

**Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission
Community of Interest Responses**

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?	What binds your community together or creates its shared identity?	Where is your community located?	By keeping your community intact in new district maps, in what ways would it enhance the quality of its representation?	If you wish to include additional comments for consideration by the Commission, please add them here:	In which Council District do you currently reside? Please visit https://tsdgis.longbeach.gov/MapIt/ to look up your District. (If you do not reside in Long Beach, select "Other")	Name2	Date
Wrigley	Residents value a safe neighborhood to raise their families. I have lived in Wrigley for 60 years. I have neighbors residing here for over 30 years. People value single family homes and quiet blocks to walk their kids and pets and a decent school and park.	Birney Elementary School	This is the weirdest worded question. I doubt Wrigley will get any better quality in our representatives if District 7 doesn't get included in a wealthier district, such as District 8. Long Beach needs to beg to be part of Orange County.	I doubt Wrigley will get any better quality in our representatives if District 7 doesn't get included in a wealthier district, such as District 8. Long Beach needs to beg to be part of Orange County.	Council District 7	Cecilia Burns	5/17/2021
JANINE	I AM RELATIVELY NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY; HOWEVER MOST COMMUNITIES ARE BOUND BY NEIGHBORHOOD COURTESY, PROPERTY APPRECIATION AND RESPECT, ACCESS TO ESSENTIALS: MARKETS, BANKS, GAS STATIONS, PARKS, SCHOOLS.	HACKETT AVENUE - BETWEEN WILLOW AND SPRING	PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE -- WE ARE HAPPY -- WE ARE NEIGHBORS -- WE SHARE COMMON HISTORY AND ARE BUILDING A FUTURE TOGETHER -- PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE.	PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE -- APPRECIATE IT!	Council District 5	JANINE JOHNSON	5/19/2021
Michelle Cook RN	I am from the 5th District. We have always had a strong voice in our community, even though the population in our district is smaller than some. We are outspoken and involved. Unfortunately, many of us believe that the redistricting is to break up our voice. Our own council woman Stacy Mungo, will not listen to her own citizens/constituents. This is not representative of us.	I live in the 5th District. Stearns x Studebaker. My backyard is El Dorado Park.	I am from the 5th District. We have always had a strong voice in our community, even though the population in our district is smaller than some. We are outspoken and involved. Unfortunately, many of us believe that the redistricting is to break up our voice. Our own council woman Stacy Mungo, will not listen to her own citizens/constituents. This is not representative of us.		Council District 5	Michelle Cook	5/21/2021

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LGBTQ	The LGBTQ population in Long Beach is well known and has been part of the fabric off the city for decades. We are a minority that needs to continue to be recognized and not split up. While LGBTQ people reside and work throughout the city, historically the Broadway corridor has been considered the gay business district. And many LGBTQ people reside in the 2nd district. Over the years, these communities have been divided in past redistricting efforts.	The Broadway Corridor. Alamitos Beach, Bluff Park, downtown.	The LGBTQ population needs a voice at city hall. We must preserve our rights and our businesses.	Can we get better maps? With the ones on line it is difficult to read streets when you enlarge them.	Council District 3	Marsha Naify	5/21/2021
Jane Addams Neighborhood Association (JANA)	JANA is a very diverse neighborhood but we share the same neighborhood issues and attributes that need to be addressed consistently by one representative.	JANA is an established neighborhood recognized by neighborhood services bounded on the north my Market Street, the east by Atlantic Avenue, the south by Del Amo Blvd and the west by Long Beach Blvd.	Given that we have a good, concerned elected representative, we would expect any issues with our neighborhood and our park would be consistently addressed; that chronic crime and parking issues will be addressed with the same urgency and approach. JANA's relationship with the elected representative will provide an consistent voice for the neighborhood to address common issues and concerns. We can support each other as neighbors and support the paths to remedy issues.	We do not expect our neighborhood would be threatened by division but we have seen it before in Los Cerritos, ,at the neighborhood level. We do suffer from split representation by our house representative. Makes getting together as a neighborhood with our elected federal representative challenging and disconcerting.	Council District 8	Laurie Angel	5/21/2021
Los Altos South-East	Our neighborhood embraces a friendly vibe and easy living. Professionals and Artists with young families whose interests in local community, great education, and safe living.	Palo Verde and Atherton (south East)	The quality of enhanced representation can help with funding for localized improvements.		Council District 4	Anna San Paolo	5/24/2021
LeslieMiyahata	High single family dwelling ownership, low number of rental properties, high number of churches and faith-based organizations. We have noticed a decrease in information and impact for district 5 residents. Safe neighborhoods for seniors and children.	Palo Verde to Woodruff, south of Willow.	Continued service by current responding fire and police stations. We are hoping that fire and police presence will only increase.	The City of Long Beach is currently challenged with aging infrastructure - water, lights, street conditions, sidewalks and sewage lines. I do not support high density housing or multiple dwellings as our current infrastructure, including parking, cannot accommodate current conditions. Increased population is not the answer. I am hopeful redistricting will not impact district 5. We have already closed our local responding fire and police stations. I doubt we are adding resources to our area.	Council District 5	Leslie Miyahata	5/24/2021

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Johnna	Raltively quiet neighborhood with residents who enjoy the tranquility and large lots. Many long time residents of both purchased and rental property. Quiet neighborhood with monthly Community Watch Meetings.	Del Mar Housing Tract: Del Mar Ave to Long Beach Blvd between Spring and Wardlow.	We have a close partnership with district 7 field representatives and West Long Beach LBPD via community watch. Our neighborhood compliments the nearby Bixby Knolls and Cal Heights in vicinity as well as our like minded residents with similar goals for our neighborhood. We help each other and cooperate to make sure it remains well maintained, family friendly and safe.		Council District 7	Johnna Jackson	5/25/2021
Los Cerritos or Virginia Country Club	Geography, Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association, Last Friday Odd Month get together, 4th of July parade	West of Long Beach Blvd., North of the 405, South of Virginia Country Club and East of the river	It is a real community with shared interests, community activities, Los Cerritos School, many friendships. It is a great walking community, so we see, say "Hi". then make friends with fellow walkers. It is a true 'community.'		Council District 8	Barbara Shoag	5/25/2021
Peter	I'm a married gay millennial working professional living in Wrigley. There are many gay married couples in Wrigley living in the small homes characteristic of the neighborhood.	Wrigley is North of PCH and South of Wardlow, but the LGBT population seems concentrated in the more historic section of South Wrigley (between PCH and Willow, the LA River on the West and Long Beach Blvd on the East)	Wrigley is a close knit community with many active social groups that identify as with Wrigley. It should definitely all be in ONE district. The LGBT community in South Wrigley is currently split into two districts which absolutely makes no sense and dilutes the political power of the community.	Wrigley should fall entirely within ONE council district.	Council District 6	Peter Stark	5/27/2021
South of Conant	We have created a neighborhood watch to patrol and monitor our local area. We have noticed an increase in homelessness, theft, loitering, park degradation, an increase in traffic, poor roads, poor tree maintenance, local grocery stores closing, Trash being dumped on roadsides, high local taxes, lack of street lights on our streets, hideous green bike bollards. I live on Marber avenue, we call ourselves the Marbarians. We meet a couple times a month to hang out by a driveway fire and talk about our lives, and our community. We are concerned about overpopulating our district, increased traffic, homelessness, and of coarse this redistricting.	South of St. Cornelius	We will retain our ability to be represented as a community, Our area was designed and conceived to be a neighborhood of single family dwellings where a tight knit community can work together with our councilmember to address the local interests. The idea of building mega apartment unit facilities in our area is not going to fly.	I pay taxes to live in a safe, healthy, well maintained city. It is not wise to expand your reach and let these essential needs go unchecked. Your focus should be local first.	Council District 5	casey lindner	5/30/2021

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Downtown Riders and Renters	We're a community of younger professionals who love Long Beach but but we can't afford to purchase homes in Long Beach. Many of us live in rented apartments along the Ocean Blvd, Pine Ave, and Pacific Ave in multistory multifamily residential buildings near transit. We ride bicycles, one wheels, and public transit for our local trips. We live, work, and play in Downtown Long Beach. Currently, our community is split between Districts 1 and 2, with each of those districts stretching outside of Downtown, diluting the Riders and Renters' voice by pulling in entire neighborhoods of homeowners who primarily drive in personal vehicles.	Riders and Renters are bounded by Seaside Way to the south, Magnolia to the west, 7th St to the north and Alamitos to the east. We primarily rent along Ocean and Pacific.	There are two primarily policy areas where Riders and Renters differentiate ourselves. The first is housing, specifically housing density. We support tenant protections and increased development around public transit, inclusionary zoning, and other policies that promote density. Single family homeowners, by contrast step by oppose these policies, even though they are not the ones who are impacted by them. Second, Riders and Renters have strong support for and affinity to public transit. The A Line light rail, micromobility, bicycle friendly road design, and high quality bus routes are essential for us to live our daily lives. We're tired of fighting opposition to new housing because some people want to preserve their free on-street parking. Please don't divide our voice by treating us equal to homeowners. We're fundamentally different.	The residents of LB's downtown urban core share a distinct identity and mindset, complete with identifiable preferences relating to housing and transportation. We have shared challenges and common interest in developing a cohesive and attractive downtown that is attractive for people to live just as much as work and play. When downtown is sliced in two by a district boundary, it creates problems figuring out which council member represents which side of the street.	Council District 1	Padric Gleason Gonzales	5/30/2021
LOS CERRITOS	WELL-ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LOS CERRITOS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION) AND A HISTORY OF ACTIVISM AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE GREATER LONG BEACH COMMUNITY.	SOUTH OF VIRGINIA COUNTRY CLUB, NORTH OF WARDLOW, EAST OF LA RIVER AND WEST OF LONG BEACH BLVD.	OUR COMMUNITY WAS SPLIT IN THE LAST REDISTRICTING. WE WOULD LIKE IT REUNITED UNDER ONE DISTRICT, DISTRICT 8.		Council District 8	LAVONNE MILLER	5/31/2021
Ehlershardie	International Tower	Beach at Los Alamitos	The beach communities would be included	We need to stop the loud mufflers racing down the streets! Other communities are stopping the illegal activity. It's noise pollution.	Council District 2	Chris Ehlers-Hardie	6/1/2021

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El Dorado Park South	Common Residence along the boarder of El Dorado Golf Course	Our Neighborhood is South El Dorado Park and we are all on the North Side of Stearns Street. Our Back yard all lie along the southern boarder of El Dorado Golf Course.	Currently the Golf course is not in our district. This give us no representation to issue which may arise between our properties and the golf course. there is no incentive for the city to take any actions in any concern of our homes/property between the golf course and us.	There is also issue with boarder of properties along the power line easement that runs long the East side of Stevely in this same neighborhood. This again should be under the same district so that we have true representation. It doesn't make since to us that it is not, since these areas are not effected by population, why wouldn't they be in the same district. Unless this is deliberate attempted to keep residence having a way to make sure that these areas are maintained as should be. There is certainly a history of this with the Golf Course and their lack of response to maintenance along our boarders.	Council District 5	Michael Twitchell	6/1/2021
Angie Dougherty	I don't know how to answer this, we need something that binds our community. There are no rich people in this community, we often get forgotten.	Junipero and 11th, across from a church.	This district is not founded as equally as other districts, we don't have the infrastructure, we don't have the crosswalks and we don't receive regular maintenance services as others districts in Long Beach. We don't get street sweepers in the alley or regular tree trimmings on city's trees.	LBUSD budget	Council District 4	Angie Dougherty	6/1/2021

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Angie	We are looking for something to bind our community together, it doesn't exist at the moment.	Cambodia town	Infrastructure and more programs for community outreach.	This comment is in regards to LBUSD budget. It is unfair to cut the school's budget, potential cuts can harm our kids' education. Students already struggle in overcrowded classrooms, they have little to no access to nurses, counselors, and mental health services. Tutoring and special Ed services are very limited, and library services, including access to books, are only available a couple days a week. Decisions like this one can only continue to harm the future of our community. Improvements begin in education, in giving our students the tools they need to succeed and bring the best skills back to their homes. Cutting the district's budget is not the solution to community empowerment.	Council District 4	Angie Dougherty	6/1/2021
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