

**The Covina-Valley Unified School District of
Los Angeles County, California
Resolution No. 17-18-10**

A Resolution by the Board of Education of the Covina-Valley Unified School District (“Board”) initiating the process for changing its election methodology to the by-trustee area method; adopting a map of proposed trustee areas; and recommending that the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization approve and establish trustee areas from which Covina-Valley Unified School District governing board members will be elected in a by-trustee area election process.

WHEREAS, the Covina-Valley Unified School District (“District”) currently uses an at-large system of electing its governing board members; and

WHEREAS, at-large electoral systems such as the District’s are subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, codified at sections 14025–14032 of the California Elections Code (“CVRA”); and

WHEREAS, “by-trustee area” electoral systems are not vulnerable to challenge under the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, in a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the District’s Governing Board (the “Board”) must reside within a specific geographic subarea of the District called a “trustee area” and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

WHEREAS, it is the Board’s intent and desire to change its election methodology from an at-large system to a by-trustee area method of election as described in Education Code section 5030(b); and

WHEREAS, one method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by-trustee area electoral system is for the school district governing board to petition the local county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall serve as the District’s proposal to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (“Committee”) pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, to avoid the cost, expense and uncertainty associated with allegations of violations of the CVRA, the District has proceeded voluntarily and expeditiously to change its current at-large election system; and

WHEREAS, the District retained National Demographics Corporation (“NDC”) to prepare draft maps which were presented to the Board at its meeting on June 19, 2017. The Board held a discussion on the three draft maps Green, Orange, and Purple; and

WHEREAS, at the regular Board Meeting on August 21, 2017, NDC presented the Board with three additional draft maps for consideration which were labeled Green II, Orange II and

Purple II. The Board approved Resolution 17-18-05 and selected the draft maps Green I and Green II to present to the public at the community meetings; and

WHEREAS draft maps Green and Green II were presented to the public during informal community meetings held on September 6, 2017 at South Hills High School; September 12, 2017 at Covina High School and September 13, 2017, at Northview High School; and

WHEREAS, during the Board's regular meeting of September 18, 2017, the Board considered a summary of the input received at the community meetings and unanimously voted to identify Maps Green and Green II as the maps to be considered during the two public hearings regarding draft maps and the potential sequence of elections required by Elections Code section 10010(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, during the Board's regular meeting of October 16, 2017, the Board held the first public hearing regarding draft maps and potential sequence of elections as required by Elections Code section 10010(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, at the Board's meeting of October 16, 2017, the Board unanimously voted to advance Maps Green and Green II to be considered for final adoption at the Board's regular meeting of November 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, during the Board's regular meeting of November 6, 2017, the Board held a second public hearing regarding draft maps and potential sequence of elections as required by Elections Code section 10010(a)(2). Further community and Board input was received during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all such public input and comment on the draft maps and potential sequence of elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt Map ^{Green II} and hereby recommends Map ^{Green II} to the Committee for its consideration based upon the findings, and analysis contained in the documents attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "1"; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the transition to by-trustee area elections in a timely and cost effective manner, and to guarantee that the new by-trustee area process will be in place in time to elect new governing board members at the Board's next regularly-scheduled election, the District must obtain a waiver of the election process as set forth in Education Code sections 5019, 5020, 5021 and 5030 from the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the District has submitted Resolution No. 16-17-32 to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation of the election date for members of the governing board with the date of the California statewide general election held in November of each even-numbered year [Elec. Code § 1001] pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b); and

WHEREAS, the request for consolidation of election was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on April 11, 2017, changing the date of the next scheduled governing board election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 2018, and

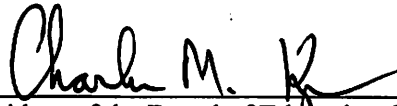
each subsequent board member election shall be held two years thereafter in November of even-numbered years in conjunction with the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, because the request for consolidation of election was approved, the term of office of current governing board members expiring in December 2017 shall be extended to December 2018 and the term of governing board members expiring in December 2019 shall be extended to December 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of the Covina-Valley Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board hereby adopts *Map Green II* ___ and recommends *Map Green II* ___ to the Committee for consideration and adoption.
3. That at the District's next election in 2018, seats in trustee areas 2, 4, and will be up for election, and in November 2020, seats in trustee areas 1, 3, and 5 will be up for election.
4. That the Superintendent or designee may take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board's determination herein and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process, including the holding of at least one Committee meeting in the District.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 6th day of November, 2017.



President of the Board of Education for the
Covina-Valley Unified School District

I, Darrell A. Myrick, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Covina-Valley Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 6th day of November 2017, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5 _____

NOES: 0 _____

ABSTAIN: 0 _____

ABSENT: 0 _____



Clerk of the Board of Education of the
Covina-Valley Unified School District