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Subject: Visualization 1004-591246; Keep Santa Monica and Malibu Together

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Visualization 1004-591246; Keep Santa Monica and Malibu Together

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) and Superintendent/President Kathryn E. Jeffery, this message is in support of keeping the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu in the same district with representation by the same assembly member. The higher education needs of both communities have been well served under the current district boundaries.

We 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. We support visualization 1004-591246 (MalibuWithCoastalLA) which keeps Santa Monica and Malibu in the same assembly district. Santa Monica and Malibu have a long history together, sharing geography and demographic similarities. Santa Monica College has served these two communities since our founding in 1929.

We urge the Commission to keep Santa Monica and Malibu together and adopt the “Malibu with Coastal LA” visualization.

On behalf of SMCCCD Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery,

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