SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
September 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board Room
800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles, CA

In the interest of public health, the Public Hearing Meeting will also be held virtually. The San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization is making significant efforts to ensure public participation during this meeting by providing the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 935 2588 3912
Passcode: 093396

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

3.0 ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 San Luis Obispo County Committee Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2020
3.2 San Luis Obispo County Committee Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2021
3.3 San Luis Obispo County Committee Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2021

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Government Code 54954.3 provides that, before or during the Committee's consideration of an item, the public may address the Board directly on any item of interest that is within the Committee's purview, provided that no action shall be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise authorized by Government Code 54954.2(b). Further, to ensure the intent of Government Code 54954.3(a) is carried out, the Board may impose reasonable regulations including limiting the amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker. Each person is limited to three minutes unless the Board provides direction to the contrary.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING – A proposal to adopt By-Trustee Area Elections as set forth by Resolution No. 21-26 adopted by the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees on June 22, 2021

5.1 Declare Public Hearing Open
5.2 Conduct Public Hearing
5.3 Declare Public Hearing Closed

6.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

6.1 ADOPT the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization Resolution Regarding Establishment of Trustee Area Elections in the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

The County Committee on School District Organization, after hearing comments from the public, may take action on the proposal submitted from the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees identified in District Resolution No. 21-26 to adopt By-Trustee Area Elections.

7.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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3.0 ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 San Luis Obispo County Committee Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2020

3.2 San Luis Obispo County Committee Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2021

3.3 San Luis Obispo County Committee Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2021

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP ▪ COMMUNITY ▪ SERVICE
JAMES J. BRESCIA, ED. D., SUPERINTENDENT

COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, December 7, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Zoom Platform

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Members Present:

District #1
Chris Bausch, Nelson Yamagata

District #2
Kathy Madonna, Stuart Selkirk

District #3
Jim Quesenberry, Ron Walton
(Joined the meeting after the adoption of the agenda.)

District #4
Jim DeCecco, Sarah Araya

District #5
Ray Buban, Kim Holmes

Member At-Large
Andy Hays

Staff Present:
James Brescia, County Superintendent of Schools
Karla Knuckles, Executive Assistant
Valerie Kraskey, Administrative Manager

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA
There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION: MADONNA/HOLMES A motion was passed to adopt the agenda as presented.
(10-0)

1.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

1.1 Seat Newly Elected County Committee Members
The election was conducted by mail-in ballot on November 27, 2020 to fill the vacancies for Supervisorial District #3, #4, and #5. There was one candidate nominated for each seat. Jim Quesenberry was elected for District #3, Sarah Araya for District #4 and Ray Buban for District #5. Their terms will expire in 2024.

Dr. Brescia, County Superintendent of Schools, administered the Oath of Allegiance to the newly elected committee members.

3.3 Election of Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair
Per the Committee's Bylaws, there shall be an annual organizational meeting to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Nominations were called for Chair and Vice-Chair.

MOTION: BAUSCH/MADONNA A motion and second were made to nominate Ray Buban as Chair. Mr. Buban accepted. There were no other nominations. **(11-0)**

MOTION: MADONNA/BAUSCH A motion and second were made to nominate Ron Walton as Vice-Chair. Mr. Walton accepted. There were no other nominations. **(11-0)**

Officers for 2021 are Ray Buban, Chair and Ron Walton, Vice-Chair.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 9, 2019

There were no changes to the consent agenda.

MOTION: HOLMES/BAUSCH A motion was passed to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **(11-0)**

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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There were no comments received.

6.0 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM(S)

- **California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) Districts Moving to "By-Trustee Area" Election Effective 2022**

Chelsea Olson-Murphy, Attorney, Lozano Smith, presented an overview of the California Voting Rights Act, commonly referred to as CVRA. The purpose of the CVRA is to prevent "racially polarized voting". The CVRA prohibits the use of "at-large" elections that impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or to influence the outcome of an election.

The types of elections are "at-large", where all registered voters within the district may vote for all seats on the board. With a "by-trustee area election, a candidate for the board must reside within a specific trustee area to run, and only voters residing in that trustee area may vote for that particular trustee.

Three districts, Lucia Mar USD, San Luis Coastal USD, and Paso Robles JUSD have adopted board resolutions indicating they intend to begin the process of moving to a by-trustee area election once the 2020 Census data has been released.

Upon the district's conclusion of their process:

- Adopt Intent Resolution
- Development and adoption of map (proposed trustee areas);

The County Committee will hold at least one public hearing in the district to consider the proposal. The County Committee will vote to approve or deny the district's proposal. If the proposal is approved, an election is called seeking voter approval. However, a waiver can be submitted to the State Board of Education to waive the election. At this time the State Board has granted all waivers.

Committee member Holmes inquired if the County Committee could deny the proposal based on the

Committee not agreeing with how the trustee areas were drawn. The answer from legal counsel was no. The role of the County Committee is to review the district's process to insure all steps were followed in the prescribed manner.

Committee member Holmes inquired as to the Atascadero USD, in which the district is so spread out including areas such as Creston and Pozo, how that might work out when drawing trustee areas. Legal counsel responded scenarios such as described will be challenging for districts to manage. At this time Atascadero USD has not adopted an intent resolution.

Committee member Holmes commented on the difficulty of recruiting candidates from such cities as Morro Bay, given her extensive career with the San Luis Coastal USD.

By the middle of this month there should be more information regarding when the Census data will be released. Some districts are already doing some preliminary work prior to receiving the Census data. At this time, the districts that have adopted the intent resolutions may have by-trustee area method elections in place for the November 2022 General Election.

In order to best prepare for the upcoming activity, Committee member Madonna requested that staff keep the Committee updated with information as it is received.

7.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Committee member Buban inquired about the status of the potential lapsation of the Big Sur Unified School District in Monterey County that Superintendent Brescia reported on at the Committee's annual meeting last December.

Superintendent Brescia commented that the Big Sur USD had a waiver from the State Board of Education for the 2019-20 school year and planned to apply for a waiver for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years while reviewing all options before the district. If there is any action involving Coast USD, the San Luis Obispo County Committee will become engaged in the process. However, it is the Monterey County Committee that will take the lead.

Our office has not received any updates from the Monterey County Office of Education since the initial meeting.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Buban adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James J. Brescia, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools to the
County Committee on School District Organization

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
August 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Lucia Mar Unified School District, 602 Orchard Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
Georgie O'Connor Board Room

In the interest of public health, the Public Hearing Meeting will also be held virtually. The San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization is making significant efforts to ensure public participation during this meeting by providing the following link:

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Meeting ID: 933 5021 7149
Passcode: 795052

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Bausch	District #1	Sarah Araya	District #4
Nelson Yamagata	District #1	Jim DeCecco	District #4
Kathryn Madonna	District #2	Ray Buban	District #5
Stuart Selkirk	District #2	Andrew Hays	Member-at-Large
Jim Quesenberry	District #3		
Ron Walton	District #3		

Members Absent:

Kim Holmes	District #5

Staff Present:
Dr. James Brescia, County Superintendent of Schools
Karla Knuckles, Superintendent's Confidential Executive Assistant

Guests Present:
Dr. Paul Fawcett, Lucia Mar Unified School District Superintendent
Marilyn Dwight, Superintendent's Executive Assistant
Chelsea Olson-Murphy, Counsel for Lucia Mar Unified School District
Linda Somers-Smith, Counsel for the County Committee on School District Organization
Douglas Johnson, Demographer for Lucia Mar Unified School District

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ray Buban called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. 10 members were present, 1 member was absent.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION: WALTON/DECECCO A motion was passed to adopt the agenda as presented. (10-0)

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comments were received.

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING – A proposal to adopt By-Trustee Area Elections as set forth by Resolution No. A-2021-41 adopted by the Lucia Mar Unified School District Board of Trustees on June 22, 2021

4.1 Declare Public Hearing Open
4.2 Conduct Public Hearing
4.3 Declare Public Hearing Closed

Chair Ray Buban declared the public hearing open at 6:03 p.m.

Dr. Paul Fawcett, Attorney Chelsea Olson-Murphy and Demographer Doug Johnson spoke on behalf of the Lucia Mar Unified School District.

Dr. Paul Fawcett-Superintendent, Lucia Mar Unified School District

- Provided background information about Lucia Mar Unified School District.
  - Current overview of Board members and staff
  - Geographic location
  - School sites and alternative programs

Chelsea Olson-Murphy-Counsel for Lucia Mar Unified School District

- Explained the three options to elect Trustees.
  - At-Large Election System
  - Hybrid System (at-large, by trustee area)
  - By-Trustee Area-preferred CVRA method of elections
- Reviewed California Voters Right Act (CVRA)
  - Prohibits the use of an At-Large Election System.
- Gave an overview of the process to determine a By-Trustee Area election process.
  - At least 5 public hearings to establish the new trustee areas and comments from the public throughout the process.
  - Community outreach to the public was done by local media publications and various forms of social media.
  - The district will seek a waiver of approval from the State Board of Education, that requires a districtwide election to establish a By-Trustee Areas method of election once the county committee approves the resolution for By-Trustee Areas.

Doug Johnson-Demographer, National Demographer Corporation (NDC)

- The district public hearings were used to help create and review the district election maps.
  - Two maps were created and two public hearings were held. From the two public hearings a third map was created.
  - Lucia Mar Unified School District Board adopted the third proposed map.

Questions asked by the committee members:

Does each of the new proposed trustee areas include at least one elementary school?

- Yes, but each area does not contain a middle school or high school

Will the 2020 Census Data change the boundaries of this map?

- Once the State modifies the Federal Census Data, the trustee areas will possibly need some small adjustments but overall will not affect the trustee areas.

Will the district follow the 5% rather than 10% deviation of student enrollment from the census data?

- No, the trustee areas are determined by total community populations, not student enrollment.

Do the protected classes play a consideration when establishing trustee areas?

- Yes, they can be considered.

How much community input was received and was there pushback from the community regarding the trustee areas?

- Very little community input was received. There was a great amount of outreach to the community but no comments were received. Most of the comments were from the Trustees.

Chair Ray Buban declared the public hearing closed at 6:33 pm

5.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

5.1 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. A-2021-41 – BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

The County Committee on School District Organization, after hearing comments from the public, may take action on the proposal submitted from the Lucia Mar Unified School District Board of Trustees identified in District Resolution No. A-2021-41 to adopt By-Trustee Area Elections.

MOTION: QUESENBERRY/MADONNA A motion was passed to Adopt Resolution No. A-2021-41 By-Trustee Area Elections. (10-0)

6.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

No committee member comments were received.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ray Buban adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
August 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.
San Luis Coastal Unified School District, 1500 Lizzie Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93420
District Office Complex, J2

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https://slocoe-org.zoom.us/j/95613608185?pwd=SVpyb3NIcjU1WVpDZWpiWmp4dUZTUT09
Meeting ID: 956 1360 8185
Passcode: 331209

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Nelson Yamagata	District #1	Sarah Araya	District #4 (arrived late)
Kathryn Madonna	District #2	Jim DeCecco	District #4
Stuart Selkirk	District #2	Ray Buban	District #5
Jim Quesenberry	District #3	Kim Holmes	District #5
Ron Walton	District #3		

Members Absent:

Chris Bausch	District #1
Andrew Hays	Member-at-Large

Staff Present:
Dr. James Brescia, County Superintendent of Schools
Karla Knuckles, Superintendent's Confidential Executive Assistant

Guests Present:
Dr. Eric Prater, San Luis Coastal Unified School District Superintendent
Chelsea Olson-Murphy, Counsel for San Luis Coastal Unified School District
Linda Somers-Smith, Counsel for the County Committee on School District Organization
Douglas Johnson, Demographer for San Luis Coastal Unified School District

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ray Buban called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. 9 members were present. 2 members were absent.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION: MADONNA/QUESENBERRY A motion was passed to adopt the agenda as presented. (8-0) (Member Araya had not arrived yet.)

3.0 ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization Resolution Regarding Establishment of Trustee Area Elections in the Lucia Mar Unified School District

There were no changes to the consent agenda.

MOTION: HOLMES/SELKIRK A motion was passed to adopt the consent agenda as presented. (8-0) (Member Araya had not arrived yet)

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comments were received.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING – A proposal to adopt By-Trustee Area Elections as set forth by Resolution No. 29-20-21 adopted by the San Luis Coastal Unified School District Board of Trustees on June 15, 2021

5.1 Declare Public Hearing Open
5.2 Conduct Public Hearing
5.3 Declare Public Hearing Closed

Chair Ray Buban declared the public hearing open at 6:07 p.m.

Dr. Eric Prater, Attorney Chelsea Olson-Murphy and Demographer Doug Johnson spoke on behalf of the San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

Dr. Eric Prater-Superintendent, San Luis Coastal Unified School District

- Provided a brief overview of the district.
- The district started conversations with the Board members in 2019 regarding the 2020 Census and its relativity to CVRA. The districts intent was to change elections to a By-Trustee Area election process
- Community outreach was by website updates, social media, an Advisory Task Force and local media publications in The Tribune.
- There were five public hearings held to determine the map to be used for By-Trustee Area elections.

Chelsea Olson-Murphy-Legal Counsel for San Luis Coastal Unified School District

- Explained the three systems for electing Board members
    - At-Large Election System
    - Hybrid System (at-large, by trustee area)
    - By-Trustee Area-preferred CVRA method of elections
    - The district will seek a waiver of approval from the State Board of Education, that requires a districtwide election to establish a By-Trustee Areas method of election once the county committee approves the resolution for By-Trustee Areas.

Doug Johnson-Demographer, National Demographer Corporation (NDC)

- Three maps were submitted for the public hearings.
- Public hearings were held to obtain input from the community and the Board members.
- The final map was selected and approved by the Board.

Public Comment

- Gregory Gillette, San Luis Coastal Unified School District parent spoke on behalf of the district. He commended the work the district has done regarding the By-Trustee Area elections. He shared that the Spanish speaking community feel they will now have a representative vote. He urged the County Committee to approve the resolution.

Chair Ray Buban declared the public hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

6.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

6.1 ADOPT the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization Resolution Regarding Establishment of Trustee Area Elections in the San Luis Coastal Unified School District

The County Committee on School District Organization, after hearing comments from the public, may take action on the proposal submitted from the San Luis Coastal Unified School District Board of Trustees identified in District Resolution No. 29-20-21 to adopt By-Trustee Area Elections.

MOTION: QUESENBERRY/WALTON A motion as passed to Adopt the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization Resolution Regarding Establishment of Trustee Area Elections in the San Luis Coastal Unified School District. (9-0)

7.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

There committee member comments were received.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ray Buban adjourned the meeting at 6:30p.m.

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5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Change of Election System and Establishment of Trustee Areas for the Governing Board of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

Pursuant to Education Code sections 5019 and 5030, the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application from a school district's governing board, is authorized to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction. On June 22, 2021, the Board of Education of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District selected a preferred trustee area boundary map and staggering sequence of elections, and adopted Resolution No. 21-26, which was submitted to the County Committee for consideration and potential approval.

When considering a school district's proposal to adopt an alternative method of electing governing board members and to establish trustee areas, Education Code section 5019, subdivision(c) requires a county committee to call and conduct at least one public hearing in the district.

Notice is hereby given that the County Committee will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal to establish trustee areas within the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District and to establish a by-trustee area election method for the members of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board of Education, as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Time: 6:00p.m.
Location: Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board Room
800 Niblick Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446

In the interest of public health, this meeting will take place both online and in-person. A link to the meeting can be found in advance of the meeting at the County Committee on School District Organization webpage:
https://www.slocoe.org/divisions/administration/county-committee-on-school-district-organization/

For convenience, comments may be made via email in advance, and the County Committee may provide a telephonic option for verbal comments. If you wish to address the County Committee, you may email your public comment in advance to: **kknuckles@slocoe.org**

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the County Superintendent's Office at (805) 782-7201.

6.1 ADOPT THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS IN THE PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION REGARDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS IN THE
PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Code Section 5019 provides that a county committee on school district organization may establish, rearrange, and/or abolish trustee areas and provides that a proposal to establish trustee areas may be initiated by a resolution of the board of trustees of a school district by application to the county committee.

On June 22, 2021, after three public hearings, the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District selected a preferred trustee area boundary map and staggering sequence of elections, and adopted Resolution Number 21-26, which was submitted to the San Luis Obispo County Committee for consideration via public hearing and potential approval, which submittal included Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Resolution No. 21-26, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Education Code Section 5020 provides that a resolution of a county committee on school district organization approving a proposal to establish trustee areas, and to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Education Code Section 5030, shall constitute an order of election, subject to the right of the District to seek a waiver of such election through the State Board of Education as authorized by Education Code Sections 33050-33053.

Further, the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District passed a resolution on April 27, 2021 (Resolution Number 21-23, attached as Exhibit B) authorizing the Superintendent to request from the State Board of Education a full waiver of the requirements of Education Code section 5020 and partial waivers of Education Code Sections 5019, 5021 and 5030 to effect such District's decision to move to a by-trustee area election system and proposed map to effect such District's decision to move to a by-trustee area election system and proposed map.

In accordance with Education Code Section 5019, the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization called and conducted at least one public hearing on September 8, 2021, within the jurisdiction of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (subject to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 regarding public participation).

On September 8, 2021, following the public hearing in Paso Robles, the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization approved the establishment of trustee areas within the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District as set forth in the map referenced as the "Conceptual Trustee Areas - Scenario No. 4" Map prepared by Cooperative Strategies attached to Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Resolution Number 21-26 attached with Exhibit A by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted by members of the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization at a public meeting thereof held on September 8, 2021. Execution below granted by authority of the Committee:

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Ray Buban, Chair
San Luis Obispo County
Committee on School District Organization

Attest:

_____

Jim J. Brescia, Committee Secretary
San Luis Obispo County
Committee on School District Organization

Exhibit A
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
Resolution Number 21-26
[Attached]

RESOLUTION NO. 21-26

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-TRUSTEE-AREA ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District ("District") is elected under an "at-large" election system where trustees are elected by voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution #19-15 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), signaling its intent to transition to by-trustee area elections beginning in 2022 utilizing data from the 2020 Census and to take such steps as are necessary to make that transition;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution #21-22 (attached hereto as Exhibit B), reaffirming its intent to transition to "by-trustee-area" elections, where each trustee must reside within the designated trustee-area boundary and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area;

WHEREAS, Resolution #21-22 stated that due to COVID-19 related delays to the 2020 Census, the Board determined to move forward with creating trustee areas based upon data from the 2010 Census pursuant to the process provided by the Elections Code and Education Code;

WHEREAS, Cooperative Strategies ("Demographer") was retained to prepare several by-trustee-area election system map options for the Board and public's consideration;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(1), the Board held pre-map public hearings on April 27, 2021 and May 11, 2021, to consider community input and comment regarding potential trustee-area boundaries;

WHEREAS, in developing the Trustee Areas, the Board considered the following: each area shall contain nearly equal number of inhabitants; boundaries shall follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible; areas shall be drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act; areas shall respect incumbency, if possible; areas shall be compact and contiguous, as much as possible; other local considerations, such as school boundaries, locations of school sites, etcetera; areas shall respect communities of interest, as much as possible.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the Board published four (4) trustee-area maps on May 18, 2021, and held map review public hearings on May 25, 2021and June 8, 2021, to gather public input on the proposed trustee-area maps and sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application from

a school district's governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020 requires the County Committee's resolution of approval to be submitted to the electorate for its approval;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Education to waive this voter approval requirement, which could reduce the costs associated with the proposed change to trustee-area elections; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution #21-23 (attached hereto as Exhibit C), authorizing the Superintendent to seek a waiver of the Education Code section 5020's election requirement from the State Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.

2. The Board hereby approves and recommends the adoption of by-trustee area elections.

3. The Board hereby adopts the trustee-area map identified as Scenario # four (4), attached as Exhibit D.

4. The Board hereby proposes that:

   a. Trustee areas one (1), two (2), and four (4) be scheduled for election in 2022; and

   b. Trustee areas three (3), five (5), six (6), and seven (7) be scheduled for election in 2024.

5. The District Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee, and to work with the County Committee and the County Election's Office to conduct all legally required hearings and other acts necessary so that trustee-area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2022 and 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 22, 2021, by the following vote: 5 – 2

AYES: Chris Arend, Chris Bausch, Lance Gannon, Tim Gearhart, Nathan Williams

NOES: Dorian Baker, Jim Reed

ABSENT: --

ABSTAIN: --

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by members of the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, at a public meeting of said Board held on June 22, 2021.

Christopher Bausch, Clerk of the Board

Curt Dubost, Superintendent

Exhibit A

Resolution #19-15

RESOLUTION No. 19-15

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE A TRANSITION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION SYSTEM COMMENCING WITH THE 2022 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's governing board, to change the method of election of governing board members in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") disfavors the use of an "at-large" election system for governing board members of a school district if the "at-large" elections may impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election;

WHEREAS, Board members of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District ("District") are currently elected using on "at-large" election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the governing board);

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2022 Board elections, and with the benefit of then-updated federal decennial Census data released in 2021, the public interest may be better served by election of its Board members using a "by-trustee area" election system (i.e., elections in which one candidate residing in each trustee area is elected by only the registered voters in that particular trustee area);

WHEREAS, the adoption of "by-trustee area " elections will not affect the terms of any Board members serving or elected during this transition, each of whom will serve out his or her full term; and

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of its need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing Board members in a cost effective and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;

2. Trustee area boundary lines shall be developed based on the most updated federal decennial census data following its release in 2021 to provide for "by-trustee areas" elections commencing in 2022;

3. By this resolution and pursuant to Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law, the Board directs District staff to transmit this resolution to the County Committee to apply to have the County Committee adopt a change in the method of electing

members of the board from "at-large elections to "by-trustee area" elections commencing with the 2022 Board elections;

4. Before submitting a final proposal to the County Committee for trustee area maps using the federal census data, multiple public hearings in accordance with Elections Code section 10010 shall be scheduled to obtain public input on the draft proposals;

5. The Board shall apply to the County Committee for establishment of trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 5019 in a timely manner to have the 2022 elections for the Board conducted within the new trustee areas;

6. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner, and to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education of the election requirement imposed by Education Code section 5020;

7. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and

8. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on February 26, 2019, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

APPROVE:

Joel Peterson
President, Governing Board

ATTEST:

Stephanie Ulibarri
Clerk, Governing Board

I, Stephanie Ulibarri, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held on February 26, 2019, by a vote of 6 to 0.

Stephanie Ulibarri,
Clerk, Board of Trustees

Exhibit B

Resolution #21-22

Resolution No. 21-22

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Resolution Authorizing to Re-Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board Election

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's Governing Board, to change the method of election of governing board members in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") disfavors the use of an "at-large" election system for governing board members of a school district if the "at-large" election system may impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election;

WHEREAS, board members of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District ("District") are currently elected using an "at-large" election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the Governing Board);

WHEREAS, the Board desires to promote meaningful voter involvement in the election of Board members and increase the ability of candidates to seek elected office;

WHEREAS, it is the considered view of the Board that the public interest will be better served by election of its board members using a "by-trustee area" election system (i.e., elections in which one candidate residing in each trustee area is elected by only the registered voters in that particular trustee area);

WHEREAS, the boundaries for trustee areas in a by-trustee area election system are established based on population counts and demographics from the most recent United States' census;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution No. 19-15, a Resolution Approving Authorization to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board Election;

WHEREAS, the United States' census count occurs every ten (10) years with the last census count occurring in 2020 ("2020 Census");

WHEREAS, as provided in Resolution No. 19-15, the Board intended to wait until the release of the 2020 Census data, scheduled for March 2021, and then immediately begin the transition process;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 pandemic-related delays, the 2020 Census data is not expected to be made available to state and local agencies until September

30, 2021 or later, which is a substantial delay from the original due date of March 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, due to this significant delay, the potential for further delay, and the tight timelines to complete the process in time for the 2022 elections, the Board has concerns about continuing to delay the process until the 2020 Census data is released;

WHEREAS, the Board aspires to promote a robust public input process, and believes that it is now in the best interest of the District not to wait until the release of the 2020 Census data, but to move forward immediately to transition to by-trustee area elections using the 2010 Census data pursuant to the process provided in the Elections Code and Education Code;

WHEREAS, the Board will hold a minimum of two public hearings prior to developing proposed trustee-area boundary maps;

WHEREAS, the District will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed with assistance from a demographer;

WHEREAS, the District will hold an additional public hearing before adopting a trustee-area map and submitting it to the County Committee for consideration;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the County Committee, upon application of the District Board, to change the method of election of the Board from at-large to by-trustee area;

WHEREAS, if the County Committee approves this request to change the method of electing trustees, Education Code section 5020 requires the County Committee's resolution of approval to be submitted to the electorate for its approval;

WHEREAS, in the alternative, the District may seek a waiver of this voter approval requirement from the State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, once the transition process is complete, and the 2020 Census data is released, the District will then review the new Census data as required by Education Code section 5019.5, and make any necessary adjustments to ensure appropriate population balance;

WHEREAS, the adoption of "by-trustee area" elections will not affect the terms of any board members serving or elected during this transition, each of whom will serve out his or her full term.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;

2. The District shall immediately commence the process of transitioning to by-trustee area elections, in full compliance with all appropriate procedures and policies provided in law, including but not limited to Education Code sections 5019, 5030, and 33050, et seq., and Elections Code sections 10010 and 14025, et seq..

3. Once the transition process is completed, and the 2020 Census data is made available to the District, the Board directs staff to review the new Census data pursuant to Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law, to determine whether adjustments to the adopted trustee area map are required.

4. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner, and to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education of the election requirement imposed by Education Code section 5020;

5. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and

6. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on April 27, 2021, at a duly noticed meeting and public hearing, motioned by NW Nathan Williams, seconded by LG Lance Gannon, via a roll call vote of 4-3:

AYES: Arend, Gannon, Gearhart, Williams

NOES: Baker, Bausch, Reed

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE:

Board President or Clerk

ATTEST:

Board Chair or Secretary

Exhibit C

Resolution #21-23

Resolution No. 21-23

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Resolution Authorizing the District to Seek a Waiver from the State Board of Education regarding Electorate Approval of the Proposed Change from At-Large to By-Trustee Board Elections

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District ("District") is elected "at-large," meaning that each Board member is elected by voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 21-22, declaring its intent to re-initiate transition from at-large to by-trustee area Board elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(1), the Board will hold two public hearings to gather public input regarding potential trustee-area boundaries;

WHEREAS, the District, with assistance from a demographer, will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed and on the proposed sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's Governing Board, to change the method of election of the Board from at-large to by-trustee area;

WHEREAS, if the County Committee approves this request to change the method of electing Board members, Education Code section 5020 requires the County Committee's resolution of approval to be submitted to the electorate for its approval;

WHEREAS, an election to approve the change in voting methods will result in a cost to the District, and Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Education to waive this voter approval requirement, which could reduce the cost and expedite the timeline for implementation of the by-trustee area elections;

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Board wishes to request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirement set forth in the Education Code;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed waiver application to solicit input from the public and the District's stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the District properly posted a timely notice of the public hearing in The Tribune newspaper and at various sites within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District complied with the notice and consulting requirements set forth in Education Code sections 33050, *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent/Designee to seek a full waiver of Education Code Section 5020, and partial waivers of Education Code Sections 5019, 5021, and 5030 as set forth in Exhibit A, or as otherwise required by the State Board of Education, to effectuate the District's goal of moving to a by-trustee area elections system without electorate approval.

2. The District Superintendent/designee are hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on April 27, 2021, at a duly noticed meeting and public hearing, motioned by LG (Lance Gannon), seconded by TG (Tim Gearhart), via a roll call vote of 4-3:

AYES: NW, TG, LG, CA (Arend, Gannon, Gearhart, Williams)

NOES: DB, CB, JR (Baker, Bausch, Reed)

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE:

Board President or Clerk

ATTEST:

Board Chair or Secretary

EXHIBIT A

California Education Code Sections Proposed to be Waived

Request to waive California Education Code Section 5020, and portions of sections 5019, 5021,
and 5030, that require a districtwide election. Language proposed to be waived is bracketed and
in italics below:

§ 5019. Trustee areas and size of school district governing boards; powers of county committee; proposal and hearing

(a) Except in a school district governed by a board of education provided for in the charter of a city or city and county, in any school district or community college district, the county committee on school district organization may establish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, abolish trustee areas, and increase to seven or decrease to five the number of members of the governing board, or adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Section 5030.

(b) The county committee on school district organization may establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district. The resolution of the county committee on school district organization approving the establishment or abolition of a common governing board shall be presented to the electors of the school districts as specified in Section 5020.

(c) (1) A proposal to make the changes described in subdivision (a) or (b) may be initiated by the county committee on school district organization or made to the county committee on school district organization either by a petition signed by 5 percent or 50, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,500 or fewer qualified registered voters, by 3 percent or 100, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,501 to 10,000 qualified registered voters, by 1 percent or 250, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 10,001 to 50,000 qualified registered voters, by 500 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 50,001 to 100,000 qualified registered voters, by 750 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 100,001 to 250,000 qualified registered voters, or by 1,000 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 250,001 or more qualified registered voters or by resolution of the governing board of the district. For this purpose, the necessary signatures for a petition shall be obtained within a period of 180 days before the submission of the petition to the county committee on school district organization and the number of qualified registered voters in the district shall be determined pursuant to the most recent

report submitted by the county elections official to the Secretary of State under Section 2187 of the Elections Code.

(2) When a proposal is made pursuant to paragraph (1), the county committee on school district organization shall call and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, the county committee on school district organization shall approve or disapprove the proposal.

(d) If the county committee on school district organization approves pursuant to subdivision (a) *[the rearrangement of]* the boundaries of trustee areas for a particular district, then the *[rearrangement of the]* trustee areas shall be effectuated for the next district election occurring at least 120 days after *[its]* approval *[, unless at least 5 percent of the registered voters of the district sign a petition requesting an election on the proposed rearrangement of trustee area boundaries. The petition for an election shall be submitted to the county elections official within 60 days of the proposal's adoption by the county committee on school district organization. If the qualified registered voters approve pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) the rearrangement of the boundaries to the trustee areas for a particular district, the rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effective for the next district election occurring at least 120 days after its approval by the voters]*.

[§ 5020. Presentation of proposal to electors

(a)The resolution of the county committee approving a proposal to establish or abolish trustee areas, to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Section 5030, or to increase or decrease the number of members of the governing board shall constitute an order of election, and the proposal shall be presented to the electors of the district not later than the next succeeding election for members of the governing board.

(b)If a petition requesting an election on a proposal to rearrange trustee area boundaries is filed, containing at least 5 percent of the signatures of the district's registered voters as determined by the elections official, the proposal shall be presented to the electors of the district, at the next succeeding election for the members of the governing board, at the next succeeding statewide primary or general election, or at the next succeeding regularly scheduled election at which the electors of the district are otherwise entitled to vote, provided that there is sufficient time to place the issue on the ballot

(c) If a petition requesting an election on a proposal to establish or abolish trustee areas, to increase or decrease the number of members of the board, or to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Section 5030 is filed, containing at least 10 percent of the signatures of the district's registered voters as determined by the elections official, the proposal shall be presented to the electors of the district, at the next succeeding election for the members of the governing board, at the next succeeding statewide primary or general election, or at the next succeeding regularly scheduled election at which the electors of the district are otherwise entitled to vote, provided that there is sufficient time to place the issue on the ballot. Before the proposal is

presented to the electors, the county committee on school district organization may call and conduct one or more public hearings on the proposal.

(d) The resolution of the county committee approving a proposal to establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district shall constitute an order of election. The proposal shall be presented to the electors of the district at the next succeeding statewide primary or general election, or at the next succeeding regularly scheduled election at which the electors of the district are otherwise entitled to vote, provided that there is sufficient time to place the issue on the ballot.

(e) For each proposal there shall be a separate proposition on the ballot. The ballot shall contain the following words:

"For the establishment (or abolition or rearrangement) of trustee areas in _ (insert name) School District --Yes" and "For the establishment (or abolition or rearrangement) of trustee areas
in ____ (insert name) School District--No."

"For increasing the number of members of the governing board of _(insert name) School District from five to seven--Yes" and "For increasing the number of members of the governing
board of ___ (insert name) School District from five to seven--No."

"For decreasing the number of members of the governing board of (insert name) School District from seven to five--Yes" and "For decreasing the number of members of the governing
board of ___ (insert name) School District from seven to five--No."

"For the election of each member of the governing board of the(insert name) School District
by the registered voters of the entire(insert name) School District--Yes" and "For the election
of each member of the governing board of the(insert name) School District by the registered
voters of the entire___ (insert name) School District--No."

"For the election of one member of the governing board of the(insert name) School District
residing in each trustee area elected by the registered voters in that trustee area--Yes" and "For
the election of one member of the governing board of the (insert name) School District
residing in each trustee area elected by the registered voters in that trustee area--No."

"For the election of one member, or more than one member for one or more trustee areas, of the

governing board of the(insert name) School District residing in each trustee area elected by
the registered voters of the entire (insert name) School District--Yes" and "For the election of one member, or more than one member for one or more trustee areas, of the governing board
of the(insert name) School District residing in each trustee area elected by the registered voters of the entire ___(insert name) School District--No."

"For the establishment (or abolition) of a common governing board in the (insert name) School District and the _(insert name) School District--Yes" and "For the establishment (or abolition) of a common governing board in the_(insert name) School District and the__ (insert name) School District--No."

If more than one proposal appears on the ballot, all must carry in order for any to become effective, except that a proposal to adopt one of the methods of election of board members specified in Section 5030 which is approved by the voters shall become effective unless a proposal which is inconsistent with that proposal has been approved by a greater number of voters. An inconsistent proposal approved by a lesser number of voters than the number which have approved a proposal to adopt one of the methods of election of board members specified in Section 5030 shall not be effective.]

§ 5021. Incumbents to serve out terms despite approval of change

(a)If a proposal for the establishment of trustee areas formulated under Section[s] 5019 *[and 5020]* is approved *[by a majority of the voters voting at the election]*, any affected incumbent board member shall serve out his or her term of office and succeeding board members shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Section 5030. In the event two or more trustee areas are established *[at such election]* which are not represented in the membership of the governing board of the school district, or community college district the county committee shall determine by lot the trustee area from which the nomination and election for the next vacancy on the governing board shall be made.

(b)If a proposal for rearrangement of boundaries is approved by *[a majority of the voters voting on the measure, or by]* the county committee on school district organization *[when no election is required]*, and if the boundary changes affect the board membership, any affected incumbent board member shall serve out his or her term of office and succeeding board members shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Section 5030.

(c)If a proposal for abolishing trustee areas is approved *[by a majority of the voters voting at the election]*, the incumbent board members shall serve out their terms of office and succeeding board members shall be nominated and elected at large from the district.

§ 5030. Alternate method of election

Except as provided in Sections 5027 and 5028, in any school district or community college district having trustee areas, the county committee on school district organization and the registered voters of a district, pursuant to Section[s] 5019 *[and 5020, respectively]*, may at any time recommend one of the following alternate methods of electing governing board members:

(a) That each member of the governing board be elected by the registered voters of the entire district.

(b) That one or more members residing in each trustee area be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area.

(c) That each governing board member be elected by the registered voters of the entire school district or community college district, but reside in the trustee area which he or she represents.

The recommendation shall provide that any affected incumbent member shall serve out his or her term of office and that succeeding board members shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the method recommended by the county committee.

Whenever trustee areas are established in a district, provision shall be made for one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members.

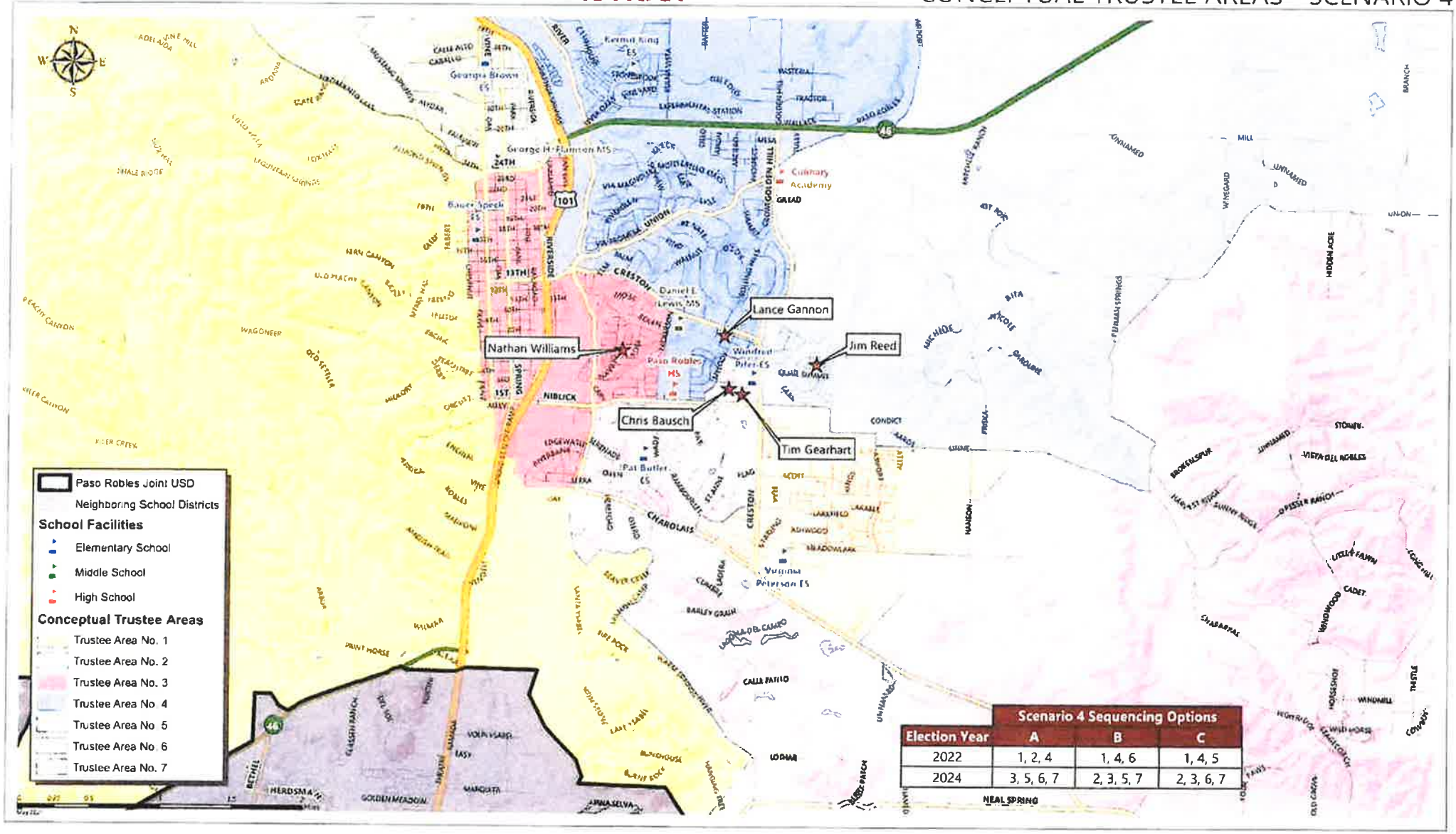
[In counties with a population of less than 25,000,] the county committee on school district
organization or the county board of education, if it has succeeded to the duties of the county committee, may at any time, by resolution, with respect to trustee areas established for any school district, other than a community college district, amend the provision required by this section without additional approval by the electors, to require one of the alternate methods for electing board members to be utilized.

Exhibit D

Adopted Map and Staggering Plan

PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 4



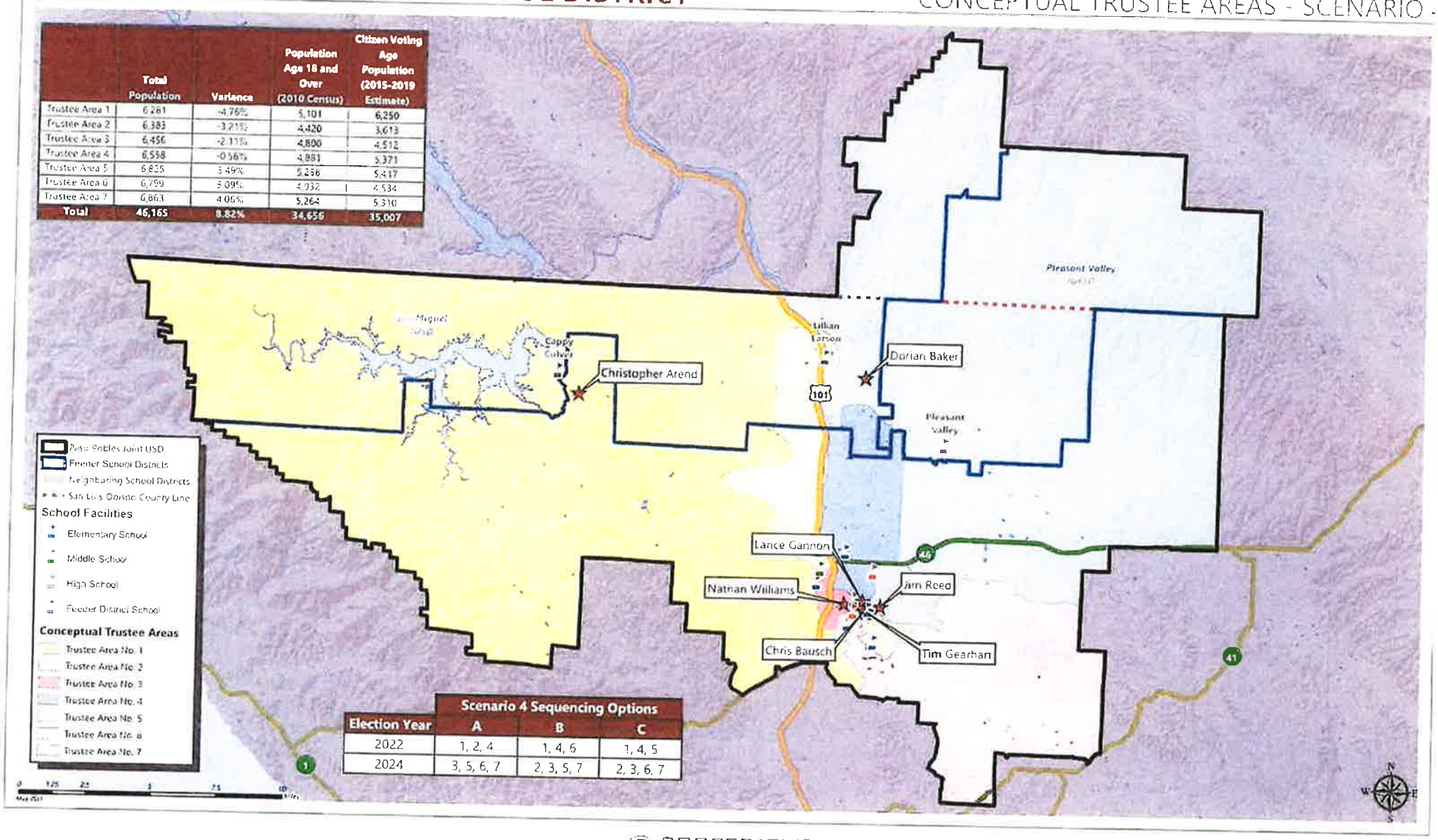
Election Year	Scenario 4 Sequencing Options		
	A	B	C
2022	1, 2, 4	1, 4, 6	1, 4, 5
2024	3, 5, 6, 7	2, 3, 5, 7	2, 3, 6, 7

COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES

PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 4

	Total Population	Variance	Population Age 18 and Over (2010 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2015-2019 Estimate)
Trustee Area 1	6,281	-4.76%	5,101	6,250
Trustee Area 2	6,383	-3.21%	4,420	3,613
Trustee Area 3	6,456	-2.11%	4,800	4,512
Trustee Area 4	6,558	-0.56%	4,881	5,371
Trustee Area 5	6,825	3.49%	5,256	5,417
Trustee Area 6	6,799	3.09%	5,032	4,934
Trustee Area 7	6,863	4.06%	5,264	5,330
Total	**46,165**	**8.82%**	**34,656**	**35,007**



Election Year	Scenario 4 Sequencing Options A	B	C
2022	1, 2, 4	1, 4, 6	1, 4, 5
2024	3, 5, 6, 7	2, 3, 5, 7	2, 3, 6, 7

COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES

Exhibit B
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
Resolution Number 21-23
[Attached]

Resolution No. 21-23

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Resolution Authorizing the District to Seek a Waiver from the State Board of Education regarding Electorate Approval of the Proposed Change from At-Large to By-Trustee Board Elections

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District ("District") is elected "at-large," meaning that each Board member is elected by voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 21-22, declaring its intent to re-initiate transition from at-large to by-trustee area Board elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(1), the Board will hold two public hearings to gather public input regarding potential trustee-area boundaries;

WHEREAS, the District, with assistance from a demographer, will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed and on the proposed sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's Governing Board, to change the method of election of the Board from at-large to by-trustee area;

WHEREAS, if the County Committee approves this request to change the method of electing Board members, Education Code section 5020 requires the County Committee's resolution of approval to be submitted to the electorate for its approval;

WHEREAS, an election to approve the change in voting methods will result in a cost to the District, and Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Education to waive this voter approval requirement, which could reduce the cost and expedite the timeline for implementation of the by-trustee area elections;

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Board wishes to request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirement set forth in the Education Code;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed waiver application to solicit input from the public and the District's stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the District properly posted a timely notice of the public hearing in The Tribune newspaper and at various sites within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District complied with the notice and consulting requirements set forth in Education Code sections 33050, *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent/Designee to seek a full waiver of Education Code Section 5020, and partial waivers of Education Code Sections 5019, 5021, and 5030 as set forth in Exhibit A, or as otherwise required by the State Board of Education, to effectuate the District's goal of moving to a by-trustee area elections system without electorate approval.

2. The District Superintendent/designee are hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on April 27, 2021, at a duly noticed meeting and public hearing, motioned by LG (Lance Gannon), seconded by TG (Tim Gearhart), via a roll call vote of 4-3:

AYES: NW, TG, LG, CA (Arend, Gannon, Gearhart, Williams)
NOES: DB, CB, JR (Bakar, Bausch, Reed)
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE:

Board President or Clerk

ATTEST:

Board Chair or Secretary