



# Your Community, Your Voice

## Long Beach Community of Interest Form

Your input is needed to shape the new City Council district boundaries for the City of Long Beach!

Use your voice to help the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission create a list of "Communities of Interest" or "COI" that can help inform the process to develop your community's City Council district lines.

### How You Can Submit a Community of Interest (COI) Form

1. Fill out this worksheet online at: [http://bit.ly/2021RD\\_COI](http://bit.ly/2021RD_COI)

or

2. Complete this PDF worksheet and return it by email to [redistricting@longbeach.gov](mailto:redistricting@longbeach.gov) or drop off/mail a hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.

### What is a Community of Interest (COI)?

A Community of Interest is a connected population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single City Council district for purposes of its effective and fair representation as a potential voting bloc in current or future elections.

There are some communities of interest that are considered "protected classes" in that they have rights through state or federal civil rights or voting rights laws. Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and racial minorities such as a concentration of Latinx, Asian, or African American people. Protected classes can be described through public input, and there are federal databases that must be used wherever applicable to define these areas and make sure that they are not being harmed by the district boundaries.

Other COIs can also be considered in redistricting but don't have the higher legal requirements as ethnic or racial minorities. Identifying these other COIs is still critical to the process. Such groups include (but are not limited to) groups with cultural or historical bonds, shared economic interests, shared racial, ethnic or religious identities, neighborhoods, school districts, media markets, transportation districts, opportunity zones, business improvement districts, communities concerned about environmental hazards, or a shared vision of the future of a community.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in the City of Long Beach? Y / N

If so, what Council District do you live in?

Please visit <https://tsdgis.longbeach.gov/MapIt/> to look up your District.

### How to Document Your Community of Interest

1. In order to access your comments in the future, we need to attach a name to your Community of Interest. How would you like it to be identified?
2. What binds your community together or creates its shared identity? An identity can include the types of shared histories, values, and interests and others. You may include demographic data about the residents of the community, information about the community's history, and how this community currently engages with the political process.
3. Where is your community located? You can define it by neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as a park, a City facility, school, church, or other boundaries.
4. In what ways would keeping your community intact in new district maps enhance the quality of its representation?
5. If you wish to include additional comments for consideration by the Commission, please add them here:

