

LONG BEACH

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF MAY 18, 1992  
BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1	-----	8,549
DISTRICT 2	-----	17,331
DISTRICT 3	-----	30,527
DISTRICT 4	-----	19,186
DISTRICT 5	-----	30,364
DISTRICT 6	-----	11,429
DISTRICT 7	-----	14,668
DISTRICT 8	-----	19,948
DISTRICT 9	-----	15,770

TOTAL FOR THE CITY ---- 167,772

VOTER REGISTRATION AS OF 3/28/92  
BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1	-----	8,295
DISTRICT 2	-----	16,638
DISTRICT 3	-----	29,787
DISTRICT 4	-----	18,389
DISTRICT 5	-----	29,887
DISTRICT 6	-----	11,070
DISTRICT 7	-----	14,281
DISTRICT 8	-----	19,319
DISTRICT 9	-----	15,219

TOTAL FOR CITY -----162,885

VOTER REGISTRATION AS OF MAY 9, 1990  
BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1	-----	15,169
DISTRICT 2	-----	18,202
DISTRICT 3	-----	27,156
DISTRICT 4	-----	21,242
DISTRICT 5	-----	25,964
DISTRICT 6	-----	10,438
DISTRICT 7	-----	17,778
DISTRICT 8	-----	19,301
DISTRICT 9	-----	17,201

TOTAL FOR CITY ----- 172,451

VOTER REGISTRATION AS OF 3/16/88  
BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1	-----	14,897
DISTRICT 2	-----	17,222
DISTRICT 3	-----	26,102
DISTRICT 4	-----	20,592
DISTRICT 5	-----	26,489
DISTRICT 6	-----	10,649
DISTRICT 7	-----	18,419
DISTRICT 8	-----	19,083
DISTRICT 99	-----	17,159

TOTAL FOR CITY ----- 170,612

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF AUGUST 12, 1986  
BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1	-----	16,193
DISTRICT 2	-----	19,089
DISTRICT 3	-----	25,218
DISTRICT 4	-----	23,092
DISTRICT 5	-----	23,964
DISTRICT 6	-----	11,595
DISTRICT 7	-----	19,401
DISTRICT 8	-----	19,212
DISTRICT 9	-----	17,185

TOTAL FOR CITY ----- 174,949

Freeholders' charter as well as an alternate proposition concerning election of Councilmembers by districts.

### CITY COUNCIL/CITY COMMISSIONERS

In accordance with the terms of the Charter, City Council members were first elected on December 3, 1907. The City was divided into seven wards. The first Mayor was elected at this time.

City Council elections for the seven established wards were held in odd-numbered years until 1915, when Long Beach began an experiment with an elected Commissioner form of government. In April of 1921, voters approved a Charter that mandated a Manager/Council form. In the June 14, 1921 election three-year terms were established.

Voters in 1925 rejected a charter amendment which would have established nine councilmanic districts. In February of 1929, voters approved the nomination of elective officers by direct primary election, and nomination of Councilmembers by districts. Nine councilmanic districts were created. It was required that a candidate for Council must live in the district to be represented. However, while councilmembers were elected to represent specific districts, all City voters were eligible to vote for all councilmembers, both in the Primary and General elections. The first election held under this system was May 13, 1930.

The term of office was changed to four years in the June 8, 1976 election. Staggered terms were also approved in this charter change. On November 2, 1976, voters approved the charter provision currently in effect, that Council members be elected only by voters of the district to be represented.

### TERM LIMITATIONS

In the election of November 3, 1992, voters approved an initiative charter amendment which limits Mayor and Council Members to two terms. A provision was included in this amendment that allows for Mayor and Council Members to run for a subsequent term of office as a write-in candidate, however.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

The first election of a Board of Education for the City of Long Beach was held on April 7, 1911, electing three members. In this election the voters also approved the governance of the City School District by the Charter of the City.

Subsequent Board of Education elections were subsequently held in odd-numbered years

# HISTORY OF ELECTIONS

## CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

### FIRST INCORPORATION

January 30, 1888 - An election was conducted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; 106 votes were cast, with 103 in favor of incorporation.

February 10, 1888 - A proclamation was issued by the Board of Supervisors declaring Long beach incorporated; it was the fifth city to be incorporated in Los Angeles County.

### FIRST CITY ELECTION

The City government was formally organized on March 2, 1888. April 9, 1888 saw the first City election conducted, at which five City Trustees were elected, two for four-year terms and three for two-year terms. Elections for Trustees were conducted in April of even-numbered years for the next eight years (through April 13, 1896).

### DISINCORPORATION

Mainly as a result of issues surrounding temperance, a movement to disincorporate the city resulted in a Special Municipal Election on July 27, 1896. The measure passed and government of the area returned to the County.

### REORGANIZATION

On December 1, 1897, an election was held to incorporate the City once again. Once again, a board of Trustees was elected. Trustee elections were conducted in April of even-numbered years through 1906.

### CITY CHARTERS

In November of 1904, a Board of Freeholders was elected for the purpose of preparing a City Charter. The Charter they prepared, however, was rejected by the voters on March 11, 1905.

Again in 1907, voters were asked to approve a the Freeholders' Charter. This time it won voter approval and was ratified.

On October 15, 1914 a proposed Freeholders' Charter was approved by voters.

Fifteen Freeholders were again selected by voters on September 2, 1920 to frame a new City Charter. These Freeholders submitted a new Charter proposing a managerial form of government on April 14, 1921. The voters again approved the Charter.

On July 26, 1926 a Special Election was held to elect, for the third time in 22 years, a board of Freeholders to frame a Charter. In the March 9, 1927 election, however, voters rejected the

# NAMES & ADDRESSES OF FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Wes Carroll, Jr.		5/75 - 3/78
Robert F. Crow		6/60 - 6/69
Paul Deats		5/66 - 6/72
James A. Hayes		6/63 - 5/66
Don Phillips	13936 Seal Beach Blvd, Seal Beach	6/72 - 3/78
Russ Rubley	6410 Lemon Ave.	5/66 - 6/82
Eunice Sato	2895 Easy Ave. 90810	5/75 - 6/86
Wayne Sharp		6/69 - 5/75
Renee Simon	5618 Azure Way	6/72 - 5/78
Marc Wilder	115 St. Joseph #3, 90803	5/78 - 6/86



Long Beach Municipal Election Dates (Candidate elections only,  
not measures)

6/2/92 General  
4/14/92 Primary  
6/5/90 General  
4/10/90 Primary  
11/8/88 Special (5th Dist.)  
6/7/88 General  
4/12/88 Primary  
8/26/86 Special (6th Dist.)  
6/3/86 General  
4/8/86 Primary  
4/10/84 Primary  
6/8/82 General  
4/13/82 Primary  
5/13/80 General  
3/18/80 Primary  
5/9/78 General  
3/21/78 Primary  
5/13/75 General  
2/18/75 Special (7th Dist.)  
3/18/75 Primary  
6/6/72 General  
5/9/72 Primary  
12/15/70 Recall  
4/7/70 Special (6th Dist.)  
5/13/69 Primary  
6/3/69 General  
6/7/66 General

\*only covers since Clark was elected in 1966.

9/15/92 lkg

## Teams of Mayors

7-8-75 — Clark Appointed — Elec —

7-15-80-82 — SATO Appointed — Elec —

6-20-82-84 — Clark — Elec

7-17-84-86 } KELL — Elec  
7-15-86-88 } Appointed — Elec —

(official) 7-19-88 — Kell Elected (Elec - June 7, 1988)

August 29, 1988

Gene Gaylord  
6712 27th St. West  
Tacoma, WA 98466

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

In response to your letter of July 5, 1988, the City of Long Beach was governed from 1897 to 1908 by a Board of Trustees. There were no mayors per se. From 1908 on, the Mayors were:

C. H. Windham	1908-1912
Ira S. Hatch	1912-1914
Louis N. Whealton	1914-1915
William T. Lisenby	1915-1921
C. A. Buffum	1921-1924
Ray R. Clark	1924-1926
Fillmore Condit	1926-1927
Oscar Hauge	1927-1930
Asa E. Fickling	1930-1933
M. E. Paddack	1933-1934
Carl Fletcher	1934-1936
Thomas M. Eaton	1936-1938
Clarence E. Wagner	1938-1939, 1942-1945
Frances H. Gentry	1939-1942
Herbert E. Lewis	1945-1947
Burton W. Chace	1947-1953
Lyman B. Sutter	1953-1954
George Vermillion	1954-1957
Ray C. Kealer	1957-1960
Edwin W. Wade	1960-1975
Dr. Thomas J. Clark	1975-1980, 1982-1984
Eunice N. Sato	1980-1982
Ernie Kell	1984-1988

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Boehm  
Administrative Analyst

## Terms of Mayors

7-8-75 - Clark appointed - Elec - <sup>?</sup> May 13, 1975  
minutes -

7-15-80 - SATO appointed - Elec - <sup>?</sup> May 13, 1980  
- 82 - SATO " - Elec -

6-20-82 - Clark " - Elec -  
- 84 - Clark " - Elec -

(minutes)  
7-17-84 - Kell " - Elec By Smith  
Vice Mayor - ED GERTON  
- 86 - Kell " - Elec

7-19-88 - Kell - (Elected) - Elec (June 7, 1988)

7-8-75 - Minutes - Clark appointed

7-15-80 }  
7-15-82 } SATO appointed - Minutes

6-20-82 }  
84 } Clark - Minutes

7-17-84 } Kell -  
88 } " -

7-19-88 - Kell - Elected

July 17, 1984

Councilmember Clark moved, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, that a unanimous vote be cast for Councilmember Kell for Mayor. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Wilder, Edgerton, Hall, Clark, Kell, Wilson, Sato, Tuttle, Harwood.
NOES:	"	: None.
ABSENT:	"	: None.

City Clerk: Congratulations, Mayor Kell.

The City Clerk relinquished the chair to Mayor Ernie Kell.

Mayor Kell in the chair.

Councilmember Tuttle nominated Councilmember Edgerton for Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Clark nominated Councilmember Hall for Vice Mayor.

The City Clerk declared the nominations closed.

The nomination for Councilmember Edgerton for Vice Mayor carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Wilder, Edgerton, Tuttle, Harwood, Kell.
NOES:	"	: Hall, Clark, Wilson, Sato.
ABSENT:	"	: None.

Councilmember Hall moved, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, that a unanimous vote be cast for Councilmember Edgerton for Vice Mayor. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Wilder, Edgerton, Hall, Clark, Wilson, Sato, Tuttle, Harwood, Kell.
NOES:	"	: None.
ABSENT:	"	: None.

Mayor Kell: Congratulations, Mr. Edgerton.

Mayor Kell: Before we proceed with the regular agenda, I have a couple of words that I would like to say. For the 23rd time in over ninety years, Long Beach has a new Mayor. Of those twenty-two Mayors preceding me, few have left as their hallmark a greater record of devotion and accomplishment for our City than Dr. Thomas Clark. I ran for the office of Mayor today, not against Tom nor anyone else, but with the goal of providing a new direction and principle which I believe will be beneficial for our entire City. We are very diverse in developing the community. The continuous challenge of meeting the needs and aspirations of this City and its people are immense. The spectrum of extreme wealth and extreme poverty all contained within the fifty square miles of Long Beach demands that we set priorities that will allow each and every person living here, regardless of their position of life, an equal opportunity to prosper and serve in helping to make our City one of the finest in America. I want to involve every citizen who wants to work with me in building, promoting and inspiring Long Beach to its full and magnificent potential. I make only one commitment to the people and to my colleagues, which is to provide an honest,

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held in the Council Chamber:  
9:04 A.M.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilder, Edgerton, Hall, Clark,  
Kell, Wilson, Sato, Tuttle, Harwood.

ABSENT: " : None.

ALSO PRESENT: John E. Dever, City Manager  
Robert W. Parkin, City Attorney  
Shelba Powell, City Clerk

City Clerk presiding.

The invocation was given by Captain Quin Hawley, Naval Station, Long Beach.

All persons present in the Council Chambers saluted the flag.

At this time, the City Clerk swore in the following newly elected Councilmembers: Councilmembers Edgerton, Clark, Wilson, and Tuttle.

At this time, the City Attorney explained the procedures to be followed in the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Councilman Edgerton: Mr. Parkin, if there are no objections, then we're to assume nominations will be opened to the floor as you described? In other words, to change that somebody would have to make a motion?

Mr. Parkin: You might want to discuss how you want to proceed. I would say typically the way it has been handled is that the City Clerk has simply gone down the line in the order of District and given each member of the City Council an opportunity to make a nomination; but you can vary that procedure, if you wish, by consensus and vote.

Councilman Edgerton: We could either make a nomination or pass?

Mr. Parkin: That's correct. You don't have to make a nomination.

Councilman Edgerton: I don't object to those rules.

The City Clerk declared the nominations open for the position of Mayor.

Councilmember Edgerton nominated Councilmember Kell.

Councilmember Hall nominated Councilmember Clark.

Councilmember Wilder moved, seconded by Councilmember Edgerton, that the nominations be closed. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor of the City  
of Long Beach

7-8-75 - Clark appointed

7-15-80-82 Sato - appointed

7-20-82-84 Clark

7-17-84-86 Ernie Keel

7-15-86-88 appointed

7-19-88 - Keel elected to

- 7-19-94 - Beverly O'Neil elected