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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Visualization 1004-591246; support keeping Coastal LA together

Dear Commissioners,

As a longtime resident and active community member in Santa Monica, I have concerns over proposed visualization 1004-396414 (NorthOfLAX), which separates Malibu from Santa Monica and groups Santa Monica with communities that are much further inland. I am writing to support visualization 1004-591246 (MalibuWithCoastalLA) which keeps Santa Monica and Malibu in the same district.

I currently serve as a trustee for Santa Monica College (SMC). The Santa Monica Community College District includes both Santa Monica and Malibu. We are currently nearing completion of a new Malibu Center for the college. I prefer visualization 1004-591246 (MalibuWithCoastalLA) which would maintain a single assembly district for our Main Campus and the Malibu Center. (Please note I am writing only as an individual and not presenting an official SMC position on this.)
Santa Monica and Malibu share geography and demographic similarities. The "NorthOfLAX" visualization map would group the Santa Monica community with cities and neighborhoods which are more dissimilar. Santa Monica and Malibu are coastal communities and they should be grouped with other coastal communities. I encourage the Commission to adopt the "Malibu with Coastal LA" visualization.

Sincerely,

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