



**Los Angeles County Committee on
School District Organization**
c/o Los Angeles County Office of Education
9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242-2890

2024

October 17, 2024

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Octavio Castelo
Secretary
(562) 922-6131

Mayor Doug Stewart
c/o Steve McClary, Malibu City Manager
23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mayor Doug Stewart:

Proposal to Form a Malibu Unified School District (USD) from Territory
Within the Santa Monica-Malibu USD

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) will have a public hearing on the petition named above which was initiated by the City of Malibu, as follows:

DATE: Friday, November 8, 2024
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: SMMUSD Board Room
1717 4th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Enclosed are the following documents:

1. Notice of Public Hearing, to be held on November 8, 2024;
2. Agenda for the Public Hearing; and
3. Public Hearing Agenda Guidelines.

Items 1 and 2 are to be posted pursuant to Government Code §54954.2. We would appreciate your assistance in posting these items in a visible location at your office. The posting location should be freely accessible to members of the public at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions, please call (562) 922-6336.

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Sincerely,



[Octavio Castelo \(Oct 17, 2024 18:04 PDT\)](#)

Octavio Castelo

Secretary to the County Committee

OC/AD/EH:vb

Attachments

- c: Christine Wood, Best Best & Krieger
- Suzan T. Solomon, County Committee Chairperson
- Michelle Cervera, Los Angeles County Counsel
- Karen Kimmel, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
- April Mitchell, LACOE
- Allison Deegan, Ed.D., LACOE
- Eric Hass, LACOE

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Education Code §35721(d), the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization will be conducting a hybrid public hearing to consider a proposal from the City of Malibu to form a Malibu Unified School District (USD) out of territory in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD.

Members of the public who wish to address the County Committee in-person may do so at the date, time, and location listed below. To access the meeting electronically and/or to provide public comment, please go to the County Committee website and scroll down to 'Public Hearings' for connection information: <https://www.lacoe.edu/services/business/bas/county-committee#tabs-32b0ce2fb0-item-89b3e519fa-tab>

DATE/TIME: Friday, November 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Santa Monica-Malibu USD

Board Room

1717 4th Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

The teleconference number to listen to the proceedings and/or to provide public comment shall be posted on the County Committee's website 72 hours prior to the meeting at the website listed above.

NOTE: Public comments to be provided to the County Committee in advance may be emailed to the County Committee Secretary, Mr. Octavio Castelo, at castelo_octavio@lacoe.edu up until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, November 6. Any comments received shall be acknowledged at the meeting and shall become part of the administrative record.

Language translation services of the virtual hearing may be provided with a minimum notice of three business days prior to the public hearing.

Posting or distribution of banners, leaflets, handouts, or other media or communications, which serve to promote or discourage specific points of view, are prohibited from the County Committee's website.

For additional information or to request translation services, call (562) 922-6131.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION (COUNTY COMMITTEE)**

PUBLIC HEARING

on a Proposal to Form a Malibu Unified School District (USD) from territory
within the Santa Monica-Malibu USD

A G E N D A

Santa Monica-Malibu USD
Board Room
1717 4th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Friday, November 8, 2024
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER—Chairperson Ms. Suzan Solomon
- II. FLAG SALUTE—Ms. Solomon
- III. INTRODUCTIONS—Ms. Solomon
- IV. HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO FORM A MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (USD) FROM TERRITORY WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU USD
 - A. Explanation of the proposal and process by Mr. Octavio Castelo, Secretary to the County Committee
 - B. Explanation of public hearing guidelines by Ms. Solomon
 - C. Testimony in the following order:
 1. City of Malibu
 2. Santa Monica-Malibu USD
 3. Public Comment
 - a. Proponents of proposal
 - b. Opponents of proposal
 - D. Summation/Closing Statements
 1. City of Malibu
 2. Santa Monica-Malibu USD
- V. ADJOURNMENT

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
(COUNTY COMMITTEE)**

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (USD)
Board Room
1717 4th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401**

**Friday, November 8, 2024
6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA GUIDELINES*

- I. Call to Order by the Chairperson
- II. Flag Salute
- III. Introduction of the County Committee by the Chairperson
Responsibilities/Mission: no time limit
- IV. Hearing on Proposed Reorganization
 - A. Explanation of the Proposal, Evaluation Conditions and Process by the Secretary:
no time limit
 - B. Agenda Guidelines Explanation by the Chairperson: no time limit
 - C. Testimony in the following order:
 1. Representatives for the City of Malibu: 20 minutes maximum
 2. Representatives of the Santa Monica-Malibu USD: 20 minutes maximum
 3. Public Comment
 - a. Proponents: Time limit is 45 minutes maximum; each speaker limited to five minutes maximum (time may be shortened at the discretion of the Chairperson)
 - b. Opponents: Time limit is 45 minutes maximum; each speaker limited to five minutes maximum (time may be shortened at the discretion of the Chairperson)
 - D. Summation/Closing Statements
 1. Representatives for the City of Malibu: 5 minutes maximum
 2. Representatives of the Santa Monica-Malibu USD: 5 minutes maximum
 - E. Adjournment

*Excerpted from "Policies of the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization"