

October 19, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission City of Long Beach 411 W. Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, California 90802 redistricting@longbeach.gov

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association** (BPNA) Board of Directors kindly requests that at your meeting on October 20, 2021, you <u>not</u> select or narrow down to any of the draft maps posted on October 13th and you consider <u>more fitting boundaries</u> to the new District C reflective of neighborhoods with common interests.

Leaders and board members from the **Belmont Heights Community Association**, **Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association**, **Friends of Belmont Shore**, and **BPNA** came together and generally agreed to the views reflected in this letter. However, <u>this letter speaks only for the BPNA Board of Directors</u> as we continue to encourage our residents and members to contribute their critical input into this new and unprecedented redistricting process.

Neighborhoods should not be divided across district lines. Nearby residential neighborhoods with whom we collaborate; plan and coordinate events, meetings, and projects; and share common interests, landmarks, resources, values, and needs should stay together in the same district. Some of our interests include quality of life, traffic and safety, land use, and historic preservation.

The map we would like to propose (attached) for the new District C should include, at a minimum, the following neighborhoods, alphabetically listed: Alamitos Heights, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, Carroll Park, Greenbelt Heights, Naples, and Rose Park. Such a map would keep our neighborhoods intact and together and have the benefit of a diverse demographic makeup.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with an all-volunteer board, the BPNA represents the collective voice of those who live, own and rent in the **Bluff Park Historic District**, which has been a historically designated landmark residential neighborhood since 1982 and roughly runs from Ocean Boulevard to Broadway and from Junipero to Loma Avenue, currently in Council District 3.

Thank you for your time, conscientiousness, and efforts to the important, impactful task of redistricting and for your consideration of this letter's request to create a more fitting map for the new District C.

Sincerely,

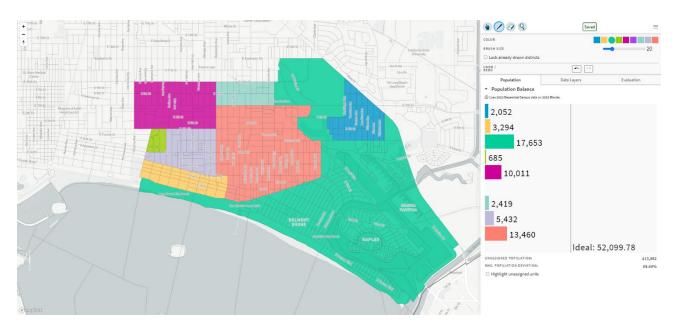
Jeffrey Mallin, BPNA President

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Map Showing Intact Neighborhoods with Common Interests in the New District C

Proposed Map Link: https://districtr.org/plan/66315.



Neighborhoods that Share Common Interests:

- Alamitos Heights Blue
- Belmont Heights Salmon
- Bluff Heights (Including the Lowena Historic Neighborhood) Light Purple
- Bluff Park Yellow
- Carroll Park *Lime Green*
- Greenbelt Heights *Light Green*
- Rose Park *Pink*
- Belmont Shore, Naples, and Everything Else in the District Dark Green