



LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SERVING LONG BEACH, LAKEWOOD, SIGNAL HILL AND AVALON

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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June 23, 2021

The Honorable Derric Taylor
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Isra Ahmad
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request to hold a Redistricting Commission meeting in the City of Long Beach

Dear Commissioners Taylor and Ahmad:

On behalf of the Long Beach Unified School District, I write in support of the City of Long Beach's request for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to hold a public input meeting in Long Beach when it is possible to do so in person.

LBUSD is the largest employer in Long Beach, and with nearly 70,000 students, we are the fourth largest K-12 school district in California. We share the City of Long Beach's interest in preserving the geographic and demographic integrity of the City through district lines that keep a vast majority of Long Beach together. A Commission meeting in Long Beach would bring the public input process closer to the stakeholders of our school communities. Our school district also serves the communities of Lakewood, Signal Hill and Avalon on Catalina Island. As you know, each of these communities is located within Los Angeles County, therefore falling under the Outreach Zone H for which you are responsible.

Our school district has a long history of successful partnerships with the City of Long Beach, which stands ready to assist with the coordination of meeting details when in-person meetings are allowed. We would be happy to partner with you and the City to help inform stakeholders of any upcoming opportunities for such public input.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Baker, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools