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**To:** Rich Kollen, South Coast Conference Commissioner

**From:** Albert "Lefty" Olguin, Athletic Director

**Subject:** El Camino College/Compton Center Issues on State Re-conferencing

I'd like to begin by stating that while I believe the athletic conferences in the California Community College System need to be re-structured, I don't believe now is the time to hastily make a decision that will create a fiscal hardship on an institution.

I have met with all of my coaches (Except football), and they have all accepted the fact that there is a possibility that they will be relocated to Conference #4 (Northwest – 9). The coaching staff did not have a negative or positive opinion on the move, but were concerned with the criteria used to decide which teams were being asked to relocate. The question asked was simple; why Compton?

As the director over the athletic department I share the thoughts of my coaching staff. I asked a commissioner, two athletic directors, and a number of coaches in an effort to find out the criteria that was used to determine the colleges that were relocated. I was told that the following two criteria were used to determine the new conferences: Geographical alignment and cost effectiveness.

If geographical alignment was an issue, why was Compton moved to the old Orange Empire instead of Long Beach City or Cerritos? Both schools are closer to the new conference. If cost effectiveness was an issue, why wasn't Long Beach City or Cerritos moved? Again they are closer to the new conference and travel would be more of a concern for Compton than both Cerritos and Long Beach City.

Again, I just want to know why?