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Aligning Representation on the Los Angeles County Beach Commission with 2021 Supervisorial District Boundaries

The role of the 20-person Los Angeles County (County) Beach Commission is to review the County Department of Beaches and Harbors' policies, capital projects, and contracts related to County-operated beaches. The composition of the County Beach Commission has not changed since the County coastline was divided between the 3rd and 4th Supervisorial Districts more than three decades ago. Prior to 1991, the coastline had been entirely within the 4th Supervisorial District and the 20 members of the then-known Beach Advisory Committee had all been appointed by the 4th District Supervisor. Since 1991, the County Beach Commission has been comprised of 10 members selected by the 4th Supervisorial District, seven by the 3rd Supervisorial District, and one each from the remaining three Supervisorial Districts.

On December 15, 2021, a new boundary map developed by the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was adopted. In this new map, the coastline is now divided between three Supervisorial Districts, with the 3rd Supervisorial District retaining the same coastline boundary from Venice Beach north, the 2nd Supervisorial District picking up the coastline from Marina del Rey down into the South Bay through Redondo

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Beach, and the 4th Supervisorial District retaining all County coastline from Torrance south. This change necessitates an update to the composition of the County Beach Commission to ensure that the body represents the needs and priorities of communities across the three Districts with County-operated beaches. Given the Board of Supervisor's commitment to providing access to diverse community voices in the public arena, as well as the importance of beach access and coastal resiliency for all County residents, it remains important for the County's Beach Commission to have meaningful representation from all Supervisorial Districts. Thus, simultaneous with changing the composition of the membership, reducing the Beach Commission to a more manageable size is responsible, appropriate, and allows for more equal representation across Districts with and without coastline and County-operated beaches.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Reduce the Los Angeles County Beach Commission size to 11 members and adjust the Board of Supervisors' Commission appointments to reflect three members each from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Supervisorial Districts, and one member each from the 1st and 5th Supervisorial Districts;
2. Extend the Los Angeles County Beach Commission's sunset review date to December 31, 2025.

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