

On City Releases 2021 Redistricting Map Drafts

Long Beach's <u>Independent Redistricting Commission</u> is seeking public input on a variety of draft maps released yesterday showing boundary lines that could reshape each of the City's Council Districts. Council District boundaries are being redrawn using 2020 Census data and community input, in accordance with the Long Beach City Charter. The goal of the Commission, which is an independent citizen commission, is to draw new lines with the highest probability of fair representation. Drafts of proposed council district maps being considered are available now at https://longbeach.gov/redistricting/maps/submitted-maps/.

Members of the public are invited to take part in the process to adopt a final map by attending any or all of the Commission's upcoming meetings or writing to the commissioners at redistricting@longbeach.gov.

The Commission meetings take place at **6 p.m.** in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Blvd. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 20 Draft Maps Selection
 - The Commission will select three of the draft maps (including any revisions) for public feedback and further review
- Wednesday, October 27 Community Feedback Hearing
 - Members of the public will provide testimony to the Commission on the final three draft maps
- Wednesday, November 10 Proposed Final Map Selection
 - The Commission will select a final draft map to move forward for adoption
- Thursday, November 18 Final Map Adoption Hearing
 - > The Commission will vote on the final map

The Commission's deadline to approve a final map in time for the 2022 election cycle is December 7, 2021.