

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
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July 20, 2011

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FROM: SANDRA LYON

ADDENDUM

RE: DIRECT STAFF TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION NO. A.

It is recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to send a letter to the Citizens Redistricting Commission, urging them to craft a revised redistricting plan that includes the entire Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and which includes the cities of both Santa Monica and Malibu in their entirety, in the same State Senate District.

COMMENTS: The following arguments should be made in the letter:

SMMUSD Features & Strengths	Impacts of the Proposed Redistricting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two non-adjacent cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hamper the district's abilities to continue the excellent working relationship between the two cities we serve and jeopardize our achievement success and our educational objectives for the students in both locales
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rich history of collaboration between our communities• United voice and vision and an ongoing strong relationship that allows the district to continue to improve student achievement and educational experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diminish that unity and create unnecessary barriers as we collaborate to have a single voice both within the community and at the State level.• Be detrimental to the education of our students by building blocks and not bridges between our communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seven-member Board of Education is elected at-large by the citizens of both cities• Citizens of our entire District also vote on local measures such as parcel taxes and bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create unnecessary confusion for the voters and potential division that will result in reduced support of the students of SMMUSD

Additionally, the Citizens Redistricting Commission aims to respect geographic integrity and community interests; however, the proposed Senate district does neither and will, in fact, divide a united community and create unnecessary governing obstacles that could dramatically impact the education of our children.

MOTION MADE BY:

SECONDED BY:

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE:

AYES:

NOES: