

RESOLUTION 5-16-17
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING THE COMMUNITY’S REQUEST CALLING FOR THE
“TERRITORY TRANSFER” OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE CITY
INTO THE LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, the La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) was incorporated as a K-12 school district in 1961 serving the general public educational needs of the unincorporated communities of La Cañada and Flintridge; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Cañada Flintridge (the City) was incorporated as a general law city on November 30, 1976; and

WHEREAS, the City’s incorporation brought together two unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County, La Cañada and Flintridge, and united them into one community and municipality; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the City’s incorporation, the jurisdictional boundaries of the City encompassed a small section of the La Cañada community that was served by the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD), generally, that area west of Rosebank Drive to the City’s western border at Pickens Canyon (the “Subject Area”), which is the only area of the City that does not attend LCUSD schools; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board affirms that its foremost duty and responsibility is to provide the safest and most effective learning environment possible for the children of LCUSD; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board recognizes that since the time of the City’s incorporation there has been an ongoing call to truly unite the City and achieve alignment between the educational jurisdiction and the municipal jurisdiction of the community so as to strengthen the safety and education of the community’s children; and

WHEREAS, the District was asked by the community to support the “Territory Transfer” of the Subject Area from GUSD’s jurisdiction in order to bring about improved children’s safety and strengthen the potential for children’s educational outcomes through simplifying jurisdictional coordination and aligning and reinforcing family and community interactions with children’s’ education; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is supportive of the “Territory Transfer” if, upon the approval of the citizens’ territory transfer petition, the City of La Cañada Flintridge, the Subject Area citizens, and the LCUSD can mutually agree upon a financial mitigation strategy to relieve the impacts to the LCUSD as a result of the Territory Transfer related to student housing, facilities, and personnel as required to avoid any material disruptions to the District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Governing Board of the La Cañada Unified School District hereby gives its unanimous support for the community’s request to explore a feasible plan which is consistent with the duties of the District to its students, parents and community members to effect the “Territory Transfer” of the Subject Area into the boundaries of the LCUSD.

IN WITNESS THERETO, we, the Governing Board of the La Cañada Unified School District, do hereby adopt this resolution this 24th day of October, 2016.

Governing Board Members

David Sagal, President

Dan Jeffries, Vice President

Kaitzer Puglia, Clerk

Ellen Multari, Member

Brent Kuszyk, Member