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Subject: [ccrc] Diana Craighead left feedback on Contact

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“Re: Long Beach Community of Interest (COI) – Keep Long Beach Together
Dear State Redistricting Commission: My name is Diana Craighead, and I write
today to request the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission keep
our community together as you consider statewide redistricting in the current
process. Ten-years ago, the first California Citizens Redistricting Commission
kept most of Long Beach intact in Congressional, State Senate and State
Assembly districts and we have been so grateful. The Commission listened to
our community and we implore you to do so again. We made a huge
community push 10 years ago and we are doing so again. Long Beach’s 76
unique neighborhoods are diverse, strong and united as one city. We are a city
that is tied together in a symbiotic balance of local industries, shared history
and common interests. Our downtown serves as a hub for all our community’s
enclaves, as do our coastline, airport, school district, university campus, world-
renowned parks system, and outstanding medical groups and hospitals. Your
support a decade ago allowed us to strengthen our community and led to the
formation of our own Independent City Redistricting Commission modeled off
your state commission. Keeping Long Beach together has enabled our
communities to work together in ways that have truly benefited our city, our
families, and city pride. We have built relationships with elected officials, and
advocated for government resources and grants that have built our city up over
the last 10 years. And we have built relationships with neighboring
communities. Our Congressional district includes bordering cities in Orange
County who are neighbors and partners, and our state districts strengthen ties
with LA County. Through the 2020 state redistricting process, you have the
opportunity to help build upon this work. That is why we are asking you to keep
our city together. Please support Long Beach. We have worked hard to make
our voices heard. Thank you so much.”