support of MAP 2

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hope you guys are well, and working hard. This is a big deal!

Our neighborhood has been divided, and chopped, and underserved for generations. We are WRIGLEY! We run from the 405 to PCH, and there's no reason our district map should not reflect this.

I have not followed this as closely as some, but I see that Map 2 keeps Wrigley intact (more effectively than the previous districting, frankly), with no nonsensical arbitrary divisions. While we are very different from the West Side, we see and promote harmony and cooperation on either side of the L.A. River. The map below makes sense.

[https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/Draft\\_Map\\_2.html](https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/Draft_Map_2.html)

From what I hear, some members of the committee are advocating additional divisions, for what purpose, I don't know.

Using Willow as a DIVIDING line makes no sense. That is the CENTER line of Wrigley: one of the most diverse, vibrant, and up-and-coming neighborhoods in Long Beach, and possibly the state. Additionally, the Pacific Ave. corridor is a vibrant and integral part of our neighborhood, and it makes NO sense to divide it, excluding it from Wrigley. The opportunities on Pacific will require a unified front to realize, and I see so many opportunities for art, music, culture, business on both sides.

Wrigley is our little slice of Long Beach, and we need representation that truly gives us a voice in the City and beyond.

We hang out together.  
We work together.  
We support each others' businesses and art.  
We crave our share of city support, too, but we know this is on us.

Please keep Wrigley unified, and help us grow in status, quality of life, and business successes. We need a strong, unified district, and we look forward to the final map reflecting that.

Thank you for your consideration!

Greg Ernst  
Long Beach resident since 1977.  
Wrigley resident since 2016.  
Realtor since 2004, advocate always, once-impactful musician.

**Greg Ernst, Realtor**

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**From:** Mary Parsell <mfp2001@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** IRC Draft map 1 PREFER

**-EXTERNAL-**

November 9, 2021

## **My family and I prefer IRC Draft map 1**

REASON: It keeps all of El Dorado Park West in one district E (currently District 5)

Adjacent neighborhoods to El Dorado Park need to be in same council district. This includes El Dorado Park South which is just south of the park and north of 405 Freeway.

We are just south of 405 Freeway and are content to be in the district D (currently District 4).

Thank you.

Mary Parsell

[mfp2001@hotmail.com](mailto:mfp2001@hotmail.com)

**From:** Kathy Bogner <ksbogner@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Re districting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Commissioners:

As a resident of Belmont Shore, I recommend the following adjustments be made to **Proposed Final Map IRC Map 2**. Move the southwestern boundary of District C from Redondo to Junipero, placing Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, and Carroll Park into District C. Please consider the views expressed here as part of your community input and include it in your decision-making.

Kathy Bogner, PT  
In-Home Therapy

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From: Jerry Pohl <jerrypohl@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 1:39 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: District 5 Map

-EXTERNAL-

Staff,

I am sure you have been receiving many comments about the redesign of District 5, but I must tell it ruins the sense of common ties in the district. The new plan has it wandering over clear into Bixby Knolls and lops off El Dorado. Crazy!

What was the purpose of that?

Moreover, District 5 pretty much aligns with 90808 with an office in Wardlow Park. I am sure you have no plans to move the D5 office over closer to Bixby Knolls! What will the Bixby Knolls people say when they find their council person serves them from Wardlow Park?

Senseless!

Jerry Pohl

**From:** Michael Bates <michaelbates@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Latest proposed map

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello,

I am in support of this latest version of the new District Map. My only comment as it relates to the existing District map is;

- District E (which is already huge) is incorporating land from District G. This doesn't seem to meet the requirement to be "substantially similar" as stated in the Charter.

MICHAEL BATES

**From:** Keyona Montgomery <keyona.m.montgomery@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 2:16 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting - POLB

**-EXTERNAL-**

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of downtown Long Beach, and a former City of Long Beach employee, I think it would be best to split Downtown and the Port into two districts. Why? If not, wouldn't that be too much power for one elected official?

As mentioned in my previous email, the LB Airport is proposed to be represented by several Council Districts, and I believe the Port should be the same way. Please take this into consideration when determining how the future of Long Beach will be.

Sincerely,

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**Keyona Montgomery**  
CSULB Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate  
Member of Junior League of Long Beach

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**From:** Wrigley Association <wrigleyassociation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Wrigley Association Statement on Redistricting Plan

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Redistricting Commission,

Please find attached an official letter from the Wrigley Association regarding the current Redistricting Plan and how it pertains to our community.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Sincerely,

Alex Tomko  
President, Wrigley Association



P.O. Box 16192, Long Beach, CA 90806  
wrigleyassociation@gmail.com

November 9, 2021

Re: Redistricting Plan for the Wrigley Neighborhood

Honorable Commissioners,

The Wrigley Community is the largest contiguous residential community 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 2 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 map still divides Wrigley at Pacific Avenue. Pacific Avenue, being a major commercial street, should not be divided by 2 council districts, and the Wrigley community has always extended east to Long Beach Boulevard. Long Beach Blvd. is a natural divide because of the light rail.

Please consider maintaining the integrity of the largest and oldest cohesive communities in Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Wrigley Association

**Our Mission:** The Wrigley Association is a 501 C4 non-profit organization, (CA State ID # 1673284) whose mission is to promote the common interest, instill pride, establish and encourage the highest standards in Wrigley. To foster an active understanding of citizenship and civic responsibility. To oppose and discourage discrimination and to create a sense of belonging. To promote higher business standards and encourage uniformity and cooperation among merchants, property owners and residents. To eliminate crime, promote community pride, and develop wholesome, enjoyable, cultural, social, and physical activities.

**From:** BHCA Community Association <bhcalb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 4:01 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** COI-Adjustments to Proposed Final Draft Map-Draft Map 2

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Honorable Commission,

Please see the attached letter from the Board of Directors asking for consideration to amend the Proposed Final Draft Map-Draft Map 2 with the outlined recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
The Board of Directors of the Belmont Heights Community Association

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Gina Redican , President  
**Belmont Heights Community Association**  
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November 10th, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission  
City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Regarding: Recommendations of adjustments to Proposed Final Draft Map IRC Draft Map 2 for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Dear Redistricting Commission of Long Beach,

The Board of Directors of the Belmont Heights Community Association (BHCA) wish to show our gratitude for your continued efforts and your abilities to listen and considerably implement suggestions from the public.

We, the BHCA understand why IRC Draft Map 1-Amended Oct. 27 was not promoted as it does not suit the needs of other neighborhoods and districts of Long Beach. The BHCA wish to ask for consideration of the adjustment to the Proposed Final Draft Map-IRC Draft Map 2 in an effort to keep neighborhoods of common interests whole and together within District C.

The below recommendations are the results of a collaborative effort from residents and representatives from the respective neighborhood associations: Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Alamitos Heights, Carroll Park, and Lowena Drive. Our review focused specifically on the 'Requirements and Criteria' of the commission in the City Charter which include:

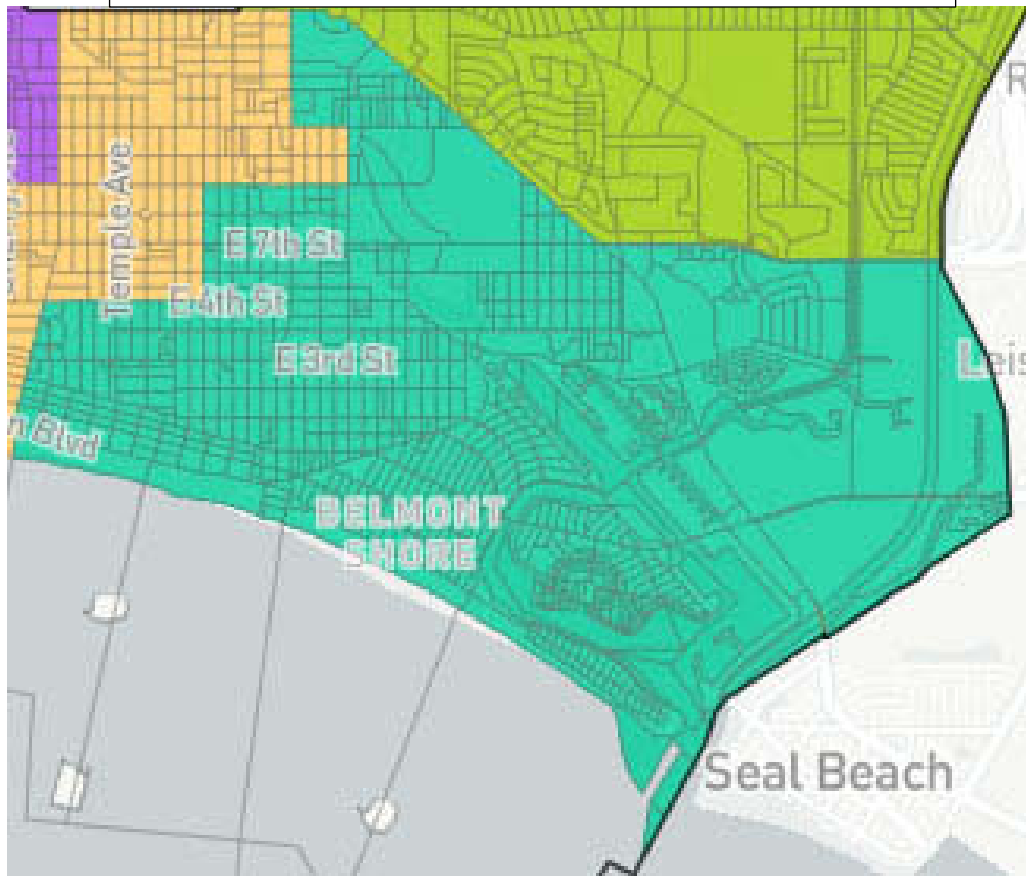
- Minimize Divisions of Neighborhoods and communities sharing a common language, history, culture and identity
- Keep each district a whole, contiguous unit with clearly defined boundaries
- Achieve districts of equal population

Based on the above, we recommend the following adjustments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2): (Please see images of maps provided below)

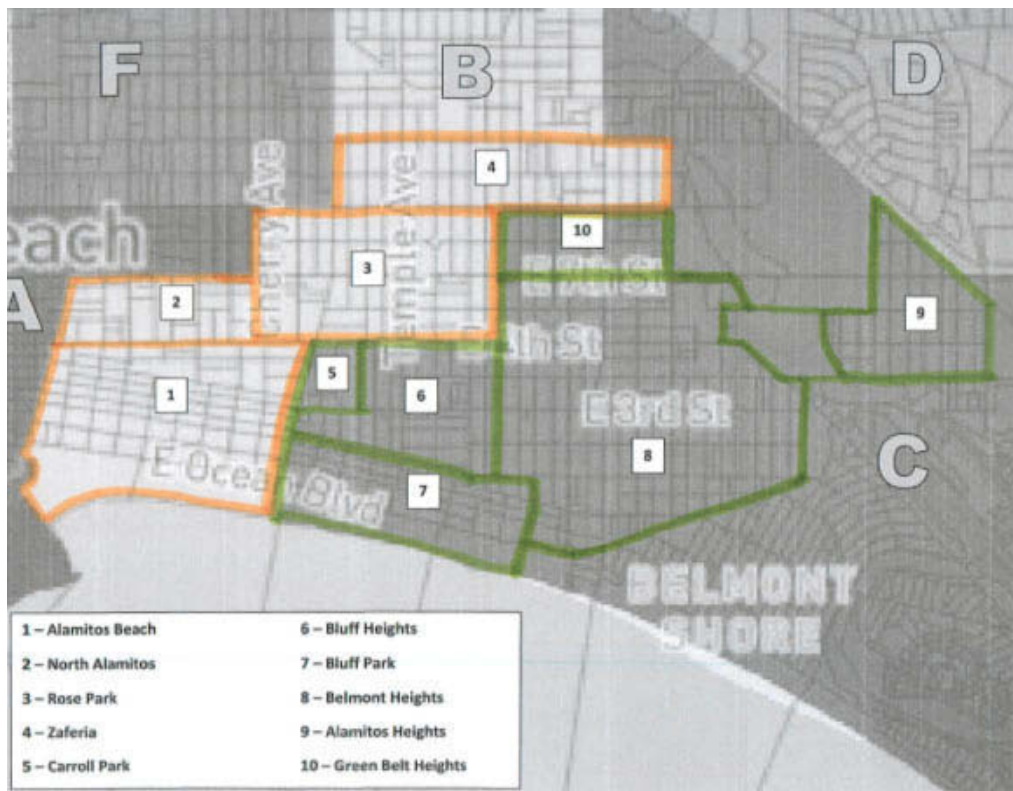
1. At E. Ocean Blvd., move the western border of District C to Junipero Avenue
2. At E. 4th St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Avenue
3. At E. 10th St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Avenue
4. At E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Termino Avenue
5. Between E. 7th St. and E. 10th St., move the eastern border of District B to Cherry Avenue

Together we took careful consideration not to disrupt the boundaries of the western boarder of proposed District B.

**IRC Draft Map 2 reflecting suggested adjustments**



**Informational Outline of Historic Districts & Organized Communities**



Respectfully submitted,  
BELMONT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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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
- Chuck Liddiard, Member at Large
- Will Cullen, Member at Large
- Ardis Laine, Member at Large

**From:** diana lejins <dianalejins@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 4:32 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** diana lejins <dianalejins@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Fw: LB Redistricting - Please distribute to Commissioners and Include in Agenda

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners

While I cannot be there in person, I felt a pressing need to convey my thoughts on this "independent" redistricting commission.

Firstly, even the appointments of commissioners was hardly independent considering the chain of command. (Mayoral appointments-Ethics-Redistricting) That, in of itself, has cast a very dark shadow on this entity.

Secondly, the blatant jockeying of positions to oust one councilperson for another hopeful is exactly what this commission was supposed to avoid. With a few exceptions that could be made with a small amount of adjusting for population numbers and prior gerrymandering, the districts that exist today should be left in place.

Thirdly, while "communities of interest" is a good concept, it should NOT be based on racial or cultural makeup. How can you justify any racially or culturally based divide when in the same breath claiming prejudice by another race not engaging in the same activity.? Discrimination is still discrimination regardless of who does it.

Fourth, the airport and port are extremely important to the whole of this city. Neither should be tied to any one district. They can be carved out as separate entities so that the entire city council is both responsible and concerned about their well being.

You all have a duty to the citizens of Long Beach to act independently and responsibly. The future of this city is in your hands. Please don't fritter that ideal away for political or any other gain.

Yours truly  
Diana Lejins  
Concerned Citizen

PS. One more consideration in this mix is the cost to taxpayers for making dramatic changes. Our taxes are way too high as it is.

**From:** Karime Burciaga <karimeb562@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 4:37 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Support #71392

**-EXTERNAL-**

Honorable Long Beach Commissioners,

My name is Karime Burciaga. I live in West Long Beach. Please support and elevate the LB equity map #71392 to keep communities of color together!

With much appreciation,  
Karime Burciaga



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November 9, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission  
City of Long Beach  
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Long Beach, California 90802  
[redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov)

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association's Board would like to extend our appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the City's redistricting process.

Over these many weeks, Bluff Heights has worked closely and collaboratively with the leadership of Bluff Park, Belmont Shore, Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights and Carroll Park. In fact, this collaboration reflects decades of collaboration with our other historic and coastal area communities and is evidence that we should, indeed, stay whole and together as we have continued to support our communities of interest.

It is extremely important that you are aware that another map ( Map # 77344) and letter submitted to you on November 7 is disputed by the Board of Bluff Heights. In this letter, the author inaccurately stated that Bluff Heights agrees with, "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."

I do not know who the signed residents of Bluff Heights are as they are only identified on a google document that we did not have access to but I want to reiterate that the Board of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association does not agree with these statements of changes offered on our behalf. Rather, as we have stated throughout this process, Bluff Heights should be kept whole with one City Council representative and we should be aligned with our Community of Interests in District C. We are

very disappointed that someone would inaccurately represent the decisions made by the elected Board of Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.

**The Bluff Heights Board supports the following adjustments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). We believe that these adjustments maintain the goals you set forward in this map and the minor adjustments we suggest, would not disrupt the integrity of other communities which were reflected in the Proposed Final Map (map 2.).**

We would respectfully ask that you make the following adjustments to your Proposed Final Map. 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.

1. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave.
2. Between E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Ave.
3. Between E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. and E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Ave.
4. Between E. Anaheim St. and Pacific Coast Highway, move the western border of District C to Termino Ave.
5. Between E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the eastern border of District B to Cherry Ave.

**These suggested adjustments will bring Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, Carroll Park and Lowena Drive into the larger Community of Interest including Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples and the Peninsula. (on-line link for Map 76918. <https://districtr.org/plan/76918>)**

**We submit this information to you on behalf of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Board.** Please illustrate these changes that we have noted in the public meeting on November 10. **This transparency will be beneficial to all of the impacted communities.**

Sincerely,

**Donna Sievers**

**President Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association**

**From:** Donna Sievers <donnarsievers@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 7:05 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** Maria Kootsikis <mkoosikas@outlook.com>; Frank Ginipro <premworks@hotmail.com>; Debbie Davis <seadelight@hotmail.com>; Rick Schank <rschank169@gmail.com>; Theresa Marino <surfsidejo@gmail.com>; David Clement <teamdrcllement@gmail.com>; Alexandra Cannarella <aecannarella@gmail.com>

**Subject:** November 10th Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please see attached information from the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.  
Thank you.  
Donna Sievers  
Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association President



**From:** Israel Franco <jfrancoi@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:23 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Redistricting District 8 Zipcode.

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We Reina and Juan Israel Franco are residents of the 8 district and have lived in this district for over 24 years, to be more specific we live at. It has come to our knowledge that you are considering in changing the zip code for our area in Ridgewood Heights, by you doing so you will be changing the market value of the homes in this neighborhood which we believe is very inappropriate. Now our question; like many of our neighbors, what is the criteria that you are using to do this change?.

For your information we oppose very strongly to this change that you are planning to do in our area; your prompt attention to this matter and to be on the side of all the property owners that live in this area is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Reina and Juan I. Franco.

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**From:** BPNA President <president@bluffpark.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:27 PM

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

**Subject:** BPNA Letter to the Independent Redistricting Commission - Meeting November 10, 2021 - Agenda 21-132RC

**-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 the attached and [linked letter \(click here\)](#), for your meeting tomorrow, November 10, 2021, under Agenda Item 21-132RC.

We believe that your "Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)" is workable and can be minorly updated in a few simple adjustments without disruption to your goals as a commission, while also incorporating as *Whole and Together* our coastal historic district neighborhoods and intercoastal communities in District C.

Thank you so much for all your diligence, time, and care!

Sincerely,  
-jeff

**Jeffrey Mallin**

President

*(pronouns: he/him/his)*

**Bluff Park Neighborhood Association**

5050 E. 2nd St. # 14682, Long Beach, California 90853

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# Bluff Park 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,

The **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association** (BPNA) Board of Directors thanks you for your continuing efforts on the difficult task of redistricting. Working together over the last several weeks have been the leaders and board members of associations in Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, Carroll Park, and members of the Friends of Belmont Shore. Just as we asked you to hear our comments supporting "IRC Draft Map 1" related to our community of interest within the District C, we have heard and respect you in your decision last week not to advance that map.

In the spirit of compromise, we believe the **Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)** is indeed workable and can be simply updated in a few minor easy adjustments without significant disruption to your goals, while incorporating our community of interest. Our key tenets continue to be **Whole and Together**.

- **Keep our neighborhoods whole**, and
- **Keep our coastal historic district neighborhoods and intercostal neighborhoods together**.

This will result in bringing **Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Carroll Park, and Lowena Drive** into the community of interest with the neighborhoods of **Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples** and the **Peninsula**. See images on next pages and shown online using this link for **Map 76918**: <https://districtr.org/plan/76918>

The positive impacts of these minor changes will be that an amended *Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)* ...

- Respects and leaves untouched your handiwork in the other Districts of D, E, F, G, H, and I.
- Brings five coastal historic district neighborhoods together and binds the inter-coastal communities together.
- Creates equivalent populations and retains diversity makeup in Districts A, B, and C.
- Corrects the division of some neighborhoods that came from discrepancies in actual neighborhood boundaries.

In the *Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)*, we kindly please ask that you make the following minor adjustments:

1. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave.
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5. Between E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the eastern border of District B to Cherry Ave.

If you consider other maps, our community of interest neighborhoods as shown should please be retained whole and all together. Through volunteer resident organizations, these neighborhoods have long engaged with each other and share common interests in quality of life, safety, land, water, and preservation – assets valued by the whole city.

The BPNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and its board is elected to represent those who live, own and rent in the Bluff Park Historic District, a historically designated residential neighborhood since 1982, roughly running from Ocean Boulevard on the south to East Broadway on the north, and from Junipero Avenue on the west to Loma Avenue on the east.

Thank you for considering this minor update to **Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)** to reflect the coastal historic district neighborhoods and intercoastal neighborhoods need to remain whole and together.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mallin, BPNA President

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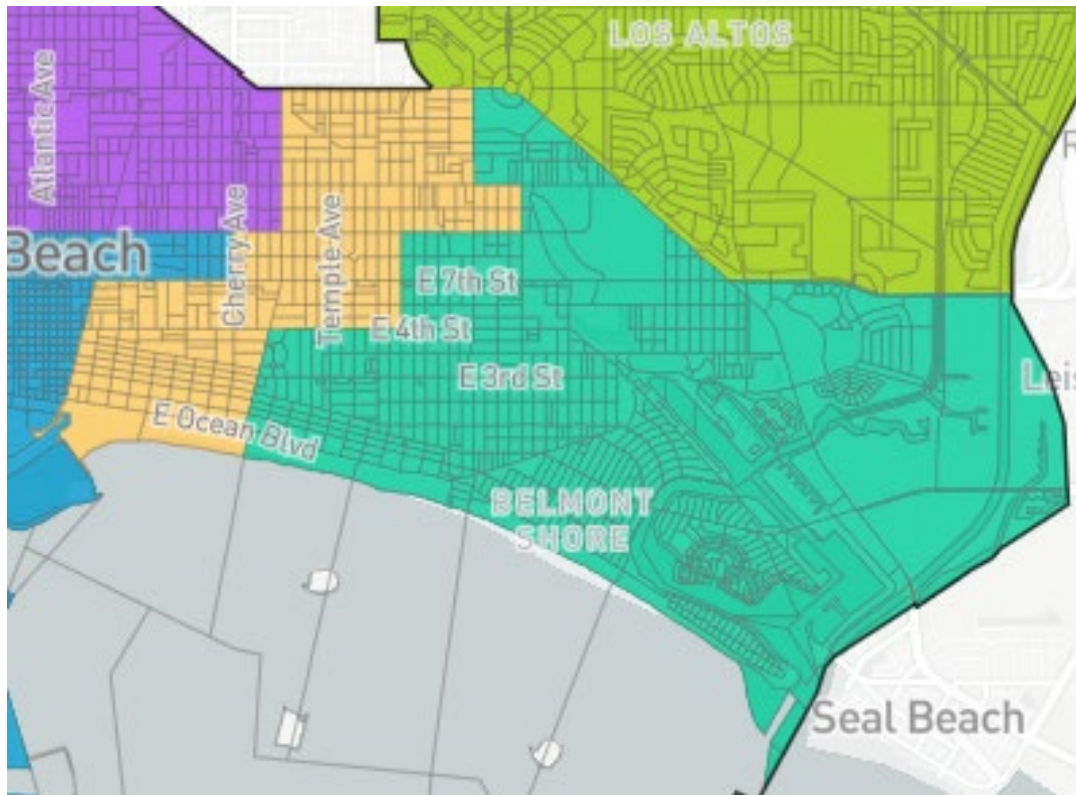


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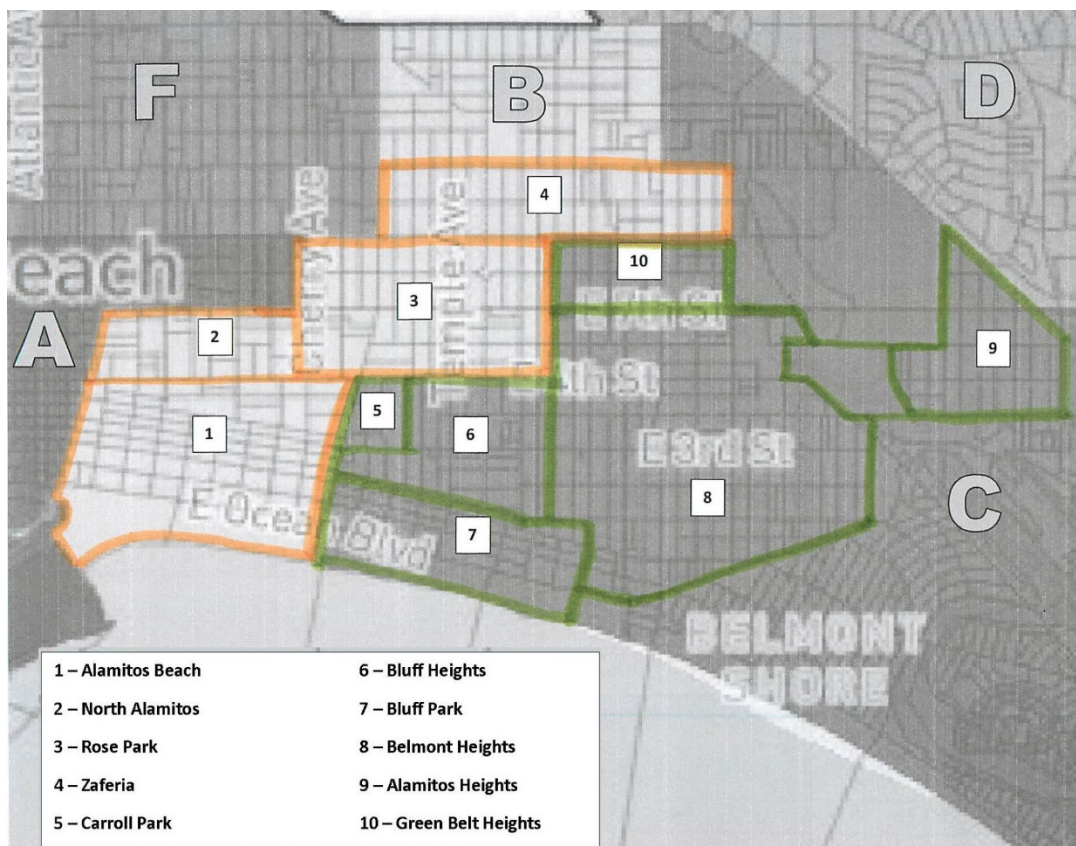


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Proposed District C Boundaries (illustrated by Map 76918 as a *suggested adjustment* to IRC Draft Map 2):

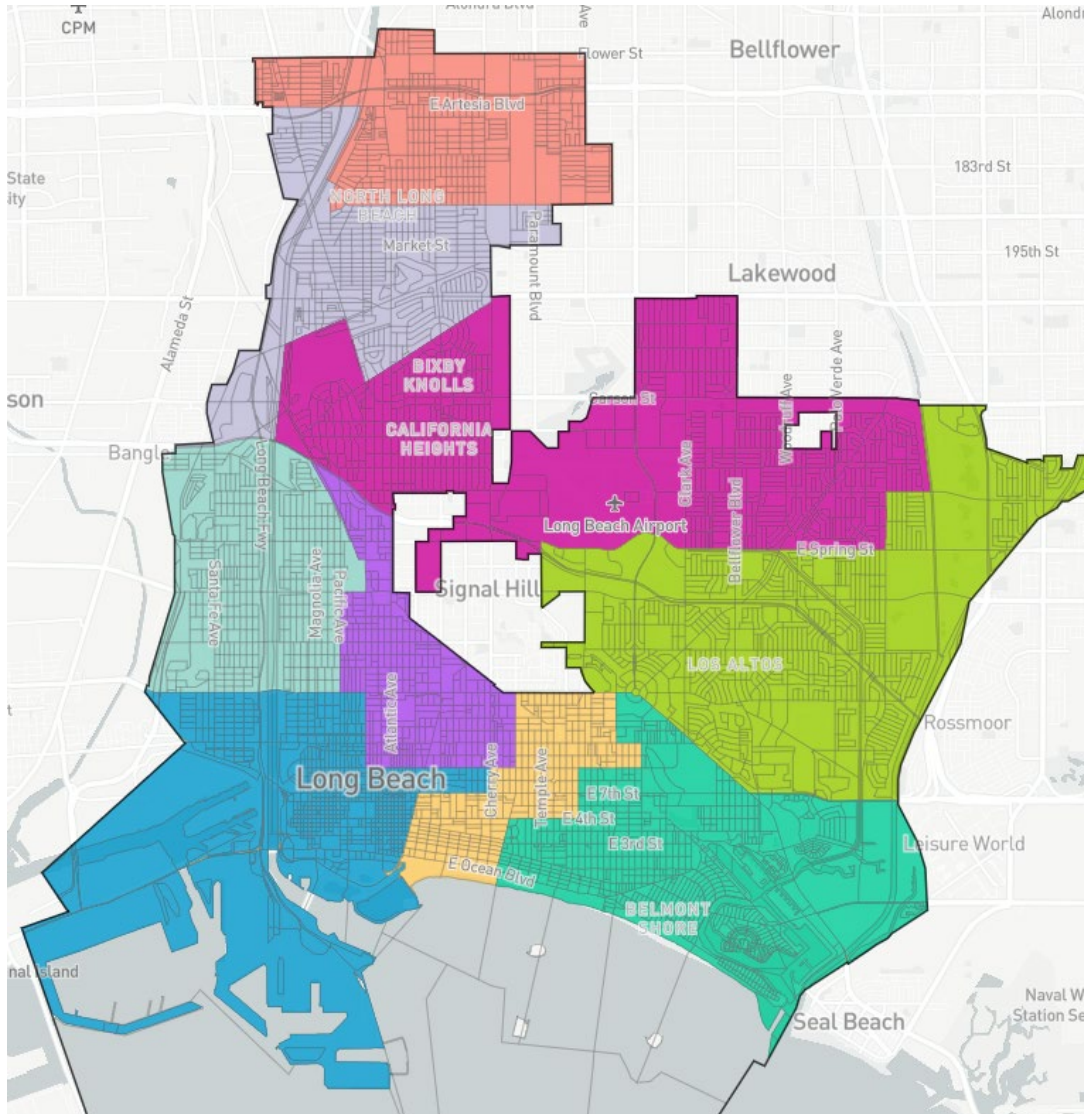


Informational outline of historic districts and organized communities:



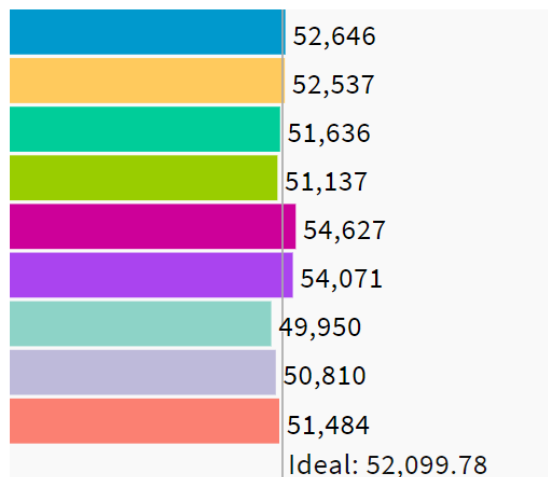


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**Population Balance**

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census data on 2020 Blocks.



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**From:** mpumphr@aol.com <mpumphr@aol.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:48 PM

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

**Subject:** Redistricting input for the Nov 10th meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

As Long Beach residents these are the adjustments we would like to you to make to **Proposed Final Map IRC Map 2**. Please consider the views expressed here as part of your community input and include it in your decision-making. Thank you for your time.

In the Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2), we kindly please ask that you make the following minor adjustments:

**1. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4th St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave.**

**Please also consider these adjustments:**

2. Between E. 4th St. and E. 10th St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Ave.

3. Between E. 10th St. and E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Ave.

4. Between E. Anaheim St. and Pacific Coast Highway, move the western border of District C to Termino Ave.

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

**From:** carrollparkassoc@gmail.com <carrollparkassoc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:51 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Carroll Park Association Position re Redistricting for 11/10/21 IRC Hearing  
**Importance:** High

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please see attached letter from the Carroll Park Association to be included in the record for the upcoming Redistricting Commission hearing scheduled for 11/10/21.

Thank you.

CARROLL PARK ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors



November 9, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: [redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov)

City of Long Beach  
Independent Redistricting Commission  
411 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Carroll Park Association, we wish to thank the Commission and Staff for your continued efforts to redistrict the City of Long Beach. We previously supported advancement of IRC Draft Map 1- Amended 10.27.21 with regards to Area C. However, we understand that the Commission has decided not to advance that map. In the spirit of compromise, we have collaborated with our neighboring historic associations to thoughtfully review the map that was advanced, **Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)**, in an effort to determine how it could support the concept of “**Whole and Together**,” which is so important to us. By “**Whole and Together**,” we mean keeping our neighborhoods “whole” and our intercoastal communities of interest “together.”

Our review focused specifically on the “Requirements and Criteria” of the Commission in the City Charter which include:

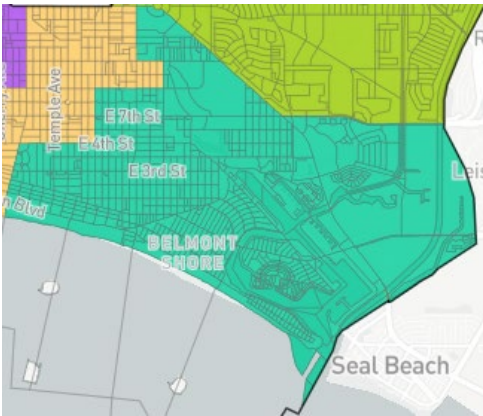
- Minimize divisions of neighborhoods and communities sharing a common language, history, culture, and identity;
- Keep each district a whole, contiguous unit with clearly defined boundaries; and
- Achieve districts of equal population.

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

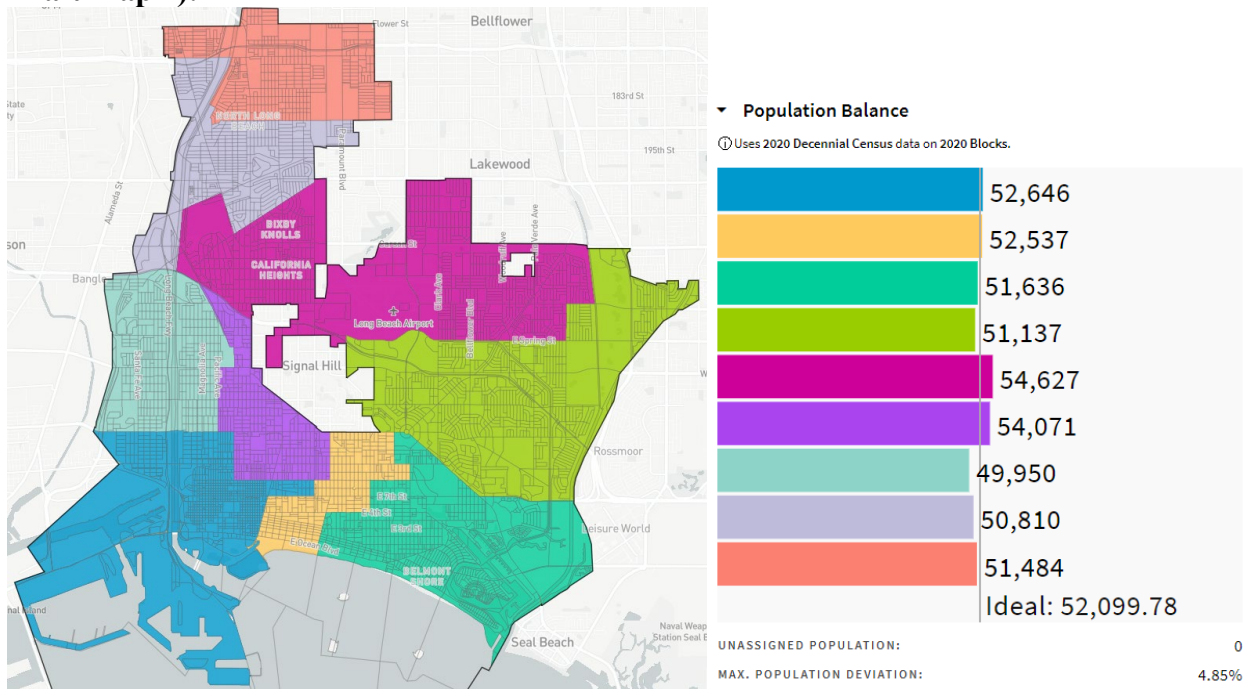
- Move the southwestern border of District C from Redondo Avenue to Junipero Avenue, placing Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, and Carroll Park into District C. The 11/3/21 meeting included some support for this.
- Adjust the northern border to keep other neighborhoods whole in areas adjacent to District C.



**Proposed District C Boundaries (with informational outline of historic districts and organized communities):**



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




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>, specifically to districts F, G, H, and I.
- According to our calculation, creates an overall maximum population deviation of 4.85%.
- Keeps the intercoastal 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).

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. 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 work together 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).

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Poyer  
Carroll Park Association President

**From:** Lucy Johnson <lucyjohnson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 9:59 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed map(s)

**-EXTERNAL-**

To the Commissioners:

Please adjust the Proposed Final Map IRC 2 to remove California Heights and Bixby Knolls from E. Leave them in H, and make whatever other adjustments you have to do to maintain a balance of population in all 9 districts.

Cal Heights and Bixby Knolls are nowhere near my home (El Dorado Park West) in the current District 5, and in fact are several miles and about a 20-minute drive from my neighborhood. Not similar "community interests."

Thank you,  
Lucy Johnson

**From:** D.R. Clement <teamdrcllement@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 10:10 PM

**To:** Donna Sievers <donnarsievers@yahoo.com>

**Cc:** Alexandra Cannarella <aecannarella@gmail.com>; Debbie Davis <seadelight@hotmail.com>; Frank Ginipro <premworks@hotmail.com>; Maria Kootsikis <mkootsikis@outlook.com>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Rick Schank <rschank169@gmail.com>; Theresa Marino <surfsidejo@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: November 10th Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Great letter Donna... I totally support these BHNA efforts.

FYI: JP did something similar to NABA a few years ago... completely misrepresented our neighborhoods to move an agenda item she sponsored.

In fact, 6 of our nine elected council, and our mayor, are entirely bought and paid for by big money interests. Their ethics are highly questionable.

On Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 7:04 PM Donna Sievers <[donnarsievers@yahoo.com](mailto:donnarsievers@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Please see attached information from the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.

Thank you.

Donna Sievers

Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association President

**From:** Marco Pizzo <marco@marcopizzo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 10:58 PM

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

**Subject:** Comment Letter for Agenda 23-132RC November 3, 2021

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners,

As you well know, for weeks now our neighborhoods of **Alamitos Heights, Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Belmont Shore, Belmont Heights, Naples, Peninsula and Carroll Park** have voiced their need to be together in one district. The daily interaction and support of our associations, businesses and intercoastal resources are integral to our history, preservation and water connected communities. We are true **Communities of Interest** and we continue to ask you to please make us **Whole and Together**.

We supported District C as shown in **IRC Map #1 Amended 10.27.21** as the best approach to our connections and interests, but it seems this map did not meet other district criteria for certain commissioners and disappointingly it did not advance on Nov 3.

Respectfully, **IRC Map #2** which was the only map you advanced last week, leaves District C and our communities of interest broken. Map #2 as it stands, does not address the needs of C as Whole and Together with our intercoastal communities and it breaks our Bluff Park Historic Neighborhood into 2 districts which is frankly distressing. This map could possibly be acceptable with adjustments for Districts C and B in order to achieve neighborhoods that are not divided and broken.

Please reference our association leaders map attached below addressing these simple adjustments that better meet population balance without touching Districts D, E, F, G, H and I.

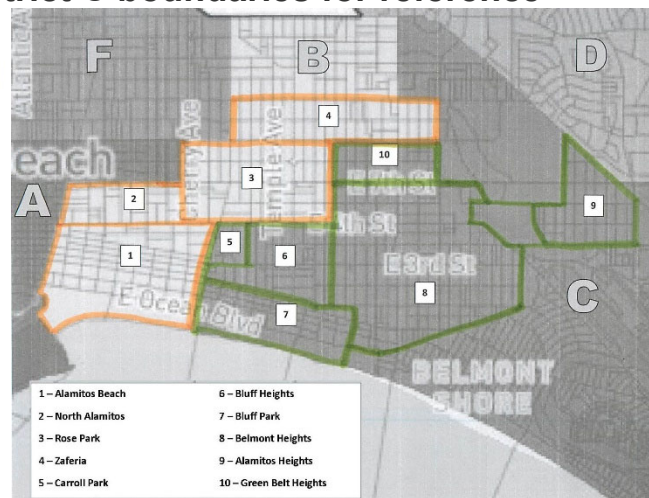
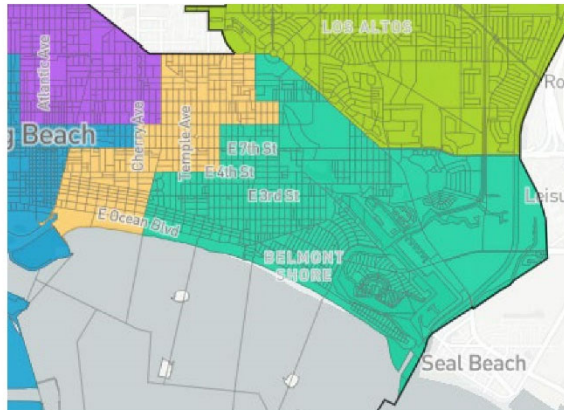
Also to note, the computer map program your consultant uses does not depict neighborhoods correctly. For example, when asked, Bluff Park and Rose Park are continually said to be whole by your consultant and actually in fact, they are not at all. Please know many lines for different established neighborhoods are being incorrectly depicted digitally.

I ask that whichever map you advance on November 10, it is essential to keep District C Whole and Together with **Alamitos Heights, Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Belmont Shore, Belmont Heights, Naples, Peninsula and Carroll Park**.

I am hopeful you will spend the time to correct the current Map #2 if it advances or any other map that may advance to ensure that District C is not broken and we remain **Whole and Together**.

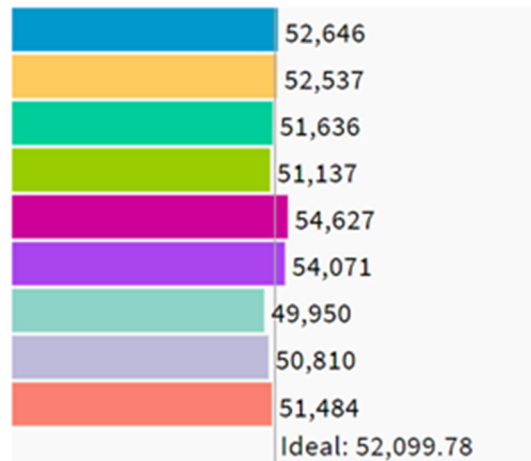
Thank you,  
Marco Pizzo

## New proposed and suggested District C boundaries for reference



### Population Balance

Uses 2020 Decennial Census data on 2020 Blocks.



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**From:** Gina Redican <gredican@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2021 11:46 PM

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

**Subject:** Recommendations of adjustments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map-2)

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I, Gina Redican, a business owner in Belmont Heights and President of the Belmont Heights Community Association, am submitting the attached letter on behalf of a group of residents and board members from the following neighborhoods and their associations: Bluff Park, Carroll Park, Bluff Heights, Belmont Heights, Alamitos Heights, Belmont Shore, and Bay Harbour. These individuals have been collaborating throughout the redistricting process in the effort of keeping neighborhoods Whole and Together.

In the attached letter you will see recommendations of adjustments to Proposed Final Map-IRC Draft Map 2 in respect to District C that will satisfy the requests of the aforementioned neighborhood representatives with minimal effect to adjacent districts and neighborhoods. These recommendations can be visualized in the attached letter below.

This group of representatives wish to thank the Commission for your tireless efforts. We truly appreciate your time and consideration. On a very personal note, I wish to express my gratitude for being able to participate in this process. It has been a unique experience and being able to work closely with other neighborhood associations has been very rewarding.

Best regards,

Gina Redican

President of the Belmont Heights Community Association

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Gina Redican

Owner/Personal Trainer

Accel Fitness

AccelFitnessLBC.com

**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**

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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 heard you, 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’.

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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:

**Paul St. Bernard**, Alamitos Heights (President, Alamitos Heights Improvement Association (AHIA))

**Gary Morrison**, Alamitos Heights (Past President, AHIA)

**Melissa Mihalik Sipowicz**, Alamitos Heights (Treasurer, AHIA)

**Kirsten Larsen**, Alamitos Heights (Secretary, AHIA)

**Gina Liu**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Leslie Grenier**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Leslie Stonick**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Richard Wherry**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Yesmean Rihbany**, Alamitos Heights (Resident, Past Board Member, AHIA)

**Catherine Grace**, Alamitos Heights (Resident)

**Jon Wersbe**, Alamitos Heights (Resident)

**Parastou Teharani**, Bay Harbour (Resident)

**Sohrab Tanavol**, Bay Harbour (Resident)

**Janette Villalon**, 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)

**Debbie Davis**, Bluff Heights (Treasurer, 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)

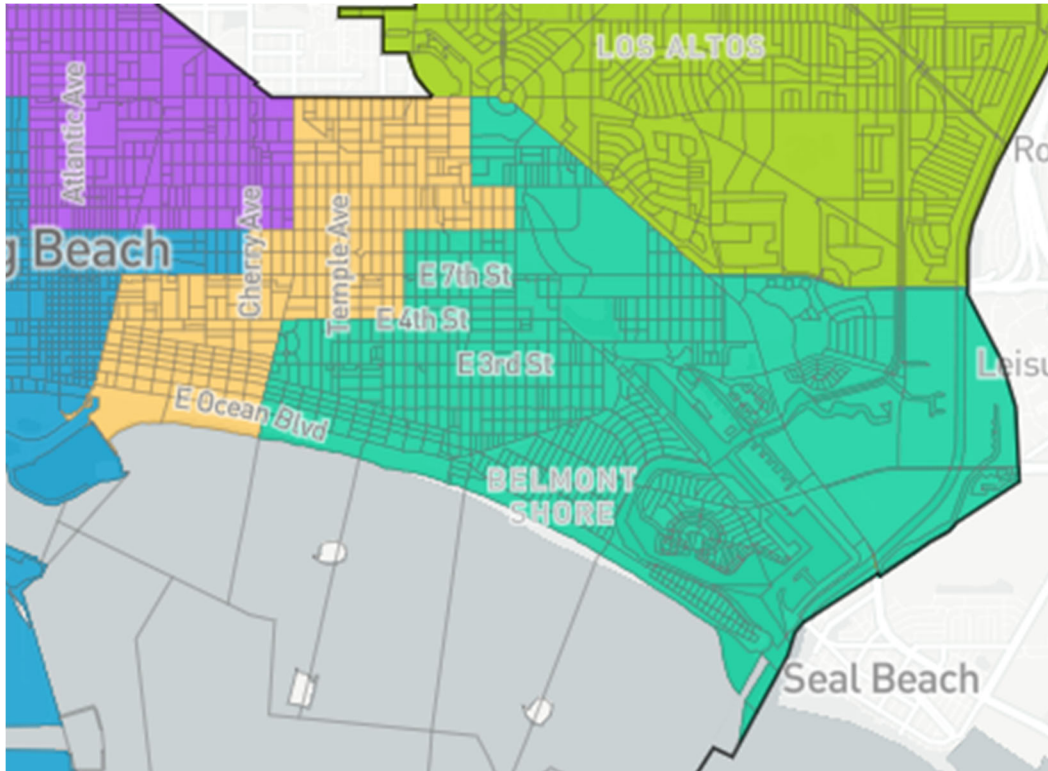
**Michelle Murray**, Bluff Park (VP Public Safety, BPNA)

**Marco Pizzo**, Bluff Park (VP of Events & Fundraising, BPNA)

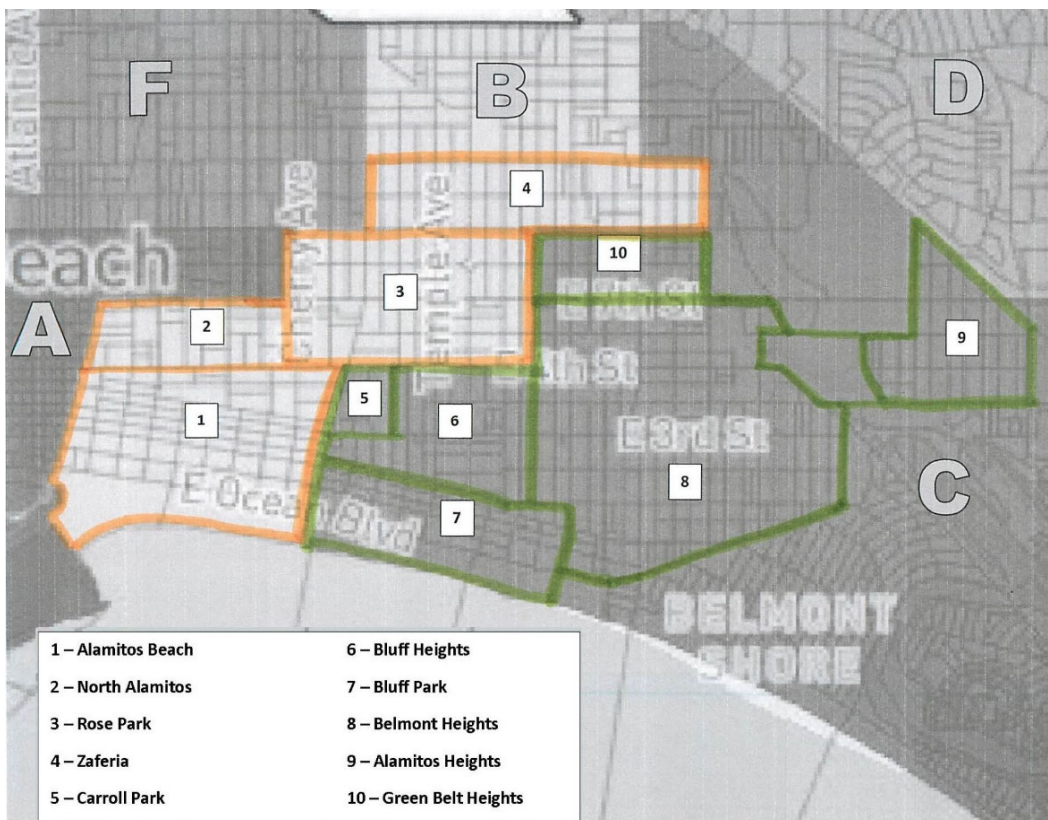
**Teresa Stamoulis** (VP of Historic Preservation, BPNA)

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

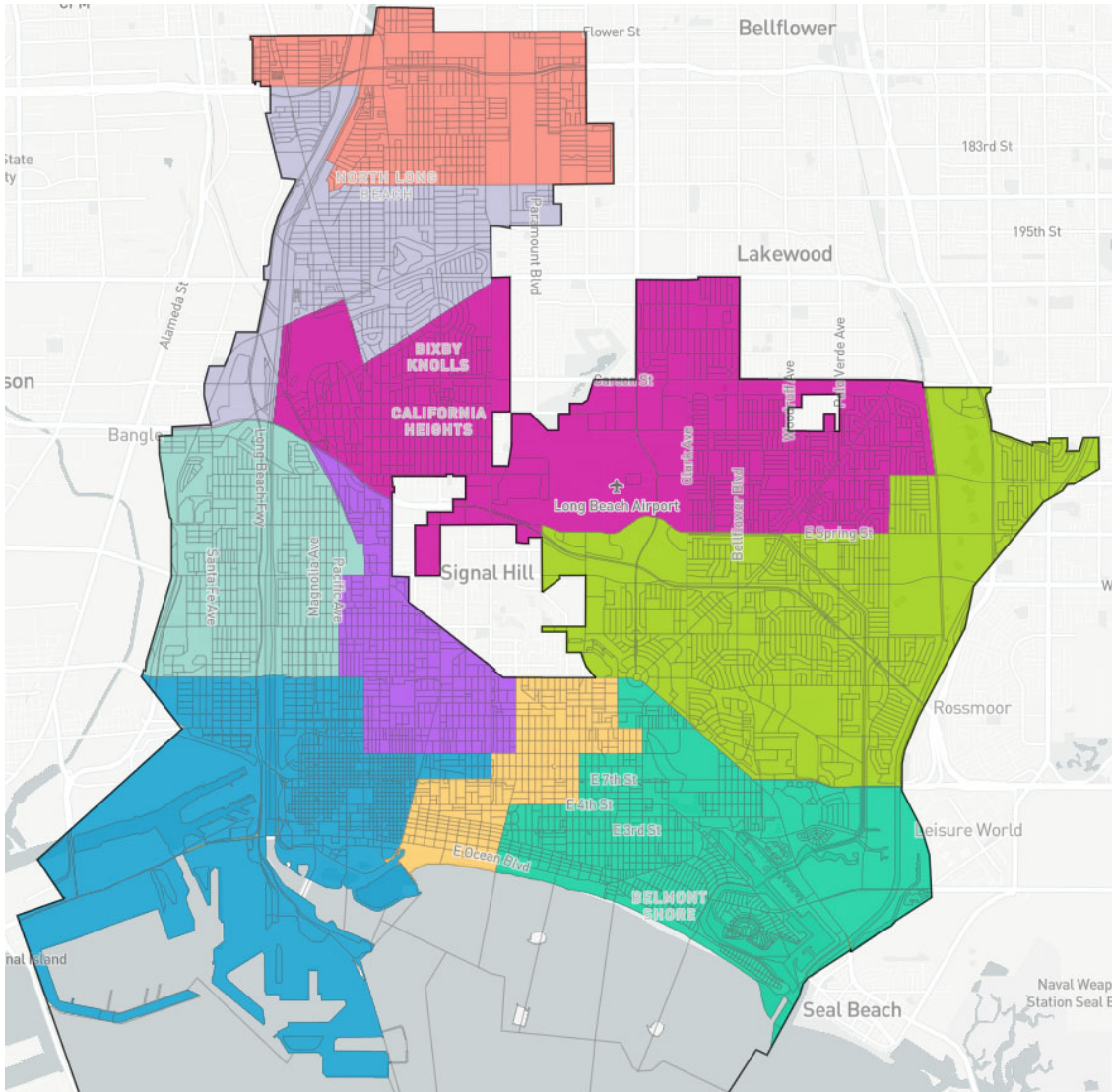
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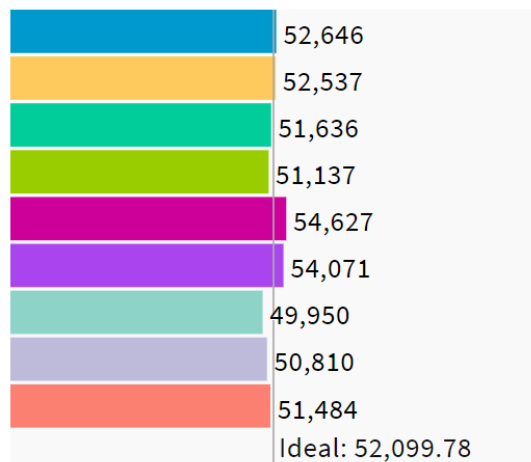


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**From:** James cook <jlcook\_227@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:20 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

I am a resident of the current district 5. I object strongly of the newly proposed redistricting map, item 3. The map 1 that was originally presented respected the communities of Long Beach. I strongly urge the redistricting committee to reject map 1B and return to map 1. You are supposed to be non partisan. It will quite obvious that you are partisan and have neglected your duties to the citizens and residents of Long Beach if you choose map 1B.

Lida Cook  
District 5

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device  
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From: BELINDA PADIAS <d12b7h24@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:02 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

To the committee:

Think before you make your move and vote arbitrarily! Do you live in this community? How would this affect you if this were your neighborhood?

This is my neighborhood and my community. I am a part of the 5th district. These are my neighbors. Our interests here in this area are one of working together. Why would you even consider a split to our district (an East and West portion). How does this benefit you and damage the residence in district 5? I am not in favor of your new districting! If I could attend, I would.

STOP! THINK!

Keep communities working together as a district.

Thank you for hearing my plea.

Belinda Padias

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Michael Salmon <salmcal@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:51 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Council district 5

**-EXTERNAL-**

I strongly object to the bisection of Council District 5. We are a contiguous neighborhood that will not be adequately served by dividing us and combining with other council districts. Although I am sure our boundaries will have to adjust, this is a very disrespectful adjustment as proposed.

Michael Salmon

**From:** Nick Lisica <lisican@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:00 AM

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

**Subject:** Redistricting Map Comments

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good morning, I'm a resident of Bluff Park, and have a few comments about the Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). As a resident of an historic district, I think it is important to keep our neighborhood whole, and to keep our neighborhood grouped with the neighboring historic coastal districts. Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Carroll Park, Lowena Drive, Alamitos Heights, Bluff Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples, and the Peninsula, all have similar interests and concerns, and should be governed as such.

A few small adjustments to IRC Draft Map 2 could make a big impact -

1. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave.
2. Between E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Ave.
3. Between E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. and E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Ave.
4. Between E. Anaheim St. and Pacific Coast Highway, move the western border of District C to Termino Ave.
5. Between E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the eastern border of District B to Cherry Ave

Thank you,  
Nick Lisica



**From:** Tonia Reyes Uranga <tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:40 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments for November 10

**-EXTERNAL-**

To: IRC  
From: Tonia Reyes Uranga (Wrigley resident -90806)  
**Date: November 10, 2021**

I want to first thank the commission for being courageous and independent. The IRC is the best of democracy in action and redistricting is the rough and tumble side of politics. Please stay strong.

I want to thank you for your hard work and for being excitingly creative. If the IRC were to give us maps that look like our current lines, I would be extremely disappointed.

I especially thank you for heeding the call to NOT place the entire burden of restructuring this city on the backs of the majority minority districts and look at the city as all nine districts being in it together, all districts should carry their share.

Thank you for putting people first, living breathing people over buildings, restaurants, hotels, schools, ports, airports, and bodies of water.

I strongly support Map 2. I also support map 2 with some changes, thus 2.2.

Thank you for keeping West and Wrigley as a Community of Interest (COI). Please complete this COI by uniting the Wrigley Neighborhood by moving the eastern boundary to Long Beach Blvd.

This allows for a 26-year struggle to provide equity for Cambodians to be realized and to move their eastern border to Obispo.

If the airport can have 2 council reps, so can the port.

There are other smaller changes in the eastside of town that have been identified in the document attached to our map.

I ask that you take a minute to look at the tremendous support list we have gathered in less than 24 hours and includes over 100 families, neighborhood associations, and other communities and organizations from all nine districts.

Again, thank you and stay strong.

Tonia Reyes Uranga



**From:** Ted Kane <tedkane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:49 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Reunite Wrigley--Approve Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2 (1B)

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Redistricting Counsel and to Whom this May Concern,

I have lived and worked in Long Beach for two decades and have resided with my wife in our home in the Wrigley district that we purchased in 2006. I am writing to urge the Commissioners and City Council to approve the "Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2" (titled 1B on the document <https://longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/maps/irc-draft-map-1b>), which would connect the South and North neighborhoods of Wrigley, Wrigley Heights and West Long Beach into the same district.

The current fractionalization of Wrigley into separate council districts has been a source of confusion to residents and an impediment to good government in the area. Our council person has been very responsive to us, but it can be frustrating to try to resolve an issue that is outside their jurisdiction even as it is occurring with a couple of blocks from our residence. Moreover, the segmentation is an impediment to business development in the Wrigley corridor.

The hardworking, taxpaying members of the Wrigley community deserve comprehensive and effective representation before the city. The boundaries proposed in IRC Draft 2 would go a long way in giving our neighborhood the unified voice that it deserves and better enable residents, businesses and other stake holders to receive an equitable share of governmental attention and resources. For these and other reasons, I strongly support the approval of Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2 (1B).

Regards,  
Edward Kane

**From:** Dianne Sundstrom <dianne.sundstrom@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:26 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Document and comments for discussion at 11.10.2021 Redistricting Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

My name is Dianne Sundstrom, a resident of Belmont Heights and past Board member of the Belmont Heights Community Association.

I have been actively involved in the redistricting process and working with representatives from adjacent neighborhoods in east Long Beach. Although our preferred map (IRC Draft Map 1 Amended 10.27.2021) did not get elevated, we have made changes to the map that did get elevated (Proposed Final Map - IRC Draft Map 2) that we suggest the Commission review and consider as a final map.

The proposed changes will keep our “communities of interest” whole and together. Details of those changes are outlined in the attached document. Images of the map are included in the attached document and can also be found at <https://districtr.org/plan/76918>

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Sundstrom

**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**

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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 heard you, 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):

1. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4th St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave.
2. Between E. 4th St. and E. 10th St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Ave.
3. Between E. 10th St. and E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Ave.
4. Between E. Anaheim St. and Pacific Coast Highway, move the western border of District C to Termino Ave.
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:

**Paul St. Bernard**, Alamitos Heights (President, Alamitos Heights Improvement Association (AHIA))

**Gary Morrison**, Alamitos Heights (Past President, AHIA)

**Melissa Mihalik Sipowicz**, Alamitos Heights (Treasurer, AHIA)

**Kirsten Larsen**, Alamitos Heights (Secretary, AHIA)

**Gina Liu**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Leslie Grenier**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Leslie Stonick**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Richard Wherry**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Yesmean Rihbany**, Alamitos Heights (Resident, Past Board Member, AHIA)

**Catherine Grace**, Alamitos Heights (Resident)

**Jon Wersbe**, Alamitos Heights (Resident)

**Parastou Teharani**, Bay Harbour (Resident)

**Sohrab Tanavol**, Bay Harbour (Resident)

**Janette Villalon**, 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)

**Debbie Davis**, Bluff Heights (Treasurer, 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)

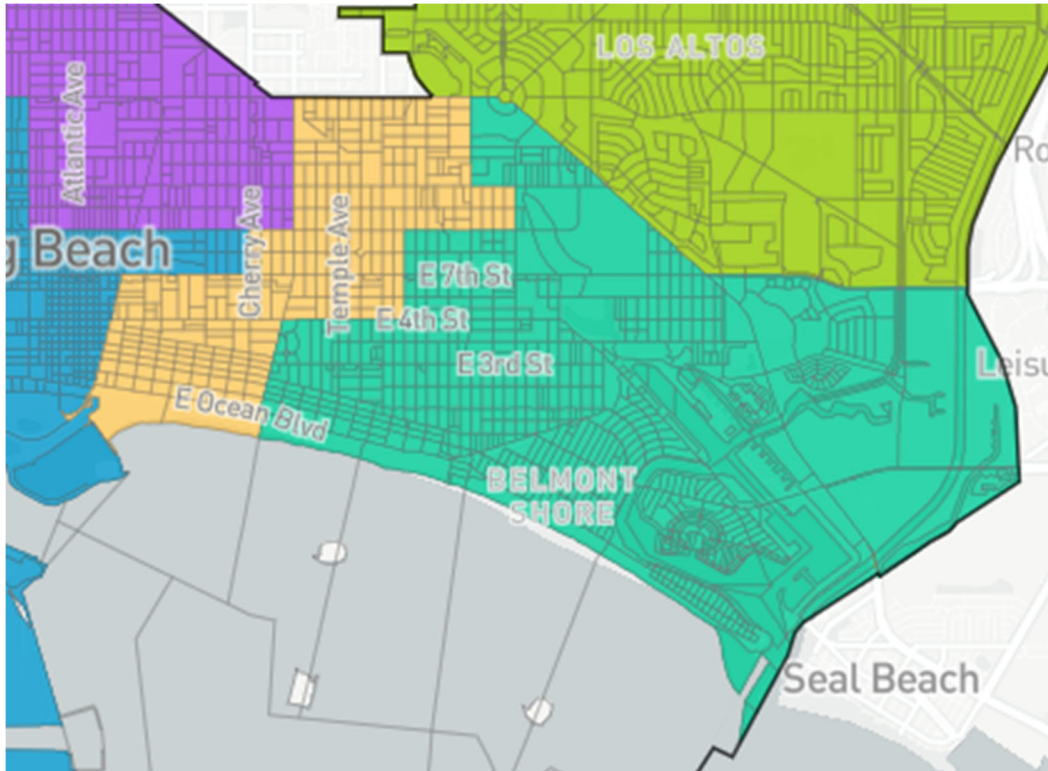
**Michelle Murray**, Bluff Park (VP Public Safety, BPNA)

**Marco Pizzo**, Bluff Park (VP of Events & Fundraising, BPNA)

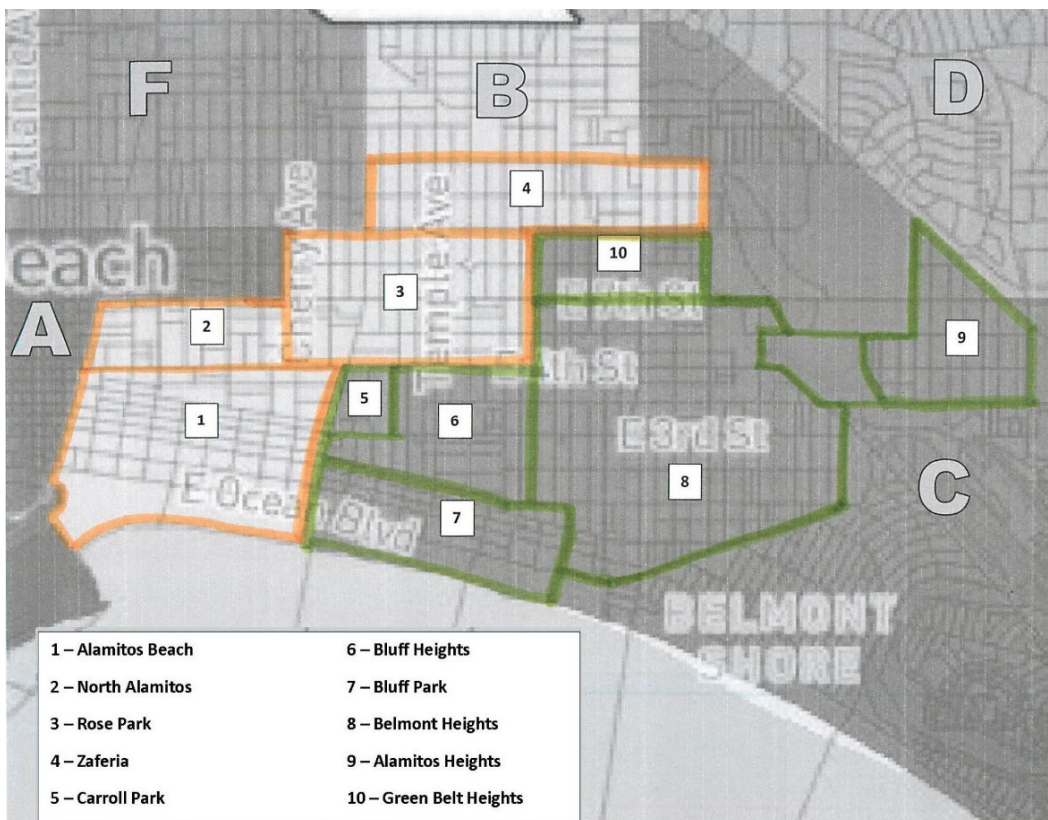
**Teresa Stamoulis** (VP of Historic Preservation, BPNA)

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

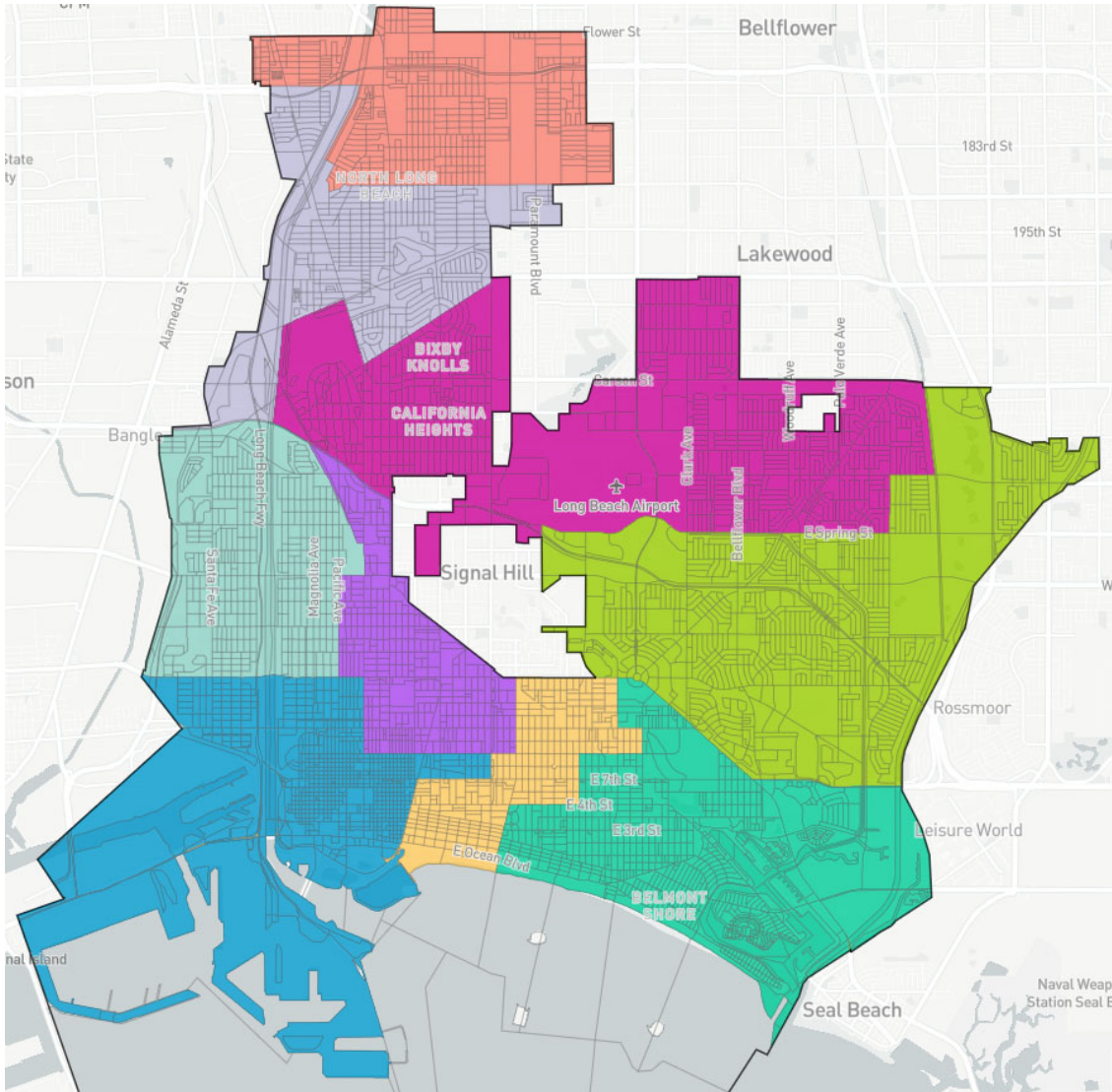
**Proposed District C Boundaries (illustrated by Map 76918 as a *suggested adjustment* to IRC Draft Map 2):**  
 For illustration purposes: <https://distrctr.org/plan/76918>



**Informational outline of historic districts and organized communities:**

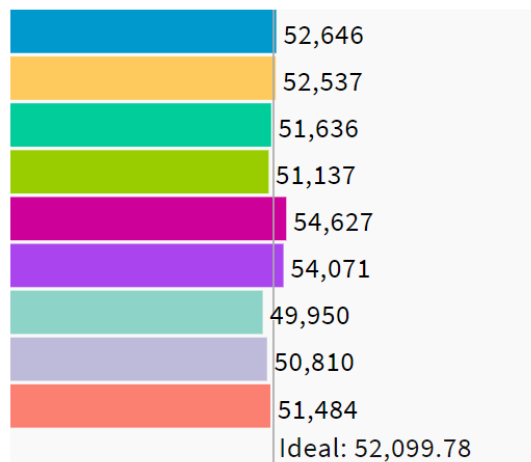


**Proposed Map for all Districts (illustrated by Map 76918 as a *suggested adjustment* to IRC Draft Map 2):**  
 For illustration purposes: <https://districtr.org/plan/76918>



▼ **Population Balance**

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census data on 2020 Blocks.



UNASSIGNED POPULATION:

0

MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION:

4.85%



From: Rachel Schwenn <RachelS3@charter.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:34 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: IRC Draft Map 2

-EXTERNAL-

First, I appreciate the efforts and thoughtful consideration of the independent redistricting commission. I, for one, voted for the change to the City Charter. I also realize the commission has to listen to many points of view and take everything into consideration. That being said, I was very disappointed that IRC Draft Map 1 was not moved forward at your last meeting.

I do, however, support the adjustments to IRC Draft Map 2 submitted yesterday from the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association and by board members and individuals from 7 Communities of Interest.

The minor adjustments to IRC Draft Map 2 offered in these letters seem to me a thoughtful and pragmatic compromise. Please incorporate them in the final map.

As a resident within the Bluff Park Historic District since 1985 I appreciate the benefit of neighborhood districts. They contribute greatly to the friendly and welcoming nature of the City we all love. These minor adjustments will do much to continue this quality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Rachel Schwenn

**From:** jabaskcom@aol.com <jabaskcom@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:40 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment for November 10, 2021

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello,

I am a Resident of Long Beach and have been attending the meetings online for the past couple of months. I am opposed to all IRC draft maps proposed so far.

I recommend the IRC considers the draft map submitted by the members of the community for the November 10 meeting; map ID: LBC FD 75238

Link to map:

<https://longbeach.sharepoint.com/sites/Redistricting/Shared%20Documents/Forms/Map%20Gallery.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FRedistricting%2FShared%20Documents%2FPublic%20Map%20Submissions%2FDistrict%20Map%2FNovember%2010%20%2D%20Additional%20Draft%20Public%20Maps%2FLBC%20FD%2075238%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FRedistricting%2FShared%20Documents%2FPublic%20Map%20Submissions%2FDistrict%20Map%2FNovember%2010%20%2D%20Additional%20Draft%20Public%20Maps>

This map is contiguous and meets many of the public's concerns:

1. Downtown/Entertainment "district" is kept as a whole
2. Cambodia town is kept as a whole
3. North Long Beach keeps South St. as border
4. Bluff Heights, Belmont Heights is united with Belmont Shore
5. The three districts surrounding the airport touch the airport
6. Historical Black community is largely kept as whole
7. Population deviation less than 10 percent

From my understanding, this is what the people of Long Beach want. Please consider map 75238.

Regards,  
Resident of Long Beach



From: Aliah Khan <a\_khan2014@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:55 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

Dear commission,

I want to thank you for all of your hard work. However, the district A you have created needs to be cut in half and added to B to limit the power the of the one seat. It is not fair for one person to have so much political power behind them.

The port is one of our cities largest assets and it affects the lives of residents north of it where the wind takes it fumes and the residents on the beach who view the ships coming and going and backing up everyday, who live on the beach and are entitled and live in expensive condos, their voices will drown out the residents on the other side of the district.

Last meetings draft 1 map that split the port in two was substantially better.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Christine Cabrera <xtinecabrera@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Vote for Map 2 (1B)

**-EXTERNAL-**

To the Redistricting Commission and Whom It May Concern,

I have been a proud and highly engaged Wrigley resident since purchasing my home here in 2006. I am writing to urge the commission and City Council to approve Map 2, the map elevated by the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) entitled, "Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2" (titled 1B on the document <https://longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/maps/irc-draft-map-1b>), which would reunite the South and North neighborhoods of Wrigley, Wrigley Heights and West Long Beach all in one district.

This said, as a longtime resident and advocate of the Wrigley community, I request you to **reconsider your boundary line to West of Long Beach Blvd., to move the boundary to put the entirety of Wrigley into the mapped "G" district.** My husband and I are about to re-open a pub in the heart of Wrigley, PBS Pub & Co. at 464 W. Willow. We would love to continue to be in the same district as our business. For 70 years, the pub has been in this location, but, in the last few decades, it has become a hangout for some unsavory clientele, making actual residents shun the place. We are currently working very hard to rehab and revive it so that it can re-open as a neighborhood asset that Wrigley residents can enjoy and be proud of.

For far too long, Wrigley and the West Long Beach areas, diverse working class communities, have been ignored by the more affluent areas north and east of us. Approving a map that would put us at the whim of votes in Bixby Knolls, Bixby Highlands, Cal Heights, etc., communities that openly admit they have little in common with Wrigley and have asked not to share the same district, would do a tremendous disservice to the area's growth, expansion and representation.

Please keep Wrigley together. Vote for Map 2 (1B).

Thank you,

Christine Cabrera

**From:** heareset@charter.net <heareset@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: zip code change

**-EXTERNAL-**

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From: [heareset@charter.net](mailto:heareset@charter.net)  
To: "[redfistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redfistricting@longbeach.gov)"  
Cc:  
Sent: Tuesday November 9 2021 3:34:36PM  
Subject: zip code change

My name is Hearese Thompson and I am a resident in the 8 district who lives in the Bixby Knolls area zip code 90807.  
I have been informed that you are considering changing the zip code for my area in Ridgewood Heights.  
I purchased my home 30 years ago and one of my considerations in buying was the zip code.  
Why are you changing it and what is the criteria you use to change. Are you looking at the demographics and why.  
I oppose the change very strongly.

Hearese Thompson

**From:** Christy Kane <christy.luna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:08 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting and the Wrigley neighborhood

**-EXTERNAL-**

To the Redistricting Commission/Whom It May Concern,

I am a 15-year resident of the Wrigley neighborhood. I write to urge the commission and City Council to approve Map 2, the map elevated by the Independent Redistricting Commission entitled, "Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2" (titled 1B on the document <https://longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/maps/irc-draft-map-1b>), which would reunite the South and North neighborhoods of Wrigley, Wrigley Heights and West Long Beach all in one district.

It's vital for the continued development of the Wrigley neighborhood and local businesses that our area is unified under one district. Maps other than Map 2 are, in effect, cracking the multiethnic communities of West Long Beach and Wrigley into 2 or 3 separate districts, denying us the power to elect a candidate of our choice.

I would also strongly request you to reconsider your boundary line that splits Pacific Avenue in half and ask you to move the boundary just a few dozen feet east to put the entirety of Pacific Ave from Willow to PCH into the mapped "G" district with the rest of Wrigley. It would have little to no impact on the residential allocation, but will make a significant difference when new business associations are formed.

For far too long, Wrigley and the West Long Beach areas, diverse working class communities, have been ignored by the more affluent areas north and east of us. Approving a map that would put us at the whim of votes in Bixby Knolls, Bixby Highlands, Cal Heights, etc., communities that openly admit they have little in common with Wrigley and have asked not to share the same district, would do a tremendous disservice to the area's growth, expansion and representation.

Please keep Wrigley together. Vote for Map 2 (1B).

Christy Kane

**From:** Stella Ursua <stellarorgdevelopment@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Support equitable and inclusive Map 2.2 for Redistricting process

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Stella Ursua, current District 2 resident and current Board President/Chair at The LGBTQ Center Long Beach.

Please accept my support for Map 2.2 and for a collective city-wide effort to create a map that ensures Communities of interests have a voice. Organizations such as the creators of the Equity Map, Centro Cha, the Cambodian Community, and the Black Ministers Alliance have been organizing to create a map that protects Black neighborhoods, keeps the Cambodian Community together, and solidifies a Latino Cultural district that includes a library and the Museum of Latin America Art, while ensuring the eastern side of the city has a voice and economic engines like the Airport, the Port, and Downtown have multiple representatives.

With this redistricting recommendation, Downtown, residents, businesses and the Port of LB will have representation and accountability, and in Central Long Beach, historic black communities are protected, 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, this map includes 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.

With Map 2.2, 65% of residents of color in our city will have an opportunity for representation and will ensure that we have representatives that are reflective of the communities they serve.

The main intent behind redistricting, per the Voting Rights Act, is to ensure Communities of Color have access to equal representation. The Voting Rights Act was in response to the Black led Civil Rights Movement and the Black community has been demographically decreasing in Long Beach. I highly encourage the Redistricting Commission that no changes come at the expense of losing Black and BIPOC representation and to maintain the Historic Black community of Long Beach in one district.

Finally, please keep in mind the vibrant LGBTQ+ community, many of whom live in the current district. Though LGBTQ residents live throughout the city, it is in this current district that an intersectional movement has and is taking place, with our older adult community, local nonprofits and community organizations, youth groups and city departments working together to ensure equity is advanced for all LGBTQ people and for our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Stella Ursua**

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[Stella Ursua](#)

[Board Chair/President: The LGBTQ Center Long Beach](#)

[Clean Mobility & Partnerships Manager: GRID Alternatives Greater LA](#)

[Founder: The Green Prize Festival](#)

[President Emeritus: Green Education Inc.](#)

From: LM Harris <lmharris005@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:30 AM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: MAP 2 as Final? nope!

-EXTERNAL-

NO way!!!

Not enough public representation nor time has been allotted since this latest version of redistricting  
LAST WEEK!

Its an abomination and has most citizens in yet another uproar!

Downtown and east village have different needs and appear to be pushing for more rapid development  
in order to bring more businesses in and get more people to live there, which is great and fair enough  
but the conditions are not the same for what's happening right around us here in Craftsman Village.  
Orange, 7th, Walnut and 10th.

MAP 1 was balanced. We dont need to be more divided and gerrymandered into bits.

This will become a bigger legal issue with Map 2. Stop and go back to the drawing board because it isnt  
good.

Lisa Marie Harris  
Craftsman Village  
HISTORIC DISTRICT

**From:** Howard Homan <howielbc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Final Map IRC Map 2

**-EXTERNAL-**

Commissioners,

As a resident of Belmont Shore, I recommend the following adjustments be made to **Proposed Final Map IRC Map 2**. Move the southwestern boundary of District C from Redondo to Junipero, placing Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, and Carroll Park into District C. Please consider the views expressed here as part of your community input and include it in your decision-making. My preference has always been the previous Map 1 which was discussed at your last meeting and unfortunately was not placed in the final map category even though it had great community support.

Thank you for your time,  
Howard and Genise Homan



**From:** anngadfly@aol.com <anngadfly@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:43 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Final Maps

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Decision Makers:

As a resident of the current 5th District, I urge you to adapt Map Number 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: Dianne Sundstrom <dianne.sundstrom@verizon.net>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:04 AM

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

Subject: Agenda for 11.10 meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

Do you anticipate that public comment will be first on the agenda for item #3. Because of COVID concerns, I have been listening to the Commissioners' discussion via live stream from the safety of my home.

If the discussion precedes comment, I will arrive later in the evening.

Thank you,  
Dianne Sundstrom

**From:** anngadfly@aol.com <anngadfly@aol.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:07 AM

**To:** Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: Gerrymandering the 5th? final chance to influence council district borders tonight

**-EXTERNAL-**

Cannot attend meetings where there might be non-vaccinated people. I am opposed to the current plan of carving up the 5th District, but not willing to expose myself to Covid in order to protest.

**WHY IS THIS MEETING NOT ON ZOOM?**

Ann Cantrell

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

From: Gerrie Schipske <[schipske@gmail.com](mailto:schipske@gmail.com)>

To: [anngadfly@aol.com](mailto:anngadfly@aol.com); Corliss Lee <[eastsidevoice@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidevoice@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed, Nov 10, 2021 10:54 am

Subject: Re: Gerrymandering the 5th? final chance to influence council district borders tonight

Say Goodbye to the 5<sup>th</sup> District If You Live in the Ranchos, Plaza, Eldorado Park Estates, Imperial Estates, El Dorado Park South: GerrieMandering at Its Finest

By Gerrie Schipske

Say goodbye to the 5<sup>th</sup> Council District if you live north of Spring and east of Studebaker. The City Independent Redistricting Commission is about to publish a map that cuts up the 5<sup>th</sup> (also referred to as E) and combines the upper part with Bixby Knolls and Cal Heights and the other parts are put into the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District along with all of El Dorado Park.

How did this happen? In November 2018, Long Beach voters approved Measure DDD, which amended the City Charter to create a commission, comprised of residents, responsible for determining the boundaries of council districts every 10 years after the national Census. The commissioners were appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

The Mayor and City Council touted this proposal to establish a redistricting commission by telling voters that it would be "independent." In the past, the City Council actually conducted the redistricting process and, on several occasions, drew council boundaries to fit the political needs of the incumbents or political opponents. The strangest of all drawings, pulled the Nature Center from the 5<sup>th</sup> District to give it to the 4<sup>th</sup> so that the 4<sup>th</sup> district incumbent had more park area.

The current process is far from independent. When a current incumbent packed a commission meeting to protest her residence being removed from her council district, the commission changed its proposed map and put her back in. The City Charter mandates: "The Commission shall not consider place of residence of any individual, including any incumbent or political candidate, in the creation of a map."

When several others argued that the Long Beach Airport needed to be divided among several districts, it was. Consequently, the Commission released a map that divides the 5<sup>th</sup> District north of Spring and combines it with Bixby Knolls and Cal Heights. The remainder of the district: Ranchos, Plaza, El Dorado Park Estates, Imperial Estates and El Dorado Park South are placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> District along with all of El Dorado Park.

Quick disclaimer here: this map removes the incumbent Stacy Mungo and the two announced candidates for the 2022 election: Michelle Dobson and Gerrie Schipske.

This map likely violates the City Charter that mandates: "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." The majority of the 5<sup>th</sup> District is being placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

Redistricting is supposed to reflect the concept of "one person one vote" which requires council boundaries to adequately reflect the composition of an area so that residents who have a "community of interest" are kept in the same districts. The districts are to essentially contain the same number of residents in each.

Where do these commissioners get their "expertise" to draw council boundaries? From a paid consultant hired by the City Manager. Who does the City Manager report to? The Mayor and City Council. Who "staffs" the commission meetings? A member of the City Manager's department. Who directs the City Manager's staff? The City Manager. Who hires the City Manager? The Mayor and City Council.

The current redistricting process is hardly independent. The Commission is publishing its semi-final map November 10 and will then vote to finalize it on November 18.

You can attend the meetings of the Redistricting Commission online:  
<https://longbeach.gov/redistricting>. Let them know what you think.



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On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 10:47 AM <[anngadfly@aol.com](mailto:anngadfly@aol.com)> wrote:

Thank you, Corliss. I have sent my comments to [redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov) asking that they adopt IRC Draft Map 1, but will also leave an e-comment.

~~Fly

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

From: Corliss Lee <[eastsidevoice@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidevoice@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed, Nov 10, 2021 1:18 am

Subject: Fwd: Gerrymandering the 5th? final chance to influence council district borders tonight

If you haven't seen the "**Neighborhoods Map**" it is worth taking a look at this link, **see page 6 Attachment B**

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9919319&GUID=D843D5B7-DC33-43D2-A381-4803BC90E26E>

As of last week, only one map had been selected to move forward for consideration. **IRC Draft Map 1** was popular with those in attendance at the last two meetings and it retained the current boundaries of the 5th district.

<https://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/irc-draft-map-1---amended-10-27-21>

In spite of the Commission working on Map 1 to the wee hours of the morning 10/27/21, IRC Draft Map 1 late in the evening 11/3/21 was summarily dismissed with a vote where 4 commissioners voted against moving it forward. As it turns out, the rules require that 9 votes must be in favor to move a map forward and the vote was 8-4 in favor of that map. Most of the audience had spoken in favor of this map. *The minority overrode the majority* which hits my democracy funny bone. It doesn't sit right with me.

The 5th district **till now** enjoyed remaining largely in the same configuration and boundaries as we have in place today. Consequently, there was no 5th district COI (community of interest), speaking on behalf of retaining the current district borders as it didn't seem to be threatened. That is no longer the case. Tonight is the only night left to speak out if you desire an outcome that retains the existing natural boundaries of the 5th. If you cannot attend, and wish to weigh in on this, you can send an email to the commission (address at bottom of this email).

A new map **IRC1b** did get approved to move forward with a 9-3 vote very late in the meeting on Nov 3rd. [https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/Draft\\_Map\\_2.html](https://www.longbeach.gov/common/redistrictingHTMLFiles/Draft_Map_2.html) See district E (highlighted in purple)

**District 5 is unrecognizable in this new map**, with a portion of the north side of today's district 5 combined with several neighborhoods on the westside (Cal Heights, Los Cerritos, and the south end of Bixby Knolls). The Commission worked for over an hour trying to balance out the numbers in each district. Their initial intent was to resolve problems that occurred 10 years ago that split Wrigley and Bixby Knolls neighborhoods in what was described as a move to gerrymander the 7th and 8th districts. As the commission worked to remedy the split neighborhoods that occurred in the past, balancing the numbers in each district while retaining neighborhood continuity proved to be difficult. *The end result is an odd marriage of east and west that disrespects the natural boundaries of the eastside, mainly the 5th district.* . An unintended consequence of this map (happy accident) is that it does offer representation for the main westside communities negatively impacted by the airport by combining them into the 5th. Also, the 4th district has a piece of airport property on Lakewood and Spring street that covers the landing portion of the runway. What could become the new 5th district has the rest of the airport. In all, that would result in 2 districts having a piece of the airport which definitely benefits those impacted by landing and takeoff noise (see noise map attached).

If all of this sounds like jibberish, I suggest you paste the links into your browser and take a look at the maps.

Creating a commission of citizens was supposed to remove the political influence that creates gerrymandered districts. News articles on this topic will tell you that redistricting is all about elections and a carefully placed borderline can have major impact on the outcome of an election. As we round the corner to the deadline, many political operatives are attempting to influence the outcome to further their political ambitions. Check out the article below that describes the political shenanigans.

<http://lbnewsflash.com/2021/11/news-analysis-long-beach-independent-redistricting-commissions-independence-thrown-into-question-by-political-operatives-interference/?fbclid=IwAR1tq1g7G2YsufLp37f8Vwvle07hALaK8ci3zi5ICZJbgBhqnmcmCmFaKloY>

In the current version of the only map that moved forward ( draft map IRC1b), Stacy Mungo, current the council member for the 5th will have her home in the 4th and be unable to run for a 3rd term in district 5 unless she uproots her family and moves within the boundaries of the new 5th. Challenger and former councilwoman Gerrie Schipske will also reside in the 4th district and be unable to run in the upcoming election if this map is approved. Councilwoman Cindy Allen, 2nd district will also no longer reside in that district and would need to move to run for a 2nd term if draft map IRC1b is selected and

approved. Redistricting is not supposed to take into account where political operatives live, so that is not the problem. However a map that does not follow the guidelines of creating districts that are contiguous (connected) and respectful of natural boundaries which keeps neighborhoods that are homogenous connected will not make much sense to those arbitrarily thrown together with the only justification being that it evens the numbers out.

The real enemy of this process is time - time to get it right. The first week of December is the deadline to complete the process if we wish to submit the new districts to the state in time for the next election cycle. We could delay completion till March of 2022 and go forward using existing districts for the next election. Rae Gabelich, former councilwoman for the 8th district has been pleading with the commission to take the time to get it right. There is no indication they are listening.

Forewarned is forearmed. If you don't like what you see in these maps, do something about it.

Sincerely,

Corliss Lee  
President Eastside Voice

Meeting tonight 6pm ecomment must be in by 5pm

Use **ecomment** on the agenda for item 3

[https://longbeach.granicusideas.com/meetings/3609-long-beach-independent-redistricting-commission-special-meeting/agenda\\_items/618485a8f395e719870081a1-3-21-132rc-recommendation-to-conduct-a-hearing](https://longbeach.granicusideas.com/meetings/3609-long-beach-independent-redistricting-commission-special-meeting/agenda_items/618485a8f395e719870081a1-3-21-132rc-recommendation-to-conduct-a-hearing)

or send email to [redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov) and cc [cityclerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:cityclerk@longbeach.gov) ref agenda item 3  
redistricting meeting

To attend in person:

November 10, 2021, 6:00 PM, at City Hall Council Chambers.

**City Hall Council Chambers**

411 W Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

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332 W Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802

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**Gerrie Schipske, RNP/JD**  
[schipske@gmail.com](mailto:schipske@gmail.com)



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**From:** Denise Druiff <ddruiff@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:26 AM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Bluff Park Redistricting Concerns

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good Morning Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Denise Druiff, and I live at 20 Lindero Ave. in the Bluff Park area. I am a member of the Bluff Park Association. I am emailing to show my full support of this association's updated adjustment requests for District C in Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2).

My husband, daughter and I moved to this area a few years ago. We lived in Huntington Beach the previous 30 years. During those decades, we never felt as close to or as involved in our neighborhood as we have felt here in Bluff Park. We love living here because the neighborhood, thanks to the support of BPNA, is a wonderful community. The district that I presently live in has had many social gatherings and informative meetings that have made me feel a part of my community. It is obvious that many neighbors in our district have formed close relationships over the years and I am looking forward to joining in and growing close friendships here. This is a great community and I am very happy to be a part of it.

After looking carefully at the IRC draft map 2, it is apparent that the Council's current plan will split the Bluff Park Historic District neighborhood, removing us from our nearby coastal historic district neighbors and inter-coastal district neighbors, with the result of fracturing our community. We have built relationships with our neighbors in the present district and I am so disappointed that the council would consider dividing our existing district up.

Please support the suggested changes made to Map 2 that the BPNA has submitted. The small changes will significantly support my life and the lives of others that live in the Bluff Park area. Please do not divide our neighborhood into different council districts. Please keep our neighborhood whole and together.

Thank you for your time,  
Denise Druiff

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Glennis Dolce <glennisd@me.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:07 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; LinkLB <LinkLB@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Meeting comments for 11/10/21

**-EXTERNAL-**

(City Clerk- Please enter these comments into the public record)

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of the AANG I support the IRC Map 2 that was advanced last week. It meets the goals of our group, changing boundaries of the airport to having part of the airport footprint INSIDE two districts where residents are most affected by airport issues.

I DO NOT support political consultants efforts to add amendments to any map that gerrymander districts to meet the desires of their political allies. This defeats the whole idea of our new Redistricting Commission and residents wishes to have redistricting led by non partisan and apolitical forces. Political consultants should not be stand-in proxies for political interests in the city through redistricting. We want to trust our city government.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Regards,

Glennis Dolce



**From:** Erin Conley <elconley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** In support of Map 2 from a Wrigley resident

**-EXTERNAL-**

To whom it may concern:

My name is Erin Conley, and I am a long-time Wrigley resident. I grew up here and moved back after I got married, and my husband and I are now raising our family here. I am writing to you because I strongly support Map 2 of the new redistricting options.

Map 2 honors the fact that Wrigley and West Long Beach share the riverbed and the 710 freeway as well as the negative effects of the Port of Long Beach and other Port-related businesses. It also honors that Wrigley and West Long Beach share the Willow business strip.

Historically, Wrigley has been divided into multiple districts, which dilutes our voice and voting power. As a child, I grew up visiting other areas of Long Beach and wondering why their streets were nicer (not so many potholes as we have) and cleaner than those in my community. As an adult, I understand that other Long Beach communities were in districts that did not so dilute the voice of the people living in them, so they were able to advocate for their best interests.

Please give Wrigley residents our own district as mapped in Map 2 as the redistricting process continues. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Erin Conley

**From:** Cindy Allen <cindy@cindyallen.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:22 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** The Port Needs Representation in District B

**-EXTERNAL-**

Commissioners:

I know that Commissioner Oats ask to put all majority of city assets in one district (A). Would you kindly reconsider?

The Port is the biggest asset in the city, county and state. The residents in B deserve representation too.

I hope that apply the same logic to the Port that you all have done such a great job with the LB airport.

Putting all these assets in 1 district may sound like a good idea, but it could be a big mistake (too much power for any one person, corruption, conflicts of interest, and too much work for any one council person or staff. The port, downtown businesses, shoreline, Queen Mary, convention center, entertainment district, etc. is a lot to handle for any one councilperson). Our downtown is too big and responsibilities should be shared.

PLEASE GIVE RESIDENTS in District B REPRESENTATION.

Thank you for your consideration

Kindest Regards,  
Cindy Allen  
Downtown Resident

**From:** Parastou <patooloo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:26 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Map for 11-10-21 meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear commissioners,

I am writing to you as a very concerned Long Beach resident, I am an immigrant and a minority in this city and I personally voted for measure DDD to have the **Independent Redistricting** commission to draw district lines.

**This was to assure that every resident in Long Beach gets a fair representation free of political influence and race so every vote would count when it comes to elections.**

The purpose for this commission is to be “independent” (free from political influence), to be “transparent”, and “just”. That was the promise made to Long Beach residents to get their votes for this commission.

You have a huge responsibility to assure district lines are drawn fairly without political influence so our democracy would be protected.

Please approve a map that is a **FAIR** representation of **EVERYONE** in Long Beach no matter who they are or where they live.

And please carefully review any changes or maps that are backed up by **political consultants**.

Thank you for your hard work.

Parastou Tehrani  
Long Beach resident

**From:** Manuel Valenzuela <mavalenziii@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Additional Letter of Support from California Heights Neighborhood Association

**-EXTERNAL-**

To the Honorable Independent Redistricting Commission and the City Clerk:

The California Heights Neighborhood Association is submitting this additional letter of support to keep California Heights whole and adjoined with Bixby Knolls, as recommended by the proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2) and IRC Draft Map 1 (Amended 10.27.21).

We have included additional information that speaks to the development history shared by both California Heights and the historic Bixby Knolls neighborhood east of Atlantic, between Bixby and San Antonio.

City Clerk De La Garza, we ask that the full contents of this letter be admitted into the public record.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Manuel A. Valenzuela III



## CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

November 10, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission  
City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

At the behest of concerned residents residing in California Heights, the Board of the California Heights Neighborhood Association met to discuss the various proposals presented to, and created by, the Independent Redistricting Commission (Commission).

With a unanimous and enthusiastic voice, we support keeping California Heights whole and adjoined with Bixby Knolls, as recommended by the proposed **Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)** and **IRC Draft Map 1 (Amended 10.27.21)**.

We believe that these maps meet the redistricting requirements set forth in the City Charter, as it pertains to the following:

- **Section 2506 (b) (1) – Geographic Integrity**

California Heights is an official City Historic District, with defined boundaries along Atlantic Avenue, Bixby Road, Cherry Avenue, and Wardlow Road. These two maps preserve the historic district/neighborhood in its entirety, as has been the practice with other Council District maps over the last 50 years.<sup>i</sup>

- **Section 2506 (b) (2) – Communities of Interest**

As mentioned by Board President Hugh Little in separate correspondence, California Heights and Bixby Knolls share a strong relationship. The residents in each neighborhood shop together, worship together, and volunteer together. In fact, California Heights volunteers have been tasked with watering the trees located in the medians and parkways of the Bixby Knolls Business District. Adjoining California Heights with Bixby Knolls acknowledges the contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests.



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- **Section 2506 (b) (3) – Shared History**

The City’s own development history links the California Heights Historic District with the Bixby Knolls area east of Atlantic Avenue, between Bixby Road and San Antonio Drive. In 1929, when the last California Heights subdivision was laid out, the Bixby family “announced plans for a 120-acre residential area east of Atlantic Avenue and between Bixby Road and San Antonio Drive,” converting a lima bean field into what would become Bixby Knolls.<sup>ii</sup> The Deeble-Chapman Corporation, a prominent Southern California real estate development firm, was the developer of note for both this new Bixby Knolls development and what was then known as ‘California Heights Terrace.’<sup>iii</sup>

Due to California Height’s defined historic boundaries, its strong social and economic relationship with Bixby Knolls, as well as its shared development history with the original Bixby Knolls neighborhood, we urge you to keep California Heights whole and adjoin it with Bixby Knolls as identified in **Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)** and **IRC Draft Map 1 (Amended 10.27.21)**.

Sincerely,

/s/

Manuel A. Valenzuela III  
Board Member

Enclosure

c: City Clerk

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<sup>i</sup> <https://longbeach.gov/redistricting/maps/historical-maps/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://bixbyknollsinfo.com/neighborhoods/>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.newspapers.com/clip/13649962/deeblechapman-independent-november-5/>



## CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Historic Documentation

# BIXBY PLANS NEW RESIDENTIAL AREA

## LANDSCAPE ARTISTS AND ENGINEERS TO BEAUTIFY NORTH L.B. AREA

(Reprinted from Long Beach Press-Telegram, Oct. 17, 1929)

By H. F. BURMESTER  
Press-Telegram Financial Editor

Plans for the development of a residential area on the northern heights of this city that will be to Long Beach what the Wilshire section is to Los Angeles were disclosed today by Jotham W. Bixby, president of the Jotham Bixby Co., owner of approximately 1,000 acres of land north of Bixby Rd. and east of the Virginia Country Club.

The plan for ultimately converting this vast tract into a high-class residential district was outlined by Mr. Bixby in connection with announcement of acquisition by the Deeble-Chapman Corp. of 120 acres lying east of Atlantic Ave. and between Bixby Rd. and San Antonio Dr. and which is to be placed on the market immediately as residential property. The remainder of the main tract will be held intact by the Jotham Bixby Co. and released for home building as rapidly as the growth of contiguous territory warrants.

The landscape artists and engineers already have been consulted with a view of beautifying the 1,000-acre tract preliminary to its release for development purposes was announced by Mr. Bixby today. Plans for the landscaping of the area, tree planting and other improvements already are in process of preparation, Mr. Bixby stated.

"With a view of making this the most attractive residential section in Long Beach, we are planning extensive preliminary development work," said Mr. Bixby.

"WE HAVE ENGAGED landscape artists and engineers to prepare plans, although the release of this land for residential building will be gradual and extend over a period of years. The first unit is to be opened to the public soon by the Deeble-Chapman Corp. Development of the remainder will follow as rapidly as the demand for homes warrants."

Officers of the Jotham Bixby Co. are Jotham W. Bixby, president; Mrs. George H. Bixby, vice president; E. W. Rankin, secretary, and these three, together with Llewellyn Bixby and H. W. O'Melveny comprise the board of directors.

The land was acquired by the late Jotham Bixby in 1867 from Don Juan Temple, a Massachusetts man who came to California before the Mexican War and while Southern California was still a Mexican possession. Marriage with a California-born woman of Spanish ancestry resulted in Temple acquiring a large tract of land in the vicinity of Long Beach through Spanish grant. For many years it was known as Rancho Los Cerros. Shortly after the Civil War the property was purchased by Jotham Bixby.

MUCH OF THE property is located upon high, gently rolling ground lying south of the Los Angeles River. It is north of the defined oil area and adjoins California Heights on its southern extreme.

The Deeble-Chapman Corp. already has under development two sections of the Bixby lands—Country Club Manor, east of Atlantic Ave. and south of San Antonio Dr., and California Heights Terrace, north of Wardlow Rd. and west of Cherry Ave. The new tract to be developed immediately and upon which surveys are now at work lies between Bixby Rd. and San Antonio Dr.

All of the land in the Jotham Bixby Co.'s tract is devoted to agricultural uses at the present time. The holdings that are to be developed for residential purposes, according to Mr. Bixby's announcement today, have a valuation at the present time of several million dollars.



### Trotsky to Turkey?

(Reprinted from Long Beach Press-Telegram, Jan. 22, 1929)

Leon Trotsky, once head of the Red Army, who has been in exile in Russian Turkestan, is expected to take shelter in Constantinople or Angora soon. The Turkish government has agreed to allow his entry.

Reprinted from Long Beach Press Telegram – October 17, 1929

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/13649962/deeblechapman-independent-november-5/>



## CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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***Deeble-Chapman Co. Bixby Knolls Office (c. Unknown)***

<https://calisphere.org/item/db1af0d15c9bda720d689f63b08c620c/>



From: alex R <alexreuss@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:59 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Oppose the new maps

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Alex, and I am a resident of the South of Conant area.  
I am appalled to the new changes that are about to happen in district 5.  
I was under the impression that very little will change in district 5?  
Why such drastic changes all out of the sudden ?  
Why would you add cal heights and bixby knolls?  
Different neighborhoods with different needs.

I truly care about district 5 and am very upset with the vast map changes.  
District 5 has always been very engaged and outspoken about crucial subjects such as LUE for example.  
Is this an attempt to break that up?  
What will happen to Stacy mungo? Who will take her spot?

Please explain to me how the pro's of this useless map change will outweigh the con's.

Unfortunately there's always someone who will benefit from drastic changes like these...however it is never the citizens that live in that area.

I'm very disappointed in the Mayor and city council, and would like to know how to reverse the map changes.

Please let me know ASAP.

Best,

Alex

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Marcia Tolentino <mtolentino33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:00 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for map 2.2

**-EXTERNAL-**

To whom it may concern:

Please see attached letter of support for map 2.2

If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at or [mtolentino33@gmail.com](mailto:mtolentino33@gmail.com)

Thank you,  
Marcia Tolentino  
District 2 Resident

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Marcia Tolentino  
Green Education Inc.

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Marcia Tolentino, a District 2 resident for the past 6 years.

Please accept my support for Map 2.2 and for a collective city-wide effort to create a map that ensures Communities of interests have a voice. Organizations such as the creators of the Equity Map, Centro Cha, the Cambodian Community, and the Black Ministers Alliance have been organizing to create a map that protects Black neighborhoods, keeps the Cambodian Community together, and solidifies a Latino Cultural district that includes a library and the Museum of Latin America Art, while ensuring the eastern side of the city has a voice and economic engines like the Airport, the Port, and Downtown have multiple representatives.

With this redistricting recommendation, Downtown, residents, businesses and the Port of LB will have representation and accountability, and in Central Long Beach, historic black communities are protected, 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.

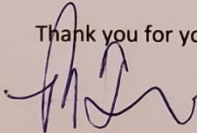
In North Long Beach, this map includes 2 council offices to ensure the region historically left behind has representation to support economic development and community preservation. On the Westside, the map keeps the neighborhoods of Wrigley and West Long Beach as communities of interest and does not dilute the majority minority votes.

With Map 2.2, 65% of residents of color in our city will have an opportunity for representation and will ensure that we have representatives that are reflective of the communities they serve.

The main intent behind redistricting, per the Voting Rights Act, is to ensure Communities of Color have access to equal representation. The Voting Rights Act was in response to the Black led Civil Rights Movement and the Black community has been demographically decreasing in Long Beach. I highly encourage the Redistricting Commission that no changes come at the expense of losing Black and BIPOC representation and to maintain the Historic Black community of Long Beach in one district.

Finally, please keep in mind the vibrant LGBTQ+ community, many of whom live in the current district. Though LGBTQ residents live throughout the city, it is in this current district that an intersectional movement has and is taking place, with our older adult community, local nonprofits and community organizations, youth groups and city departments working together to ensure equity is advanced for LGBTQ people and for our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your consideration,



Maria Tolentino  
2815 E. 5<sup>th</sup> ST.

L.B. CA 90814  
(562) 212-0846

**From:** Gary Morrison <garymorrison@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:16 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** 5 Simple Amendments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Map 2)

**-EXTERNAL-**

Honorable Commissioners,

Please amend these 5 Simple Amendments to Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2)

1. At E. Ocean Blvd., move the western border of District C to Junipero Avenue
2. At E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Avenue
3. At E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Avenue
4. At E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Termino Avenue
5. Between E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. & E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., move the eastern border of District B to Cherry Avenue

Please recognize the positive results of amending and adopting the 5 Simple Amendments

- Maintains the Commissions borders in Districts D, E, F, G, H, & I
- Creates equivalent populations and retains diversity makeup in Districts A, B, & C
- Keeps 10 neighborhoods Whole and Together
- Corrects the division of some neighborhoods

The 5 Simple Amendments were developed in harmony by the Board Members and representatives of the neighborhoods of Bluff Park, Carroll Park, Bluff Heights, Belmont Heights, Alamitos Heights, Belmont Shore and Bay Harbour.

Please vote to make 'Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2) with 5 Simple Amendments' the Commission's Only Final Map and define the Council Districts tonight.

Thank you,

Gary Morrison  
Flint Avenue  
Long Beach, CA

**From:** John Fries <jfries4@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** new map

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners:

I appreciate your hard work on a difficult task. For your consideration, I would like to request some modest changes on your most recent map approved at your last meeting to be sent forward. The changes are minor adjustments to the District C on your map. The intention is to keep together communities of common interest, connected by our interest in coastal issues and historical district concerns. The enclosed adjusted map expands District 3 or C along the coast and historical district areas and shrinks it in the Zaferia district or Circle Area.

This map will probably be sent to you by a number of petitioners. I urge you to consider it as you debate the map to move forwards.

Thanks for your attention. John Fries,

**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**

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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 heard you, 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):

1. Between E. Ocean Blvd. and E. 4th St., move the western border of District C to Junipero Ave.
2. Between E. 4th St. and E. 10th St., move the western border of District C to Redondo Ave.
3. Between E. 10th St. and E. Anaheim St., move the western border of District C to Ximeno Ave.
4. Between E. Anaheim St. and Pacific Coast Highway, move the western border of District C to Termino Ave.
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:

**Paul St. Bernard**, Alamitos Heights (President, Alamitos Heights Improvement Association (AHIA))

**Gary Morrison**, Alamitos Heights (Past President, AHIA)

**Melissa Mihalik Sipowicz**, Alamitos Heights (Treasurer, AHIA)

**Kirsten Larsen**, Alamitos Heights (Secretary, AHIA)

**Gina Liu**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Leslie Grenier**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Leslie Stonick**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Richard Wherry**, Alamitos Heights (Board Member, AHIA)

**Yesmean Rihbany**, Alamitos Heights (Resident, Past Board Member, AHIA)

**Catherine Grace**, Alamitos Heights (Resident)

**Jon Wersbe**, Alamitos Heights (Resident)

**Parastou Teharani**, Bay Harbour (Resident)

**Sohrab Tanavol**, Bay Harbour (Resident)

**Janette Villalon**, 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)

**Debbie Davis**, Bluff Heights (Treasurer, 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)

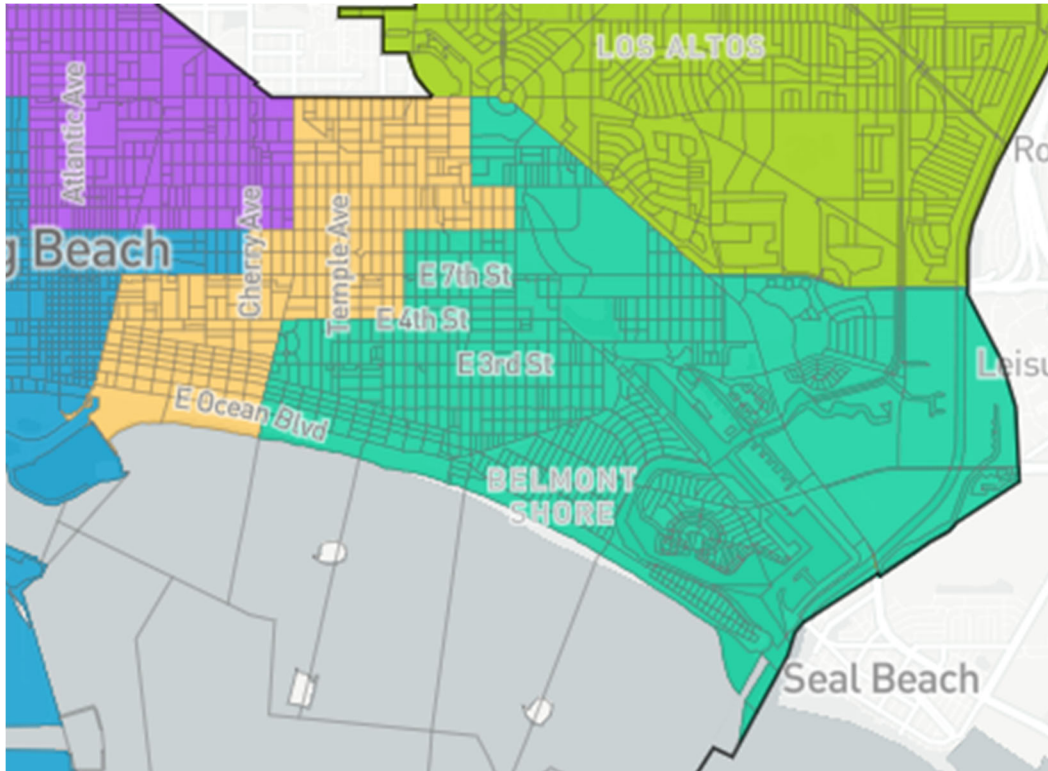
**Marco Pizzo**, Bluff Park (VP of Events & Fundraising, BPNA)

**Teresa Stamoulis** (VP of Historic Preservation, BPNA)

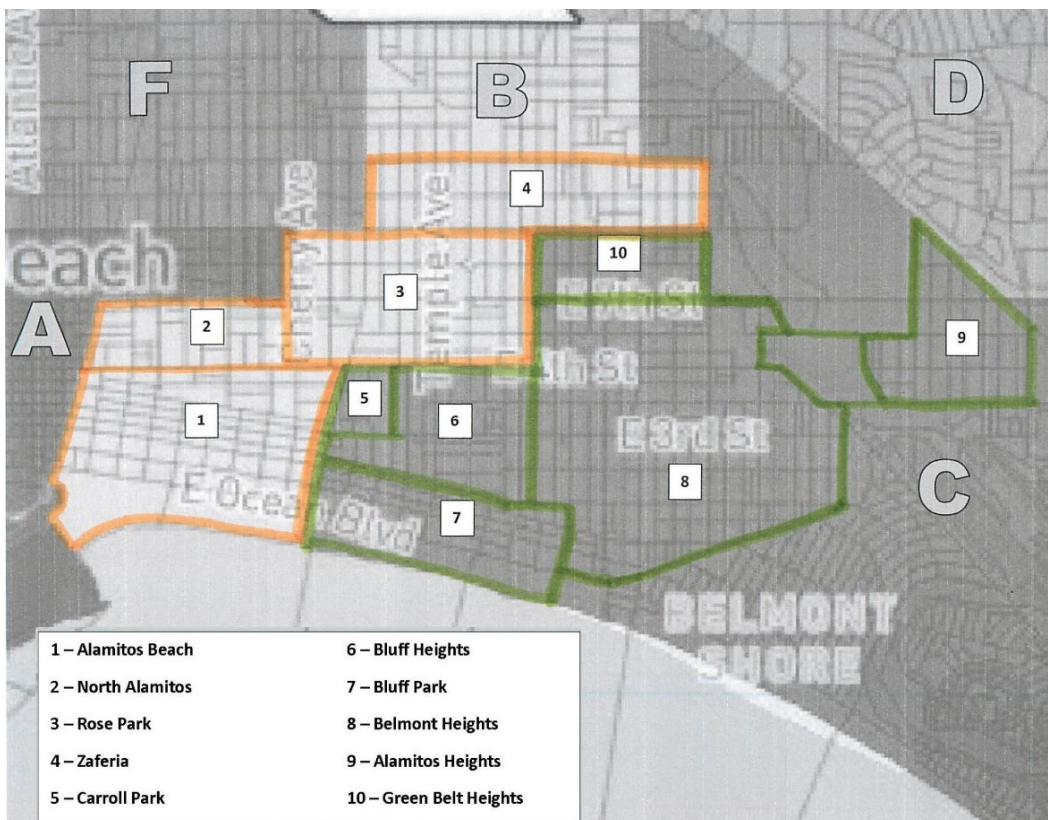
**Barbara Newell**, Belmont Shore (President, Friends of Belmont Shore)



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

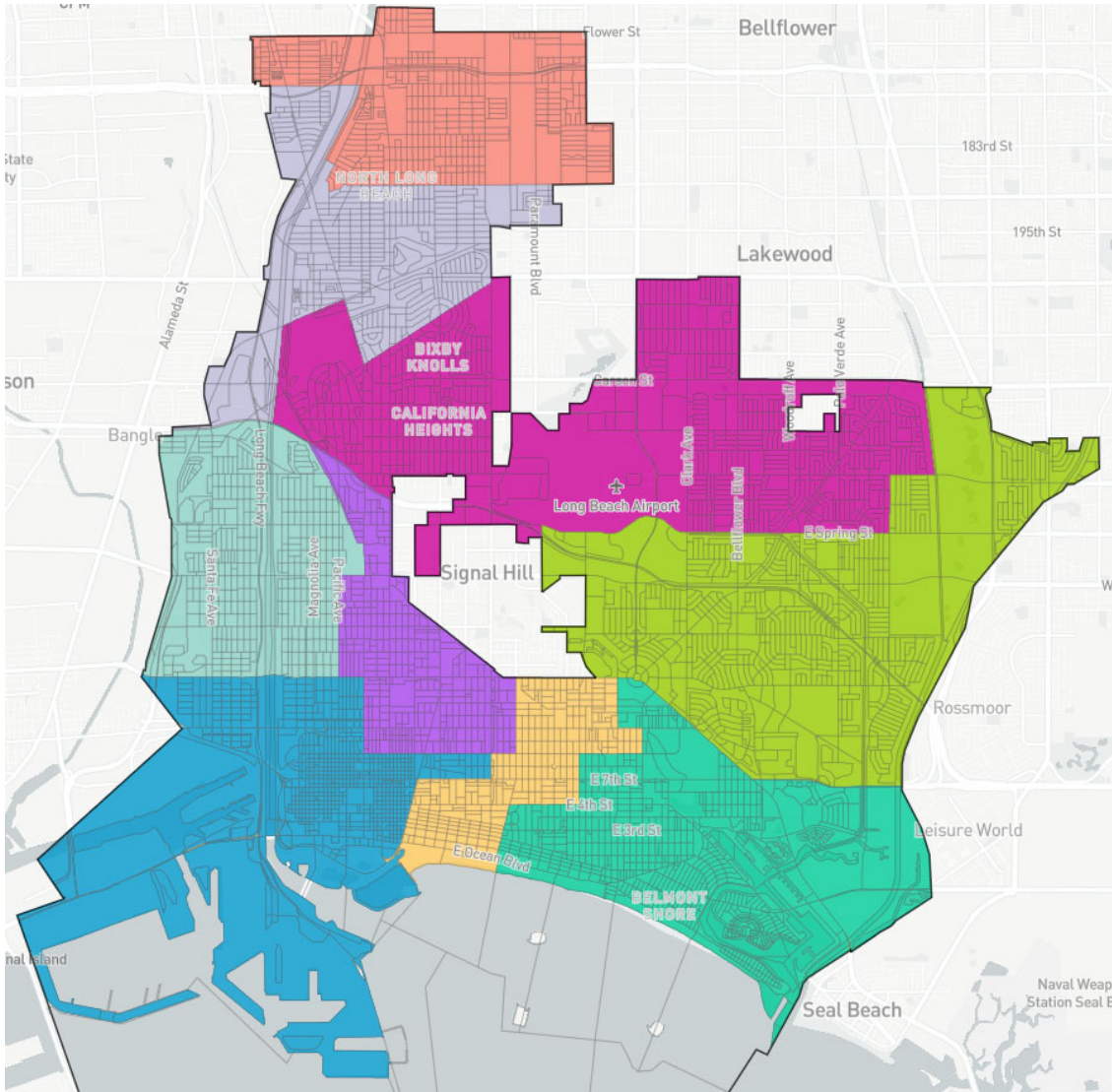


**Informational outline of historic districts and organized communities:**



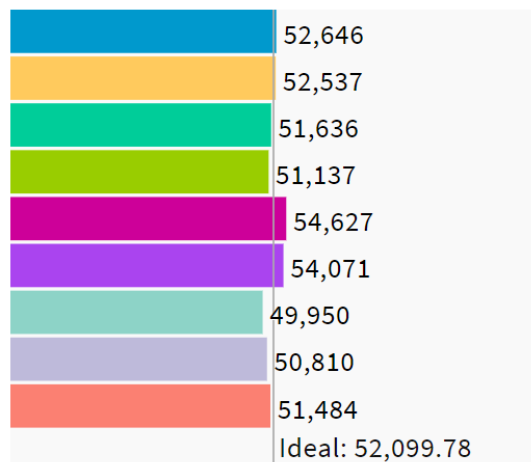


**Proposed Map for all Districts (illustrated by Map 76918 as a *suggested adjustment* to IRC Draft Map 2):**  
 For illustration purposes: <https://districtr.org/plan/76918>



▼ **Population Balance**

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census data on 2020 Blocks.



UNASSIGNED POPULATION:

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MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION:

4.85%

**From:** Kristine Hammond <kristine@kennedyhammond.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:15 PM

**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Redistricting Commission - Agenda Item 3

**-EXTERNAL-**

Independent Redistricting Commissioners -

I am writing as a long-time resident of District 5. My husband and I have lived in our home since 1996. 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.

***Kristine Hammond***

From: Hugh Little <hughlittle@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:22 PM

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

Subject: A letter from the California Heights Neighborhood Association relating to Redistricting in Long Beach.

Hello, please include this letter in the written documentation and the minutes for tonight's (November 10) redistricting meeting. The CHNA feels that separating California Heights from its historical, political and geographic ties to Bixby Knolls would be detrimental to to our neighborhood's voice in city government.



## CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

To: The Commissioners of the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and the City Clerk of Long Beach

From: The California Heights Neighborhood Association

Honorable Commission Members,

The California Heights Neighborhood Association would like to bring to your attention our concerns regarding the way several of the maps under current consideration have been formed. We would like the opportunity to share our perspective regarding the relationship between our neighborhood and our adjacent and surrounding neighborhoods in Bixby Knolls and Wrigley.

It was at last week's meeting when I first encountered the notion of California Heights not being an integral part of Bixby Knolls. I knew that we were a distinct *neighborhood* of our own, but honestly, I had always thought we were considered part of Bixby Knolls, rather than a separate entity to the immediate South. Our Northern border is Bixby Knolls' Southern border, but our economic and political relationships extend North along Atlantic at least as far as San Antonio or Del Amo. Correspondingly, I do not believe the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association ceases operation South of Bixby on Atlantic – to the contrary, the residents of California Heights would be delighted to have the businesses along the Wardlow corridor be able to participate in the development that we have all been delighted to see up Atlantic.

Currently situated in the Seventh district, within walking distance of the Eighth district, California Heights has benefited from knowing that at least two council members will understand, if not share, our positions on issues that affect our neighborhood. Our traffic, our impacts from the airport, even our economic goals are all woven into what I call the 'Greater' Bixby Knolls area.

I would, on behalf of the residents of California Heights, like to ask you to please consider this relationship when reviewing, approving, or making edits to current or potential future redistricting maps. I think I speak for all of us when I say that California Heights does not particularly care which district we wind up in – but we very strongly feel that it should be the same district as the rest of Bixby Knolls, rather than as a pseudopod of the current Fifth District, connecting us arbitrarily to the East side of the Long Beach Airport. The Airport is itself a pretty natural dividing line for much of the city, but our neighborhood has much more in common economically and politically with our neighbors to the West of Cherry than we do with our more distant neighbors to the East of Lakewood Boulevard.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hugh Little  
President, CHNA

**From:** Mary Nevill <mbneville@aol.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:27 PM

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

**Cc:** shdavidson6@gmail.com

**Subject:** Re: agenda item 3 redistricting meeting Support IRC Draft 1 -- amended 10-27-2021

**-EXTERNAL-**

To the Commissioners

**Support IRC Draft 1 - amended 10-27-2021 and only IRC Draft Map 1 -- amended 10-27-2021.**

**Reject IRC 1b. Reject all maps except IRC Draft Map 1 -- amended 10-27-2021**

ReIRC 1b does not follow the guidelines of creating districts that are contiguous (connected). It does not respect natural boundaries which keep neighborhoods that are homogenous connected. The only justification for arbitrarily throwing disparate neighborhoods together is to balance the numbers. This is unacceptable.

Sincerely,  
Mary Nevill  
Long Beach resident

**From:** Tonia Reyes Uranga <tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:36 PM  
**To:** rcast26045@aol.com  
**Cc:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Map #71392

**-EXTERNAL-**

If you support, can you fill out the form so we ID you as a westsider? Thanks

[Yes, I Support Map 2 with Edits](#)

Tonia Reyes Uranga

On Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 1:30 PM [rcast26045@aol.com](mailto:rcast26045@aol.com) <[rcast26045@aol.com](mailto:rcast26045@aol.com)> wrote:  
I am in support of map  
#71392, as I am a resident of said district proposal.

Darlene Castillo

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

**From:** Mary Kate Belliveau <MBelliveau@paper-i.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Commission - Meeting Nov 10th

**-EXTERNAL-**

Redistricting Commission -

I have reviewed the proposed draft map IRC #2 and support the proposed lines for District C. As a 31 year resident of Long Beach's 3<sup>rd</sup> District I believe this revision supports that a "community of interest" certainly exists for the Belmont Heights / Belmont Shore / Alamitos Heights / Naples communities. The population appears to be evenly distributed in the draft map across the districts allowing for equal representation based on population and communities.

Resident address = next to Marina Vista Park

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Kate Belliveau | National Account Manager  
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From: J.T. Higgins <jameshig@usc.edu>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:11 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Redistricting

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern:

This note is to express my support of Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2). We would like to remain in the same district we have been part of for the last 10 years. This map not only keeps our current neighborhood intact; it also joins the five historic coastal neighborhoods together. While we live in Bluff Park, we take full advantage of being within walking distance of Belmont Shores, Belmont Heights, Naples & The Peninsula. We feel as much a part of those neighborhoods as our own and believe it is in all our best interests to be in the same district as we have common areas of interest, concerns, goals, vision and plans for the future. We hope you think similarly and appreciate the sense behind our reasoning. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James T. Higgins  
[jthiggins@usc.edu](mailto:jthiggins@usc.edu)

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Sohrab Tanavoli <tanavoli@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Approve IRC Draft Map 2

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners

I am asking each of you to **eliminate** gerrymandering in Long Beach.

Gerrymandering in Long Beach is a real problem. Eliminating this problem holds the promise of a City with fair and just representation. Democracy only works when people like me, commissioners like you, are committed to boundaries that are free of Gerrymandering. We want fair elections.

Please do not consider any maps with gerrymandered “fingers” and “boundaries” whose only purpose is to keep an incumbent in office.

As an immigrant, my home country had no gerrymandering. Instead we had a government *full of* corruption, deception and military coups. Please protect our democracy in Long Beach. Please give our City a democratic map that is free of gerrymandering.

Please approve a map that is a fair representation of Long Beach. Please do not switch to a new map, but make your needed precise adjustments to IRC Draft Map 2.

Thank you for your dedication to democracy.

Sohrab Tanavoli

**From:** Joan Stiehl <joanmstiehl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:29 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Saving district 2 at Ocean Blvd next to the convention center

**-EXTERNAL-**

I'm Joan Stiehl and live at Aqua Towers at Elm & E Ocean Blvd . At first, I didn't I didn't think I had a cultural group to save but I realized my group I helped formed over 10 years ago, ORCA, Ocean Residents Community Association is my culture. We are a series of residents from high rise condos on Ocean Blvd. We have been involved in civic happenings and social fun (such as the LB port trips around the bay) and also everyone has been very helpful in helping me gather socks for the homeless that I and other ORCA volunteers give out 6000t pairs of socks at the Reef on Christmas Day. I will feel lost if you divide our district especially since we finally have a councilperson who really pays attention to the needs of the area.since collectively deal with the grand prix and other festivities in our backyards. I also volunteer with ORCA people who volunteer at ICT. I do have a community of interest and do not want to lose it. Thank you very much for listening. Sorry, it took me so long to write Joan Stiehl.

Joan M. Stiehl

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**From:** Rahul Sen <rsen0588@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Please revise the current map

**-EXTERNAL-**

The map you are currently considering needs to be revised.

It splits neighborhoods and is a radical recombination of neighborhoods that have little to nothing in common.

I am a current District 2 resident. What does Zaferia have in common with Alamitos Beach? Alamitos Beach should be connected to Downtown, not Zaferia. Zaferia has nothing in common with our community and most of us know nothing about the Zaferia area.

This map also nonsensically combines the Port and all of Downtown into one district.

You have heard from community members that major assets with major impacts should be split into multiple districts. You spent hours ensuring the airport was split.

The Port also needs to be split into multiple districts, and Downtown should be split between districts A and B in some fashion similar to IRC Draft Map 1.

Combining this much influence, power, revenue, and labor and business interests into one district will absolutely distort the democratic process and create one super district.

Do not do this.

Please advance IRC Draft Map 1, the map that actually had a community feedback and engagement process to refine it, make amendments as best represent community feedback in the past two weeks, and select that as your final map.

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:39 PM

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

**Subject:** agenda item 3 redistricting commission

**-EXTERNAL-**

(City Clerk- Please enter these comments into the public record)

As a resident of district 5, I oppose Map 2, the map elevated for consideration as a final map last week. The map sacrifices the communities in district 5, breaking them apart for no better reason than to deal with the population numbers that resulted from trying to put Wrigley back together. Having a district that goes from the LA River to El Dorado Park does not serve the public interest.

As a member of the Airport Adjacent Neighborhoods Group (AANG), I acknowledge that map 2 does allow for the neighborhoods west of the airport to have a council member that has a portion of the airport in their district. However, map 1, ***with the amendment proposed last week that gives a portion of the airport to the district on the westside***, accomplishes the same thing without breaking up the 5th district.

I support the original map 1 and ask that it be reconsidered/amended and made available as a candidate for the final map. That map is well balanced with natural boundaries and contains many asks and changes that came from the community. The majority of the people that provided maps for your consideration had similar boundaries to what exist today in district 5. Public input should matter.

#### **SCHOOLS-**

Map 2: In pulling apart the 5th district, you have moved Milliken H.S. into district D (the 4th) and split the students between the D (4th) and E (5th).

Map 2: Cubberley Elementary is in District E (5th) with students split between districts E (the 5th) and district D (the 4th).

#### **CONTIGUOUS BOUNDARIES:**

Map 2: The criteria for natural contiguous boundaries has been violated. The neighborhoods are divided by a significant barrier - the airport. The airport cuts the city into east and west. East and west populations have very different issues.

Map 2: The neighborhoods surrounding El Dorado Park all have connection to that property but it has been moved to the 4th with just a few neighborhoods. Map 2 cuts out the entire neighborhood north of Wardlow (Carson Park) that is directly adjacent to and affected by El Dorado Park and puts it in district E while the park is in District D.

#### **EQUITY:**

Map 2 does nothing meaningful towards equity.

#### **GERRYMANDERING?**

Map 2: The 3 people running for the 5th district council seat (Mungo, Dobbs, Schipske) have all been moved to District D. District D (the 4th district) will not be on the ballot this year. While the home address of any politically active person should not be considered in redistricting, it does make me wonder if there wasn't an ulterior motive, removing all the competition in one fell swoop. I hear there is a map being submitted tonight by Jeanine Pearce, a political consultant, that would remove the Plaza neighborhood (where I live) from the 5th district as well. I question whether removing all the known politically active individuals from district 5 is accidental or has political purpose.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

Corliss Lee

President Eastside Voice

From: JANETTE CARBONE <janettecarbone@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:44 PM  
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Maps

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,  
I wanted to send this email casting my vote for Map2.

I would also like to say that I was gravely disappointed in the last meeting where many of us were made to feel that the commission may, in fact, not be unbiased but rather seems to favor an agenda that supported specific populations rather than neighborhoods and communities.

I felt that the when one of the commissioners made the comment that she heard someone say "the west side was trash" (which I never heard throughout any of the proceedings) that her goal was to present her biased and to divide the people of Long Beach.

What she said was not true and I feel that the people of this community have done nothing but show respect for each other.

We also feel that having consideration of maps submitted by a known political consultant raises questions and doubt amongst the constituents whether this is truly an unbiased proceeding or one that tries to hide gerrymandering intent.

We ask of you genuine unbiased and keep neighborhoods together that share living space, same goals and recreate together with friends and family and community.

Janette Villalon  
District 3

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** La Vonne Hamilton <lavonhamilton8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:46 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](mailto: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**  
**November 10, 2021 Meeting**

Good evening,

I am Dr. La Vonne Hamilton. My husband and I are homeowners in Bixby Knolls.

We attended the November 3, 2021 meeting online and sent our response to the Committee via the “Public Comment” link.

My professional background is in engineering, education, research and grant writing.

Currently, I am working on a grant for which I need demographic data for 2020. While looking at the Census Data for my grant, I decided to see what data was available for re-districting (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html>). To my surprise, the only data points for re-districting were “Race”. This is the only data that was presented to the people of Long Beach; but this is partial data. As of today, the Housing data is still partial with Occupancy (H1) the only data that is available.

So... the dataset for Housing is incomplete! There is no published 2020 data for “Living Quarters” at this time.

The Census states that “We the People” will have access to “experimental” data on November 30, 2021. This is not the final dataset!

If we compare the redistricting data points available today for 2020 versus the data points used for the 2010 redistricting, “We the people” (the citizens of Long Beach, CA) only have half of the data needed to make this crucial decision. So.... how can this redistricting, that will be voted on, be equitable to all???

Please remember, Public Law 94-171, enacted in 1975, says that data must be sent to Governors & Legislative leadership needed to redraw districts.

We have data, but does Long Beach, California have all of the “data points” needed to make this crucial decision???

My husband and I are working long hours and don’t usually track emails.

Unfortunately, the business regarding this important redistricting process is online (no mail was sent to our home regarding this); we now are addressing these important projects, which has implications for our area and us for the next 10 years.

In researching this process, we learned that redistricting also affects the number of seats in the House of Representatives for the 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. As we are reviewing all materials, as well as, looking at associated data, following are our thoughts that we are reiterating from our comments sent last week:

- We believe that the proposed redistricting will have adverse affects for Bixby Knolls as Bixby Knolls will be split in half according to our Census Tracts (CT):
- Bixby Knolls North - CT 5715.02
- Bixby Knolls South – CT 5719
- We did not purchase this property in Bixby Knolls in 1999 to be separated from the rest of the Bixby Knolls area. **In the updated map, we are no longer referred to as Bixby Knolls.** We feel we in many ways will be cut in half. Imagine how you would

feel this way as both north and south have a symbiotic relationship, which will be cut as we support businesses in the south but will no longer receive revenues for our district.

- We did not leave our city in 1999 to live in a city that is beginning to look like the communities we left. We do not want to live in an underserved community! We do not want to be disconnected to Bixby Knolls South (Census Tract 5719). Without the rest of our community, we fear we will be moving towards being an underserved community! We do not want to deal with the problems and issues residents have with no help from our local government. Nor do we want our local government to steal from us what we worked so hard to attain.
- Proposed Bixby Knolls South (Census Tract 5719) is part of our business district for which we shop and go to restaurants. The taxes these businesses pay are used for Bixby Knolls and the needs of District 8. Without this income for District 8 (due to re-districting), our community will have less access to needed services, which include infrastructure and repaving our streets, which would adversely affect our community.
- We are also concerned with our property values being compromised, as well as, safety in our community.
- We believe that this redistricting is a form of redistribution of wealth (removing wealth from Bixby Knolls North) by placing our business district in Bixby Knolls South. This redistricting will have an adverse affect on the middle class in this area.
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**Again, we do not want to be separated from the rest of Bixby Knolls!!! It is not in our best interest!!!**

Respectfully,  
The Hamiltons  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:49 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Independent Redistricting Commission,

Please consider extending the final decision on redistricting, the current proposed maps are unacceptable.

Thank you

John Quiroz

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** L A Hollie <LydiaHollie@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:49 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for IRC Map 2

**-EXTERNAL-**

Independent Redistricting Commission

In the interest of full disclosure, I am sharing with you the text I sent to Nim Chork, Chief of Staff, 6th District, on November 6, 2021 at 8:54PM:

"Good evening,

Based on a recent published article that was brought to my attention, there appears to be concerted attempts to mischaracterize and create the false impression that there is an adversarial mindset toward the Cambodian community. Do not believe that hype. Anyone who supports that narrative is intentionally misguided and seeks to participate in the spectacle of "oppression politics." I patently reject that view because it serves the status quo which Map 2 challenges and seeks to address.

Council Member Saro was elected by a coalition of Whites (in Wrigley), Blacks (e.g., my mother), Latinos, and Cambodians with the current district boundaries. It was a crowded field, including the incumbent. Yet, Dr. Saro prevailed because she was the best candidate to represent 6th District. New leadership, fresh thinking as well as strong and persistent advocacy that has been long overdue for Central Long Beach is what I believe has been ushered with her newly elected administration.

However, I do support Map 2 with modifications, as I believe it is fair and ensures that the voice of the Black community (especially given the undercount in the 2020 census) won't be diminished or rendered insignificance over the next 10 years. In addition to fair political representation, it is imperative the Black constituency in Central Long Beach are benefited by the federal funding that accompanies the Census results in the near and distant future designed to support residents and businesses. In my view, Map 2 does not negate the political needs, rather it acknowledges and embraces political needs of the Cambodian community. Map 2 achieves the equity that the residents and voters who comprise Central Long Beach are entitled and deserve. Best, Dr. Hollie"

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia A. Hollie, JD/MAED  
9th District and 6th District  
Property Owner, Long Beach Native

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:52 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Redistricting Committee,

In 1992, we moved to Bixby Knolls after a friend recommended the area to us. After a tour of the area, we were impressed by the highly desirable area and the property values. We live just behind Bixby Knolls Park and the Bixby Knolls Shopping area. However, it appears that you are now proposing to move Bixby Knolls out of District H and into District E but excluding us to be part of that move. We are very disappointed. For 30 years we have always been part of Bixby Knolls and we want to remain as part of this area.

As a landscape architect, I joined the Bixby Knolls Business Development Design Committee and spent many hours to develop standards and guidelines for the Atlantic Ave. corridor in the Uptown Bixby Knolls District to encourage the establishment of new businesses and restaurants. And now I feel we will no longer be part of the Bixby Knolls community.

Anthony Chacon

**From:** Vine [mailto:info@vinelb.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:58 PM

**To:** cityclerk@longbeach.gov; Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; Rahul Sen <Rahul.Sen@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** 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:** Annie Greenfeld [mailto:shorti2448@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting map selection

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good afternoon Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Magnolia Industrial Group (a PBID) as the Executive Director/Administrator.

I am quite concerned with some of the maps that have been submitted. MIG's boundaries are currently in the First District -

North: Pacific Coast Highway;

East: Magnolia Ave., South: Anaheim St. to 11th Street;

West: LA River.

We are an industrial area and work with the Port of LB and the Westside Business Association of Long Beach which is on the other side of the LA River. We are all industrial areas that work very closely together and have for many, many years.

It is very important that we be able to continue to work together with the Port and the Westside as we have similar issues and situations that are now being addressed by our Council

Office. To have to start all over again would deter us from

being able to renew our PBID in 2023, as we are just beginning to formulate a plan to improve the areas and any change would

set us back to pre-COVID times. During COVID, everything stopped and no progress was made with improving areas. As I

stated, we are to renew in 2023, and any change in contiguous boundaries would be unjust in that we experience the same

problems and changing would take an extended period of time to fix the issues currently plaguing the industrial areas.

**From our perspective, any map such as IRC Draft Map 1 or any map that keeps the two industrial areas and the port together is acceptable to us.**

Please be mindful of the areas that you are dealing with and try not to split up too many neighborhoods. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Annie Greenfeld

*"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake.*

*Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."*

**From:** Paul Fraley [mailto:pcf1906@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:07 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Wrigley and Westside Long Beach - Map 2 (1B)

**-EXTERNAL-**

Honorable Redistricting Commission:

My family and I settled into our Wrigley Heights home in Long Beach almost 2 years ago now. Getting to know the Wrigley neighborhoods, the local businesses there, churches and schools, We began to understand the tight-knit nature of this extremely diverse area of Long Beach. I write to urge the commission and City Council to move forward and approve Map 2, the map elevated by the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) entitled, "Proposed Final Map IRC Draft 2" (titled 1B on the document <https://longbeach.gov/globalassets/redistricting/media-library/documents/maps/irc-draft-map-1b>), which would reunite the South and North neighborhoods of Wrigley, Wrigley Heights and West Long Beach all in one district.

It's vital for the continued development of the entire Wrigley area and its struggling local businesses that we are unified under one district. Maps other than Map 2 are, in effect, fragmenting the rich heritage and culturally diverse communities of West Long Beach and Wrigley into 2 or 3 separate districts, denying us the power to elect a candidate of our choice.

Also, as much of a burden as splitting the districts in this community is laying the east district line right in the middle of arguably the most important commercial thoroughfare in the area: Pacific Ave. I would passionately request you to reconsider your boundary line that splits Pacific Avenue in half and ask that the east boundary be relocated to include the entirety of Pacific Ave from Willow Street to the Pacific Coast Highway into district "G" with the rest of the Wrigley neighborhoods. As it is a business thoroughfare, it would pose no impact on the residential allocation, but would make a significant difference in small business collaboration and association.

For far too long Wrigley and the West Long Beach areas - areas filled with diverse, hard working-class communities - have been largely dissociated and thereby forgotten by the more affluent areas north and east of us. Approving a map that would put us at the whim of votes from Bixby Knolls, Bixby Highlands, Cal Heights, etc. (communities that openly admit they have little in common with Wrigley and have asked not to share the same district) would do a tremendous disservice to the area's rebirth, growth, expansion and representation, especially coming out of the ashes of a devastating pandemic. Please keep Wrigley together. Vote for Map 2 (1B).

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All The Best!

***Paul C Fraley***

\*\*\*\*This is a private communication intended for the listed addressee(s). If It has reached you in error, please delete and notify the sender \*\*\*\*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:11 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Support of May: Draft\_Map\_2

**-EXTERNAL-**

As a 70+ year resident of Long Beach, **please adopt the Draft\_Map\_2 proposal for the final redistricting map.** It is the most "neighborhood friendly" version support your guidelines of keeping communities of common interests together. I find this map to be the most accepted by all areas of the city from the accounts I have read on line and in the papers.

If you feel, as a representative Commission, that you **are not completely ready to adopt any map, I urge you to dealy until March 2022 so that you get it right.**

Judith B. Griggs



**From:** Jenny Kuo [mailto:jchoikuo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I will keep this email brief and to the point. The current agenda to realign the districts in Long Beach is egregious and in violation of civic rights. If constituents' voices are not recognized and respected, there will be significant consequences to our city in the form of demographic profile, property value, real estate investment, etc for years to come. If the mayor hopes to maintain the support of its citizens, the redistricting agenda will be adjusted to reflect citizens' needs and voices. With that said, I respectfully urge the commission to **SUPPORT IRC1 AND REJECT 6185.**

With regards,  
Jenny Kuo  
3rd District Homeowner

**From:** Maureen Neeley [mailto:neeley@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Document and comments for discussion at 11.10.2021 Redistricting Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good evening Commissioners and Staff,

My name is Maureen Neeley and I have been an active leader with both the Belmont Heights Community Association and Long Beach Heritage for over 20 years. I was gratified to have been called early on in the redistricting process by a Commissioner who wanted input on traditional district boundaries. I appreciated the attention to detail shown by the Commission.

I would like to speak to these traditional boundaries and advocate for a proposed map known as IRC Draft Map 2. In this map a number of Historic Districts are kept wholly within a Council District. This is important because the dilution of Historic Districts by dividing them between Council Districts weakens the voice of the residents.

Drilling down a bit deeper, I would note that keeping the Bluff Park Historic District attached to the same Council District as Belmont Heights 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 continuity in terms of:

- Shared schools
- Shared shopping districts and bus lines
- Continuous bike lanes
- Street names that historically changed as each subdivision was annexed (i.e., Eliot to 3rd; Railway to Broadway)
- Housing stock (both neighborhoods are similarly defined by small apartments, bungalows, large residences integrated on each block)
- Public bluffs and shoreline, sharing the pros and cons of public access to the beach

IRC Draft Map 2 goes a long way in combining several historic/traditional districts under one or another Council District. It corrects the current splitting of Bluff Heights and Rose Park into different Council Districts. I am happy to see the attention paid to keeping districts together.

Images of the map are included in the attached document and can also be found at <https://districtr.org/plan/76918>

Thank you for undertaking this challenging task.

*Maureen Neeley*

**Maureen Neeley, MLIS**

**From:** La Vonne Hamilton [<mailto:lavonhamilton8@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <[CityClerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@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 Redistricting meeting. We are requesting a response to this letter.

Please respond to this email at: [Tobasone@verizon.net](mailto: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**  
**November 10, 2021 Meeting**

Good evening,

I am Dr. La Vonne Hamilton. My husband and I are homeowners in Bixby Knolls.

We attended the November 3, 2021 meeting online and sent our response to the Committee via the “Public Comment” link.

My professional background is in engineering, education, research and grant writing.

Currently, I am working on a grant for which I need demographic data for 2020. While looking at the Census Data for my grant, I decided to see what data was available for re-districting (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html>). To my surprise, the only data points for re-districting were “Race”. This is the only data that was presented to the people of Long Beach; but this is partial data. As of today, the Housing data is still partial with Occupancy (H1) the only data that is available.

So... the dataset for Housing is incomplete! There is no published 2020 data for “Living Quarters” at this time.

The Census states that “We the People” will have access to “experimental” data on November 30, 2021. This is not the final dataset!

If we compare the redistricting data points available today for 2020 versus the data points used for the 2010 redistricting, “We the people” (the citizens of Long Beach, CA) only have half of the data needed to make this crucial decision. So.... how can this redistricting, that will be voted on, be equitable to all???

Please remember, Public Law 94-171, enacted in 1975, says that data must be sent to Governors & Legislative leadership needed to redraw districts.

We have data, but does Long Beach, California have all of the “data points” needed to make this crucial decision???

My husband and I are working long hours and don’t usually track emails.

Unfortunately, the business regarding this important redistricting process is online (no mail was sent to our home regarding this); we now are addressing these important projects, which has implications for our area and us for the next 10 years.

In researching this process, we learned that redistricting also affects the number of seats in the House of Representatives for the 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. As we are reviewing all materials, as well as, looking at associated data, following are our thoughts that we are reiterating from our comments sent last week:

- We believe that the proposed redistricting will have adverse affects for Bixby Knolls as Bixby Knolls will be split in half according to our Census Tracts (CT):
- Bixby Knolls North - CT 5715.02
- Bixby Knolls South – CT 5719
- We did not purchase this property in Bixby Knolls in 1999 to be separated from the rest of the Bixby Knolls area. **In the updated map, we are no longer referred to as Bixby Knolls.** We feel we in many ways will be cut in half. Imagine how you would

feel this way as both north and south have a symbiotic relationship, which will be cut as we support businesses in the south but will no longer receive revenues for our district.

- We did not leave our city in 1999 to live in a city that is beginning to look like the communities we left. We do not want to live in an underserved community! We do not want to be disconnected to Bixby Knolls South (Census Tract 5719). Without the rest of our community, we fear we will be moving towards being an underserved community! We do not want to deal with the problems and issues residents have with no help from our local government. Nor do we want our local government to steal from us what we worked so hard to attain.
- Proposed Bixby Knolls South (Census Tract 5719) is part of our business district for which we shop and go to restaurants. The taxes these businesses pay are used for Bixby Knolls and the needs of District 8. Without this income for District 8 (due to re-districting), our community will have less access to needed services, which include infrastructure and repaving our streets, which would adversely affect our community.
- We are also concerned with our property values being compromised, as well as, safety in our community.
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Respectfully,  
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Bixby Knolls  
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**From:** Antonella Schaub [mailto:antonellaschaub@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Re-districting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please do not split up Alamitos Heights. I support IRC Draft Map 1 Dated 10/27/21

Antonella Schaub  
Alamitos Heights (Windward Pointe Community)

**From:** Susana Gonzalez Edmond [mailto:s.gonzalez.mpa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:19 PM  
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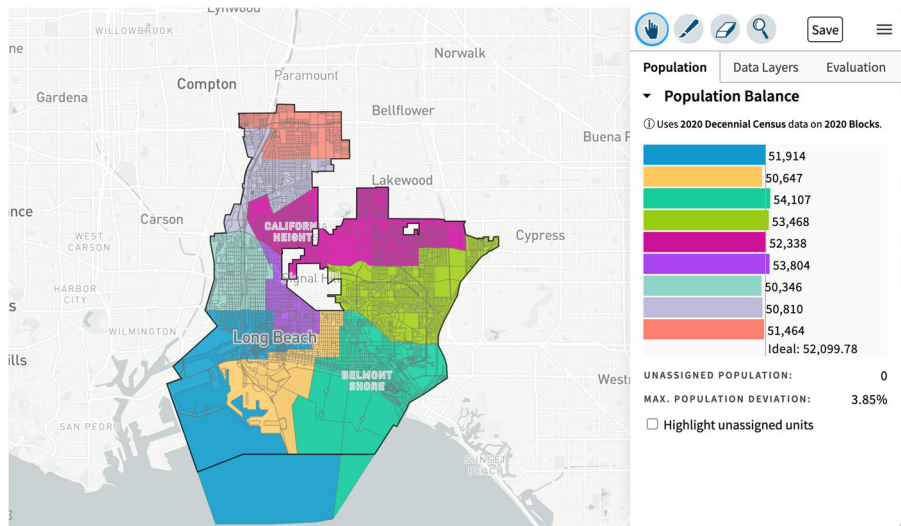
**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work and for being diligent in this redistricting process. Ten years ago, this process was very different, and I do not take for granted the time and work that you all have done to make our city have district lines that reflect communities of interest.

Thank you for putting people first, **I strongly support Map 2 with changes, also referred to as Map 2.2 submitted for your consideration (see below).**

**Map 2.2 includes changes submitted by a coalition of residents from all 9 districts. I ask that you take a minute to look at the tremendous support list we have gathered in less than 24 hours and includes over 150 families, neighborhood associations, and other communities and organizations from throughout the City.**



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Susana Gonzalez Edmond



**From:** hsglhrst@aol.com [mailto:hsglhrst@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** jeff.mallin@gmail.com  
**Subject:** redistricting map

**-EXTERNAL-**

Nov.10, 2021

Dear Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and City Staff,  
Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to the issue at hand.

After having observed the last meeting of your commission, listened to extensive public comment, read the the very thoughtful letters from The Bluff Park Neighborhood Association and the large number of leaders from "communities of interest" in the coastal and inter-coastal zone. I respectfully request that you adopt the recommendations made by them in detail for the Proposed Final Map (IRC Draft Map 2).

It would appear that these specific adjustments as requested would meet the needs of the these communities of interest and the Long Beach City Charter while still meeting your goals.

Most Sincerely yours,  
Helena Segelhorst

**From:** [rcast26045@aol.com](mailto:rcast26045@aol.com) [<mailto:rcast26045@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:24 PM

**To:** [tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com](mailto:tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com)

**Cc:** Redistricting <[Redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:Redistricting@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Map #71392

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi Tonia,

Apologies for the delay in filling this form out, I have sent it and Robert also filled one out, and sent it in also just a minute ago. Glad to be of assistance hope this works out for all of us in the end it is what is right.

Take care,

Darlene and Robert

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On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 2:37 PM, Tonia Reyes Uranga

<[tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com](mailto:tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com)> wrote:

If you support, can you fill out the form so we ID you as a westsider? Thanks

[Yes, I Support Map 2 with Edits](#)

Tonia Reyes Uranga

(562) 544-7163

On Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 1:30 PM [rcast26045@aol.com](mailto:rcast26045@aol.com) <[rcast26045@aol.com](mailto:rcast26045@aol.com)> wrote:

I am in support of map

#71392, as I am a resident of said district proposal.

Darlene Castillo

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**From:** RHONDA BARRERA [mailto:mammothmountain2011@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Redistricting Commission - Agenda Item 3

**-EXTERNAL-**

Independent Redistricting Commissioners-

I am writing as a long-time resident of District 5. I have lived in my home since 2001. I kindly and respectfully 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 in this matter.

***Rhonda Barrera***

**From:** Edith Perez [mailto:edithp0107@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

**-EXTERNAL-**

My name is Edith Perez. I live in district 7. Please support and elevate the LB equity map #71392 to keep communities of color together!

Sincerely,  
Edith Pérez

**From:** Wrigley Exchange [mailto:wringleyexchange@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Please do not divide Wrigley

**-EXTERNAL-**

Keep Wrigley intact please! There is no point in cutting it off. PCH, River, LB Blvd and 405.  
That's all we ask. Please.

Thank you,  
Joy

Always At Your Service,

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**From:** L A Hollie [mailto:LydiaHollie@outlook.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:39 PM  
**To:** Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Support of IRC Map 2 with Modifications

**-EXTERNAL-**

## I. North Long Beach

I have property interests in North Long Beach since 1992. More than 1,000 Coolidge Triangle and Longwood homeowners are joined by their common interests to receive fair and unbiased political representation and equitable economic development for their residential and business enclave, which lies west of the 710 Freeway. To achieve this goal, the advanced Map 2, which aligns our common interests with the Eighth District, will serve this two-prong objective. I support IRC Map 2 for advancement, approval, and adoption, which includes Coolidge and Longwood in the Eighth District. This new alignment will improve the quality of our lives over the next decade. I welcome the change and look forward to the future.

## II. Central Long Beach

My family migrated to Long Beach during the late 30s and early 40s, purchased property in the 40s and 50s, and co-founded St. Baptist Church, located on 10th Street and Olive Avenue in 1949. I continue to maintain property interests in Central near Poly High School. To maintain a cohesive political voice and usher in long overdue economic development, I support IRC Map 2 for advancement, approval, and adoption with these boundaries: North to Memorial Heights (405 Freeway), West to Pacific Avenue, East to Gundry, and South to 10th Street across its entirety to Gundry. At a minimum, these boundaries: (1) encompass the historically Black residential neighborhoods, churches, businesses and is inclusive of King and McBride Parks, Poly High School, Long Beach City College-Pacific Coast Campus, and St. Mary's Hospital, and (2) ensure that the voice of the Black community is not diminished or silenced in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia A. Hollie, JD/MAED  
[lydiahollie@outlook.com](mailto:lydiahollie@outlook.com)  
Coolidge Triangle (1992)  
Central Long Beach Native (1956)

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From: Dave Shukla [mailto:dave.shukla@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:39 PM

To: Redistricting <Redistricting@longbeach.gov>

Cc: tsemoydavy <tsemoydavy@gmail.com>; Derald Tucker <eye.evolve@gmail.com>; elaine.bernal <elaine.bernal@gmail.com>

Subject: Memo and Recommendations Regarding Maps ID# 70760 and ID #75241

-EXTERNAL-

Good evening IRC commissioners,

As I mentioned in public comments at your last meeting, I am drafting a memo on Climate and Environmental Justice Concerns in Council Redistricting.

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

# 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**

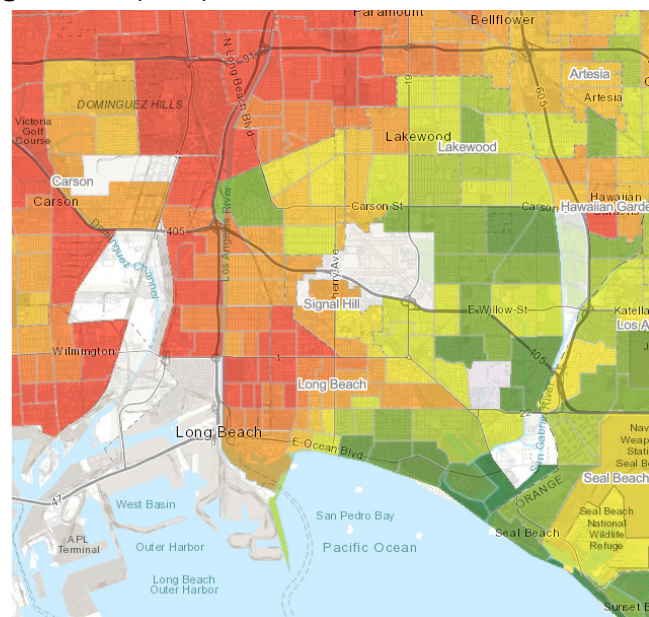
Attached for your consideration is a memorandum on climate and environmental justice concerns in the ongoing process of redrawing Long Beach city council district boundaries. These concerns, highlighted in the global discussion of climate change impacts concurrent with the ongoing UNFCCC COP-26 climate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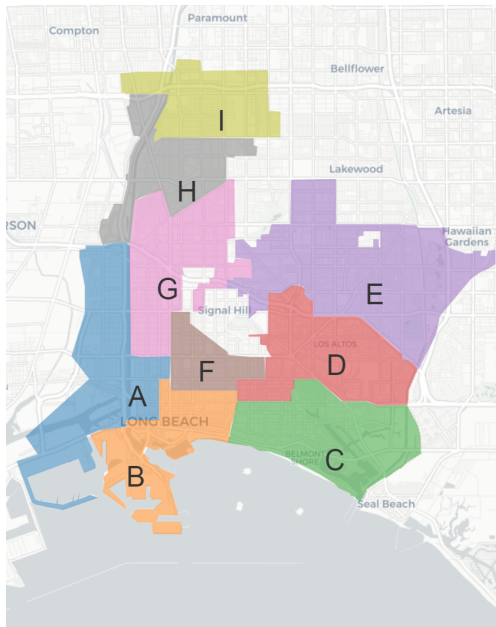
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## Analysis:

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)

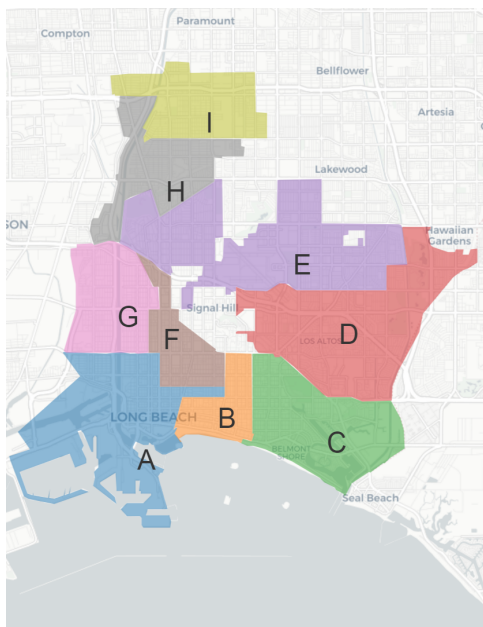


### IRC Draft Map #1 Improvements:

- **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**

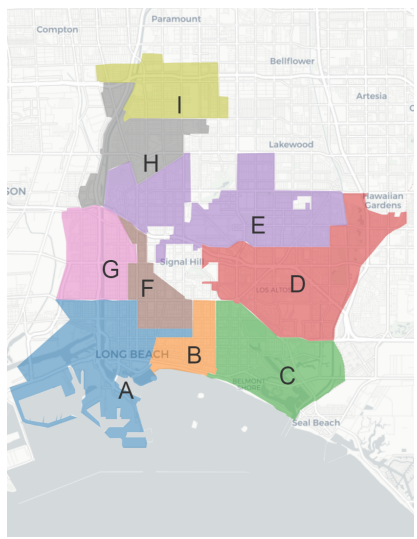
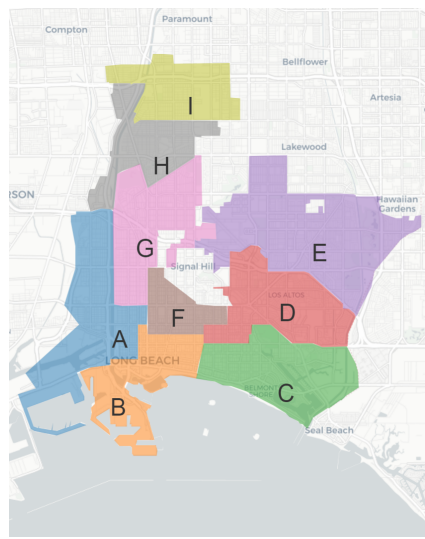
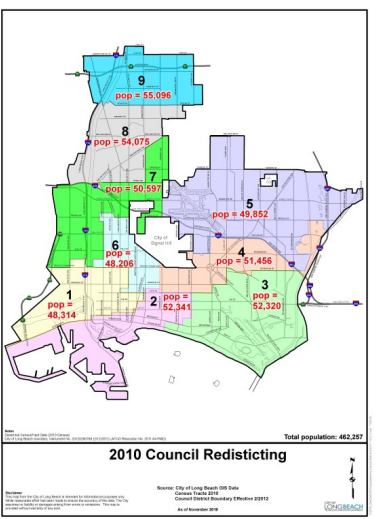
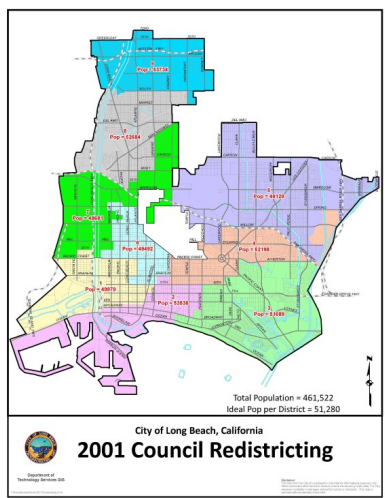
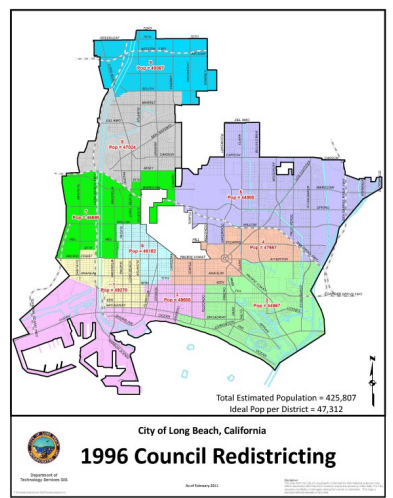
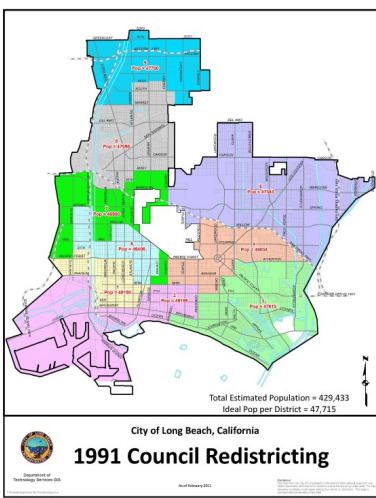
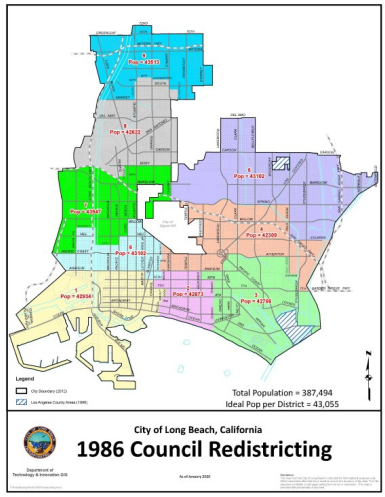
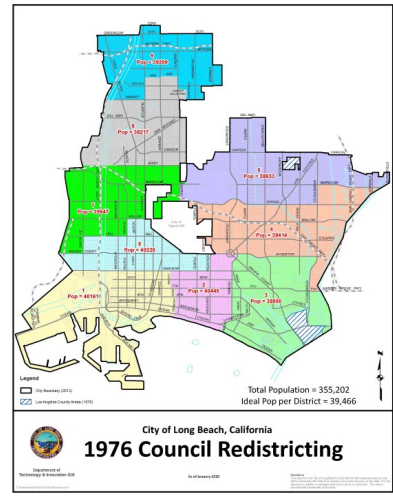
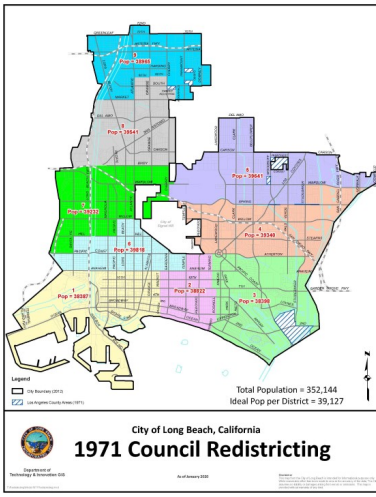


### IRC Draft Map #2 Improvements:

- 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 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.



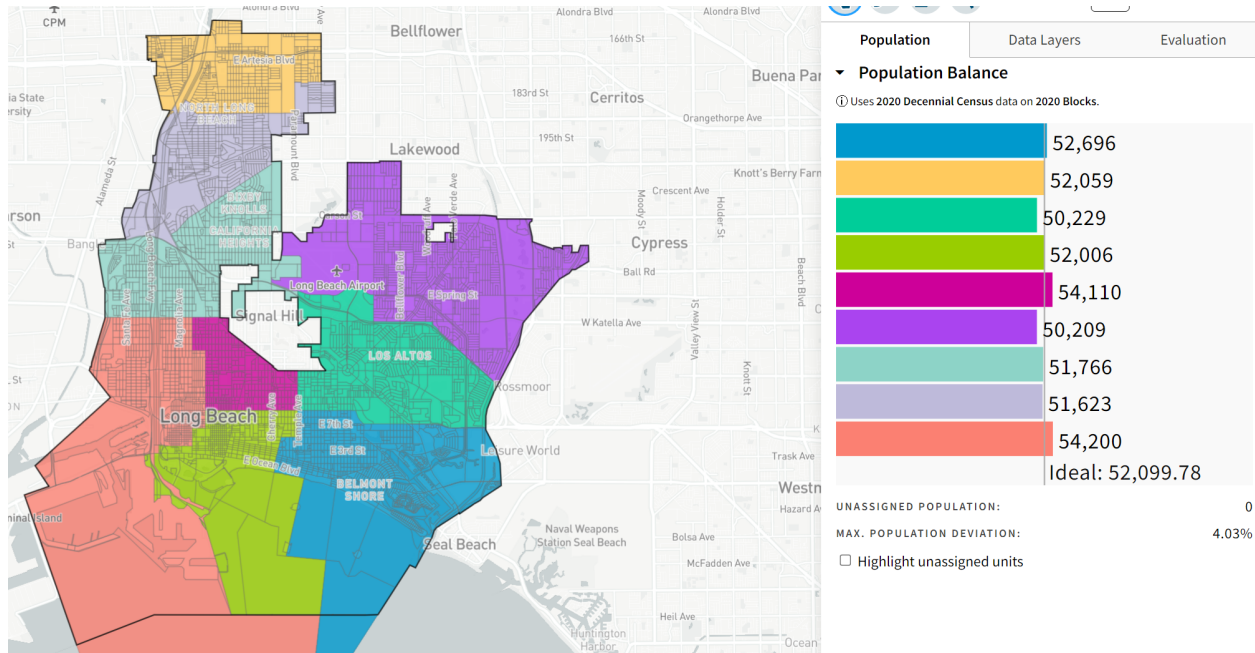
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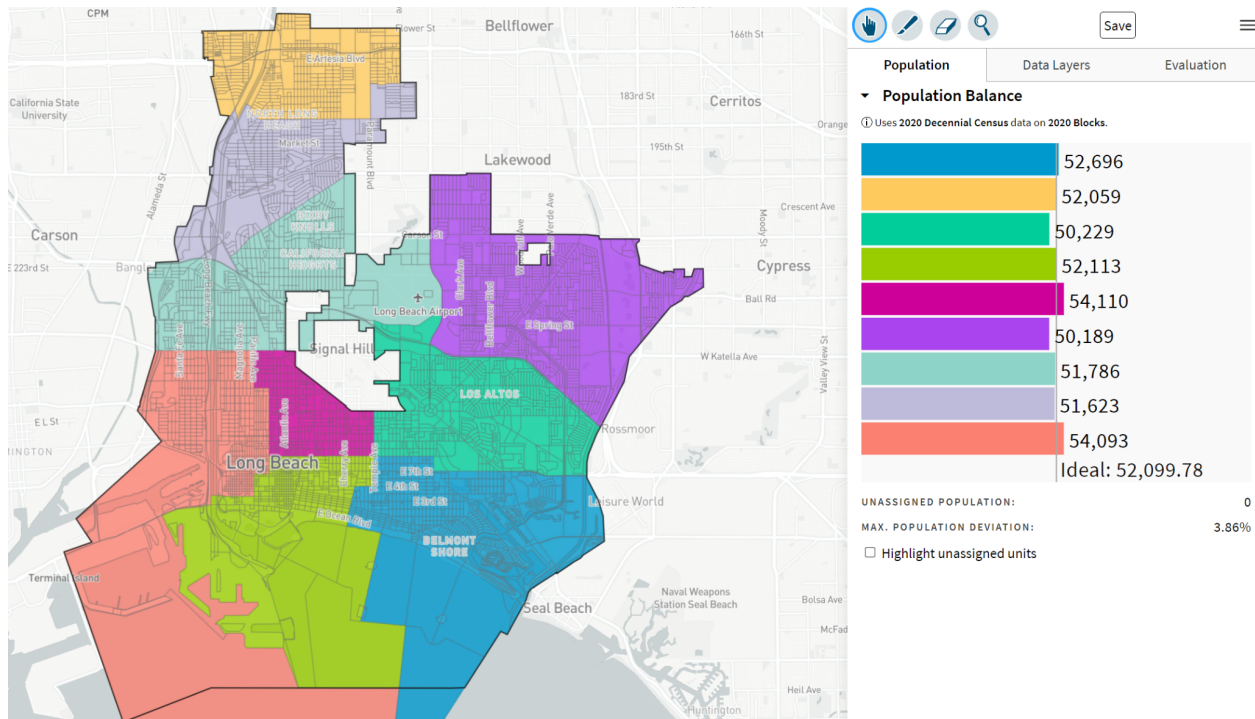
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9. *Every District Must Compromise* - The IRC should be explicit about how to balance priorities between Statutory Criteria and Public Testimony. Of particular concern here is balancing the Total Population, given problems with Census Data undercounting,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

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(City Clerk- Please enter these comments into the public record)

As a resident of district 5, I oppose Map 2, the map elevated for consideration as a final map last week. I acknowledge that map 2 does allow for the neighborhoods west of the airport to have a council member that has a portion of the airport in their district. However, map 1, ***with the amendment proposed last week that gives a portion of the airport to the district on the westside***, accomplishes the same thing without breaking up the 5th district.

**I support the original map 1 and ask that it be reconsidered/amended and made available as a candidate for the final map.** That map is well balanced with natural boundaries and contains many asks and changes that came from the community. The majority of the people that provided maps for your consideration had similar boundaries to what exist today in district 5. Public input should matter.

**EQUITY:**

Map 2 does nothing meaningful towards equity.

**GERRYMANDERING?**

Map 2: The 3 people running for the 5th district council seat (Mungo, Dobbs, Schipske) have all been moved to District D. District D (the 4th district) will not be on the ballot this year. While the home address of any politically active person should not be considered in redistricting, it does make me wonder if there wasn't an ulterior motive, removing all the competition in one fell swoop. I hear there is a map being submitted tonight by Jeanine Pearce, a political consultant, that would remove the Plaza neighborhood (where I live) from the 5th district as well. I question whether removing all the known politically active individuals from district 5 is accidental or has political purpose.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

Susan Kay