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Board of Trustees  
C/O Santa Monica College  
1900 Pico Blvd.  
Santa Monica, Ca. 90405

Dear Trustees,

On Monday, 10 January 2011, the Ocean Park Association Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

*The Ocean Park Association Board of Directors calls on Santa Monica College Board of Trustees to develop stronger ethics and conflict-of-interest training for its staff to ensure that its teachers do not use students to promote personal or political agendas. Since students are de facto working for grades, giving academic credit for walking precincts for one political organization has at best, a strong appearance of impropriety, and at worst, is a self-serving action under color of authority and therefore an abuse of power.*

*We request an independent investigation and report into the recent conflict of interest allegations of Professor Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein's student engagement in the 2010 Santa Monica election, and the strengthening of policies that will lessen the potential for such abuse in the future.*

We earnestly await your response. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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