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Dear LAUSD Redistricting Committee:

It is vital that the districts created by MALDEF and NALEO be implemented. In order for our youth to be best represented they must be grouped with others who are similar to them. Students need descriptive representation in order to fully believe in the opportunities others tell them they can obtain.

I have done extensive work and research with LAUSD parents and students and have found that parents are most involved and students perform best when both are placed with people who are similar to them. For instance the LA Parent Engagement Study revealed that some undocumented parents do not feel comfortable participating in their children's schools when they fear being deported-a fear that is greatly diminished at schools where the majority of parents are also immigrants.

In order to strength the sense of community in our communities, communities similar to each other must be grouped together for the good of both current and future generations. Following the recommendations of MALDEF and NALEO is what is best for everyone and therefore must be done.

Sincerely,

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