

COVINA-VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**ITEM: V. Public Hearing**

TO: Board of Education
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Superintendent of Schools

DATE: May 1, 2017
SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding
Composition of Trustee Areas

RECOMMENDATION

Consider public input regarding the composition of the trustee areas prior to drawing draft maps of the proposed boundaries of the trustee areas.

INFORMATION

At the Board meeting of February 21, 2017, the Board adopted Resolution No. 16-17-31 directing the Superintendent or his designee, among other things, to immediately initiate the process of changing the method of electing members of the Board, from the current at-large system whereby each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District (Education Code section 5030(a)), to a method which provides that Board members residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area (Education Code 5030(b)), in sufficient time for the new method of electing members of the Board to be in place for the November 2018 election.

Elections Code section 10010(a)(1) requires the District to hold at least two public hearings to invite community input regarding the composition of the trustee areas over a period not to exceed 30 days. "Composition of the trustee areas" includes factors such as visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features, communities of interest, jurisdictional boundaries and population growth.

Elections Code section 10010(a)(1) encourages political subdivisions to conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation. As such, the District has provided information regarding the process, such as translating the notices into Spanish. To encourage public participation, the District has also reached out to the public via social media and created a webpage regarding the transition process. Updates and resources regarding the transition process will be posted on District social media and/or the webpage.

After the public hearings are held, draft maps of the trustee areas may be drawn for consideration by the public and the Board. Included with this agenda item is a discussion draft of a resolution setting forth districting criteria concerning the composition of the trustee areas for the demographer to consider in preparing draft maps.

POLICY/ISSUE: Consider public input regarding composition of the trustee areas prior to initiating the map-drawing process.