



October 4, 2021

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission
 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Visualization: Response Letter – Long Beach

Dear Commissioners Ahmad, Akutagawa, Andersen, Fernández, Fornaciari, Kennedy, Le Mons, Sadhwani, Sinay, Taylor, Toledo, Turner, Vázquez and Yee:

On behalf of the keep Long Beach together coalition, we write to thank the State Redistricting Commission and staff for the map visualizations that were released for today’s meeting. Our coalition includes residents, business leaders, racial justice organizations, community organizers and nonprofit leaders throughout Long Beach. We are very grateful that you have heard us.

We want to state, as we have in our last letter, that as you look to fill out the Long Beach area congressional district, please consider including north Orange County cities along our eastern border, like Cypress, Rossmoor and Los Alamitos, as well as LA County cities on our northern border like Lakewood and Bellflower. All of these communities are a part of the greater Long Beach area and share the same newspapers, hospitals, school systems and high education institutions.

Long Beach is not part of the gateway cities to our west. Most of those communities are a part of the City of Los Angeles and connect to the gateway cities to the north.

We know that the decisions before you are incredibly important and complex. Thank you for providing so many opportunities for the public to engage and communicate with all of you.

Sincerely,

Keep Long Beach Together Coalition