



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 in creating a list of "Communities of Interest" or "COI" that can help inform the process to develop your community's City Council district lines.

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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. 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.

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3. 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? *

Bluff Park Neighborhood Association

4. What binds your community together or creates its shared identity?

An identity can include the types of shared histories, values, and interests, as well as 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.

The Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) represents those who live, own, and rent in the "Bluff Park Historic District" (BPHD), situated and well-represented over the years in City Council District 3. Since 1972, the association has been actively engaged, and in 1982 it was successful in its efforts to become the second neighborhood in the city of Long Beach to receive "historic landmark designation" from the City Council, creating the "Bluff Park Historic District".

The "Bluff Park Historic District" consists mostly of stately single-family and multi-family houses constructed between 1903 and 1949. Located along the ocean bluffs, large two-story Craftsman Bungalows and Period Revival styles predominate with a mix of other significant architectural styles.

The area was named for its proximity to the Bluff Park, which is a 25 acre (100,000 square meter) south of E. Ocean Boulevard and atop the tall bluff overlooking the sandy beach of the Pacific Ocean. As a result of efforts of past BPNA leaders, a replica of the "Lone Sailor Statue" resides in the park as a tribute to Long Beach's naval history.

As a largely residential neighborhood, BPNA and those that live, own and rent in the neighborhood work closely and have common interests with other historically designated neighborhoods nearby including the Bluff Heights Historic District and the Belmont Heights Historic District.

The BPNA and its residents have an affinity and engage in collaborative efforts with activities in the nearby Bixby Park and with businesses abutting (and in some cases within) the neighborhood along the E. Broadway corridor

and in the nearby Belmont Shore, Alamitos Heights, Colorado Lagoon, Naples, and Marina Pacifica (at E. 2nd Street and Pacific Coast Highway).

5. Where is your community located?

You can define it by neighborhoods, streets, addresses, key landmarks such as a park, a City facility, school, church, or other boundaries.

The "Bluff Park Historic District" (BPHD) has specifically defined borders by City Ordinance, as shown on the map accessible on the City's website at https://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/lbds/media-library/documents/planning/historic-preservation/districts/bluff_park-map

The borders of the BPHD run roughly as follows:

SOUTHERN BORDER: South side of E. Ocean Boulevard.

NORTHERN BORDER: Undulating near and to the south side of E. Broadway.

WESTERN BORDER: East side of Junipero Avenue.

EASTERN BORDER: West side of Loma Avenue.

However, the aforementioned map provides much more specificity especially on the northern border which tends to undulate near and to E. Broadway. And as described in the response above, the BPNA's engagement and reach extend beyond our borders.

6. How would keeping your community intact enhance the quality of its representation?

With a singular purpose and mission as the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) has, the need for singular representation for the entire "Bluff Park Historic District" (BPHD) is paramount. The BPNA's mission is to help foster a sense of unity and neighborhood collaboration, community service and goodwill for all of the city. Its goals are to increase neighborhood involvement and participation in the community; to protect, preserve, safeguard and beautify the Bluff Park Historic District; and to support the neighborhood residents and their environment.

The BPNA operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity under Federal Tax ID 95-3080429 with a focus on historic preservation.

7. 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")

☐ Council District 1

☐ Council District 2

☒ Council District 3

☐ Council District 4

☐ Council District 5

☐ Council District 6

☐ Council District 7

☐ Council District 8

☐ Council District 9

☐ Other

8. If you wish to include an additional comment for consideration by the Commission, please add them here:

Enter your answer

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