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Title of Piece: "California Love"

In my artwork I used cutouts of pictures I took while vacationing in Palm Springs California. I used cutouts of many things like palm trees, street signs, the mail boxes there, etc. I wanted to do a piece over Cali because it was truly so beautiful there. Everything looked artificial almost, and I wanted to document it through pictures and videos to remember forever. Through my project, I wanted to express this sense of beautifulness and express how appealing everything looked in this small part of the world. In the background I used one picture that had every irresistible thing about California in one place and I cut it up into fours and rearranged it. I did this not only to make the cutouts pop, but also to draw peoples eyes to the background. Between the four part background and all the other elements on top, it created a great contrast throughout the whole project.

Also, I used the cutouts in order to create and demonstrate some of the textures found throughout the photos I took. Between the Palm Trees and the concrete mailboxes, there was lots of texture to represent, and I wanted to make sure anyone looking could feel as if they could reach out and touch a California palm tree. I also used a white outline on one of the cutouts as well. I wanted to emphasize the mailbox and create that contrast while also achieving unity. The colors throughout the piece were all very bright and blue, just like Palm Springs California was. I chose the pictures based on their colors in order to create unity and balance throughout the piece as well.

