

# Long Beach Redistricting Proposal

## OVERVIEW

- Power: independent
- Size: 13 members, 2 alternates
- Selection Method: random draw
  - Open application process
  - Screening panel narrows pool to 20-30 best & diverse candidates
  - Screening panel = Ethics Commission (if created by separate referendum) > panel with retired judge, academic, good gov nonprofit (if Ethics Commission isn't created) > panel with City Clerk, City Auditor, City Attorney (if other panel's spots cannot be filled)
  - Random Draw:
    - 9 selected at random from pool; one from each district
    - 4 selected by initial 9, to account for skill and diversity

## WHO CAN SERVE

- Qualifications:
  - Registered voter who either voted in the last city election OR is a 1-year resident
  - Ineligible: elected officials, their family, their contractors, past candidates, \$250+ campaign donors, city lobbyists, city employees, redistricting consultants
- During & Post-Service Restrictions:
  - During: no political activity
  - 10yr post-service: can't run for city office
  - 4yr post-service: can't be appointed to another commission, serve as elected official's staff, receive non-competitively bid contract, or register as city lobbyist

## CRITERIA

- Required: equal population; comply with US Constitution, Voting Rights Act, state/federal Law; contiguity
- Ranked Order Criteria: 1. neighborhoods, 2. communities of interest: common social and economic interests, 3. neighborhoods and communities: common language, culture, history, and identity, 4. geography & topography, 5. natural & artificial barriers, 6. compact, 7. follow census blocks, 8. others that do not conflict
- Prohibited: Using place of residence of candidate or incumbent; political gerrymandering

## APPROVING A MAP

- Hearings: minimum 9, including 1 in each district
- Map Approval: 9 of 13 commissioners