

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN ADJUSTED TRUSTEE AREA PLAN
FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF THE 2020 CENSUS DATA**

- A. In 2019 the Governing Board (“Board”) for the Benicia Unified School District (“District”) passed Resolutions to both initiate the process for the District to transition from an “at-large” election system to a “by-trustee area” election system commencing with the 2020 Governing Board elections, and after a series of public hearings, adopted a map option for the same.
- B. All of the then-proposed trustee area boundary plans prepared by Consultant were drawn with all applicable laws and regulations in mind, including the CVRA and federal election law.
- C. On February 19, 2020, the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization approved of the District’s election transition and selected a map option for use during the District’s 2020 Governing Board elections.
- D. Following each federal census, the Board must approve adjustments of trustee area boundaries, if necessary, to make sure the population in each trustee area is as nearly as equal as practicable, amongst other considerations. (Education Code section 5019.5(a).)
- E. In late September 2021, following a delay due to COVID-19, the 2020 Census data was approved and released by the California Department of Finance.
- F. The District retained the Cooperative Strategies (“Consultant”) to review the current trustee area boundary plan and determine whether any adjustments would be necessary following the release of the 2020 Census data.
- G. After review of the current trustee areas, and based on the most recent census data, the Consultant has determined that the Trustee Area map no longer has population balance under California Education Code 5019.5.
- H. The Consultant prepared adjusted map options for consideration by the Board, each of which would provide population balance between and among the Trustee Areas.
- I. The District solicited community feedback regarding the draft map options.
- J. With thoughtful consideration of all public input received on the draft trustee area plans and applicable state and federal legal criteria, the Board desires to adopt the trustee area plan and demographic information described as the "Trustee Plan Map " (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") as the adjusted trustee area plan establishing the boundaries for the trustee areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of Benicia Unified School District does hereby resolve, order and determine as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby adopts the trustee area plan (attached hereto as Exhibit “A”) as the adjusted trustee area map.
3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs District staff to transmit this resolution, the final trustee area plan adopted, and any additional required documentation to the County Committee on School District Organization and Registrar of Voters and to take any other necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and to readopt the trustee area map plan.
4. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

President of the Governing Board
Benicia Unified School District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Governing Board
Benicia Unified School District

I, _____, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Benicia Unified School District, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Board at a regular meeting held on the 3 day of February, 2022 and passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3 day of February, 2022.

Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Benicia Unified School District

EXHIBIT “A”
(Trustee Area Plan and Demogprahic Information)

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