

June 9, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: The City of Long Beach's Position on Redistricting Priorities

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you for your leadership in the redistricting process, and congratulations on being chosen to serve on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. I write to express the City's priorities for redistricting and to request the honor of holding a California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting in Long Beach.

As part of the City's 2021 State Legislative Agenda, unanimously adopted by the Long Beach City Council on January 19, 2021, the City's official position is to support redistricting policies, practices, and legislation that **preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of the City through district lines that keep Long Beach together.**

For the past two redistricting cycles, the City has been largely kept intact with a vast majority of Long Beach represented by predominant seats. With approximately 467,000 residents, Long Beach is the seventh most populous city in California and is home to one of the state's most diverse communities. The City covers more than 52 square miles of land in southwest Los Angeles County. Given the diversity of the City, it is critical that the redistricting process keep our community together and not divide Long Beach into different districts.

As part of Outreach Zone H, which covers the entirety of Los Angeles County, the City would like to request for the Commission to hold a public input meeting in Long Beach when able to do so in person, to help bring the redistricting process closer to our residents. Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, is available to assist with coordinating meeting details, and can be reached at (562) 570-5715 or Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

