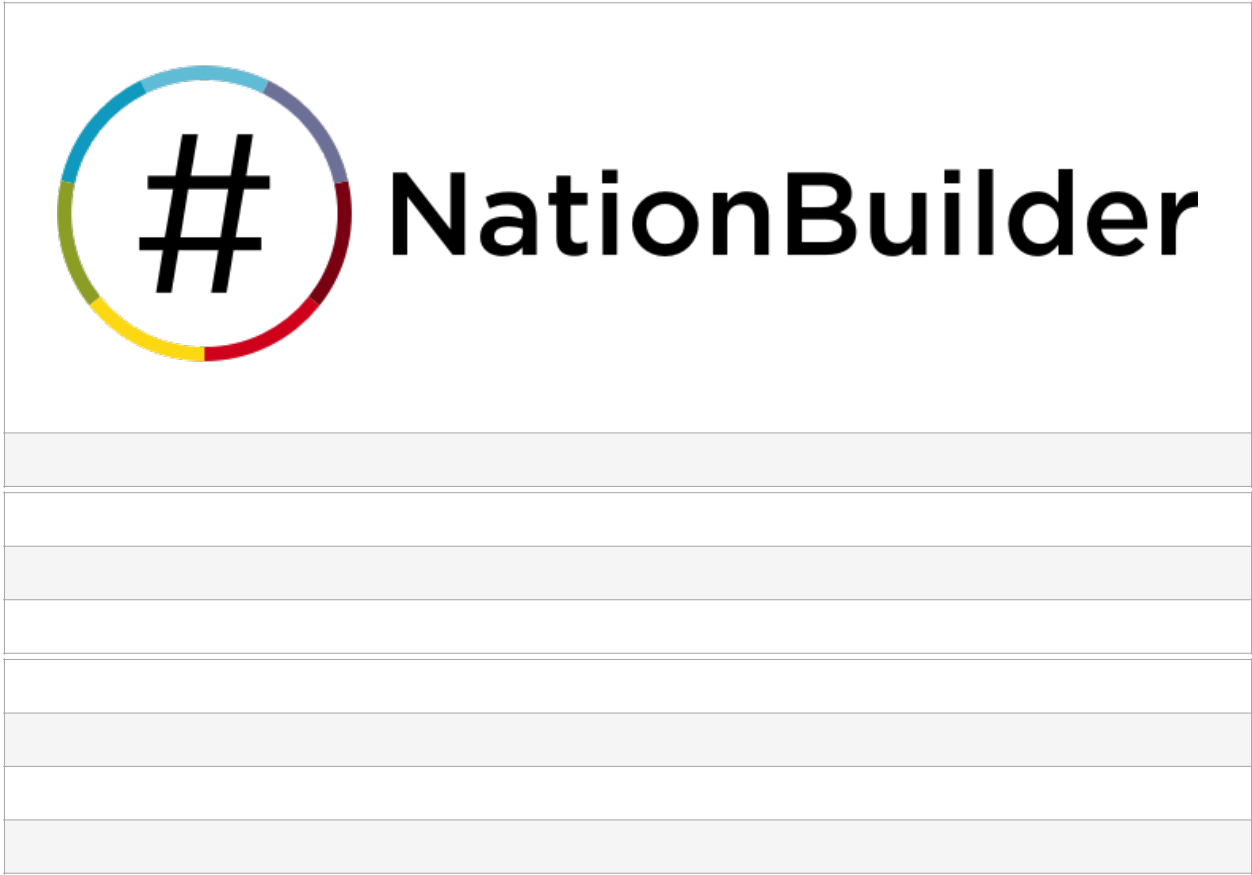


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“Dear Commissioners, Long Beach and Orange County are strange bedfellows. Current Congressional District 47 (CD-47) includes such incongruous communities as Catalina Island, Long Beach, and only half of Lakewood (why's it cut in two?), and then strangely, it veers east to include the Orange County communities of Cypress, Stanton, Garden Grove, and only half of Westminster (again, why are we cutting cities in half?). Politically, this district doesn't make sense. It straddles the county line between LA County and Orange County, cultural opposites. It includes a rural island, a dense urban downtown- Long Beach is the same population as Minneapolis- and then it haphazardly absorbs suburbs that are better aligned with Anaheim and Irvine. I would recommend that the District center around Long Beach, and it should include the other Port Cities- San Pedro and Wilmington- and other Gateway Cities. Certainly Lakewood, which is essentially the same as Long Beach, and whichever others would satisfy the population requirements. As a Long Beach resident, I know that we here in Long Beach never identify with our Orange County neighbors across the the 605. We do, however, frequently travel over the new Long Beach International Gateway bridge. We share a port city identity with San Pedro. We attend the Kaiser Permanente hospital in Harbor City. We debate the Freeway expansion with our neighbors in Carson. We fight about airport noise with Lakewood. We share a Latino heritage with Paramount. Long Beach and Orange County are strange bedfellows. Re-center our with Long Beach at its center. Give Orange County its cities back.”



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