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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Subject: Updates on County and State Redistricting

As part of the follow-up to the 2020 Census, both the County of Los Angeles (County) and the State of California (State) have completed their redistricting processes, redrawing district lines that will impact Long Beach representation at the County, State, and Congressional levels for the next decade. Similar to the City’s local process, both the County and State established Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissions to engage in public outreach and establish new boundary lines in accordance with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

On December 15, 2021, the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission (County Commission) adopted a Resolution finalizing the new County Supervisorial map, and on December 20, 2021, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (State Commission) voted to approve final maps for both the State Legislature and Congress. The County map became effective immediately following adoption, while the new State and Congressional lines are effective following 2022 elections. This memorandum provides insights regarding the main changes in Long Beach representation effectuated through the County and State redistricting processes, and initial map images are included as attachments for reference.

**Overview of Redistricting Changes**

**County: Fourth Supervisorial District**

The County redistricting process resulted in significant changes to the overall Supervisorial map, and at times the County Commission considered draft maps that would have split the City into multiple districts. The City provided public comment and letters in support of keeping Long Beach in a single Supervisorial district, in line with the City Council-adopted 2021 State Legislative Agenda.

In the final adopted map, Long Beach continues to be wholly within the Fourth Supervisorial District, represented by Supervisor Janice Hahn. As shown in Attachment A, the newly drawn Fourth Supervisorial District no longer includes the westside beach cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach, but rather moves further into Southeast Los Angeles, including the communities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Pico Rivera, and South Gate.
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State Legislature: Assembly Districts (AD) 65 and 69, and Senate District (SD) 33

In contrast to the County, representation in the State Legislature changed dramatically through this round of redistricting. Whereas Long Beach previously had three representatives each in the State Assembly and the State Senate, moving forward we will have two State Assemblymembers and one State Senator.

In the Assembly, the City formerly had one predominant district covering the City south of Del Amo Boulevard and two districts splitting north Long Beach. The new Assembly map, shown in Attachment B, moves the dividing line to Market Street and converts the north Long Beach section into one district. AD 65, represented by Assemblymember Mike Gipson, consists of north Long Beach above Market Street and brings together communities of interest such as Compton, portions of Carson and Los Angeles, as well as the Harbor Gateway communities of Watts, Willowbrook, and Rancho Dominguez. AD 69, represented by Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell, covers Long Beach south of Market Street and includes the Cities of Signal Hill, Avalon, and parts of Carson.

In the Senate, where we once had one main district representing a majority of the City and two smaller districts for east Long Beach and portions of north and west Long Beach, the new map, captured in Attachment C, encompasses the entire City in a single Senate district. SD 33, represented by Senator Lena Gonzalez, brings Long Beach together with the cities of Avalon, Signal Hill, Lakewood, and Paramount, as well as the Southeast Los Angeles communities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, and South Gate.

Congress: Congressional Districts (CD) 42 and 44

As with the State Legislative map, Congressional lines have also shifted in significant ways, as seen in Attachment D. Formerly, Long Beach was split in two at the Congressional level, with a north Long Beach district shared with communities to the west, and a district containing the rest of the City and parts of Orange County. While the City continues to be represented by two Congressmembers, the boundaries have moved to create greater parity between the two Congressional districts in Long Beach.

CD 42, represented by Congressmember Alan Lowenthal, connects downtown, central, and east Long Beach with communities of interest in Southeast Los Angeles. The district ties together communities along predominant north-south highway corridors and includes the Cities of Avalon, Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, Signal Hill, and Vernon, in addition to portions of Bellflower, Downey, and Lakewood. CD 44, represented by Congressmember Nanette Barragan, spans from San Pedro and Carson up to the Southeast Los Angeles Cities of Lynwood, Paramount, South Gate, and includes portions of Bellflower and Lakewood.
Analysis and Next Steps

At the County, State, and Congressional levels, the City will now be represented predominantly with neighboring Gateway Cities, instead of with communities on the westside of Los Angeles and parts of Orange County. Both the County Commission and State Commission reasoned that Long Beach shares interests with communities in Southeast Los Angeles through common trade and transportation corridors, demographics, socio-economic status, environmental health concerns, and more.

By aligning Long Beach and a majority of the Gateway Cities within the Fourth Supervisorial District, and by bringing these communities closer together in the State Legislature and Congress, the new boundary lines could help to strengthen the City’s partnerships with Southeast Los Angeles on regional priorities such as the I-710 and I-605 transportation corridors, environmental equity and sustainability, and economic recovery. Furthermore, the maps largely reflect the City’s objective, adopted by City Council in the 2021 State Legislative Agenda, to support redistricting measures that preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of Long Beach through district lines that keep a vast majority of the City together in predominant seats.

Once available, staff will update City maps showing our County, State, and Congressional representatives and will upload them to the City’s Government Affairs Office website. Meanwhile, more information about the maps and commission processes can be found on the County Commission and State Commission websites. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-5715 or Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov.

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California Congressional Districts

District: 42

Huntington Park
Downey
Bellflower
Lakewood
Long Beach

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