Long Beach COI

Narrative:
The city of Long Beach is an oasis with a diverse and rich history. The city is composed of culturally vibrant communities that take pride in both their unique and shared journeys and have worked tirelessly to build connections with their neighbors and create neighborhoods that strive to uplift one another. It has been through those efforts that we have built genuine relationships not only within our communities but also with our elected representatives at all levels. Long Beach has a distinct collective culture in our city that we wholeheartedly celebrate. After decades of redlining and gentrification, our communities have been determined to counteract those impacts by working together to advocate for the resources that we deserve and for representation that genuinely addresses our needs and priorities. We must keep our community together!

Key Unifying Trends:
Housing issues, education especially in regards to in person/at home learning. Jobs with living wage, concerns around lack of opportunities for citizenship. Language Access/language justice. Public safety around shootings in Drake Park, where two people were recently murdered. There have been many car accident almost on a weekly basis. Violence in general is a concern. High Rent, diverse socioeconomic status: from upperclass off of ocean/ Alamitos and working class individuals who rent.

District Preferences:
Keep Long Beach whole