

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION NO. 16/17-23 Establishing Trustee Areas

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
ESTABLISHING TRUSTEE AREAS AND METHOD OF ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 1500 of the Charter of the City of Modesto ("Charter") vests the control, management and administration of the Modesto City School District of Stanislaus County and the Modesto High School District of Stanislaus County, jointly referred to as "Modesto City Schools" or "the District" in the Modesto Board of Education ("the Board of Education"); and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education are currently elected at large from the territory within the District's boundaries, which includes the City of Modesto and other surrounding territory; and

WHEREAS, in June 2016, voters approved Measure F, an amendment to the Modesto City Charter Relating to the Elections of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Section 1500 of the Charter was amended to state, in pertinent part, "The Board of Education shall select a method of election for its members, by resolution, including but not limited to trustee or at large, in accordance with Chapter 1, Part 4, Division 1, Title 1 of the California Education Code, or any succeeding statute"; and

WHEREAS, Board Bylaw 9311 provides the Board of Education maintains the right to add new policies, including bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") was adopted by the California Legislature in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the change to district-based elections may be made in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education retained National Demographics Corporation ("NDC") to assist the District with a potential transition to district-based elections; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2017 and February 6, 2017, the Board of Education held public hearings on the composition of trustee areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received four draft maps, identified as NDC 1, NDC 2, NDC 3 and NDC 4, for Board and public comment and consideration; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2017, the District made the draft maps available on the District's website; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, the District conducted community forums at Gregori High School and Johansen High School; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2017, the Board of Education held the first public hearing on the draft maps of proposed trustee areas; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2017, the District conducted community forums at Modesto High School and Beyer High School; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2017, the Board of Education held its second public hearing on the draft maps of the proposed trustee areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the draft maps and plans and, after consideration of all public input and analysis of proposed maps and now desires to adopt and establish trustee areas

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education exercises its authority pursuant to the Charter to select the method of election for its members by resolution;

Section 2. The Board of Education establishes trustee areas and each trustee area shall be represented by a Board member who resides in and is elected by voters residing within that trustee area. Trustee areas shall be balanced by population as required by state and federal law.

Section 3. The Board of Education adopts and establishes trustee areas reflected in NDC Map No. 3, and such map is incorporated herein.

Section 4. Prior to March 1 following the year in which the results of each decennial federal census are released, the Board of Education shall adjust the boundaries of the trustee areas based on population figures as validated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance in accordance with Education Code 5019.5.

Section 5. This resolution shall be identified as "Board Bylaw 9220, Governing Board Elections" and shall be maintained in the Board's Bylaws.

Section 6. The District Superintendent and/or her designees are authorized pursuant to this resolution to take any action and/or execute any documents which are necessary to carry out, give effect to, and comply with the terms and intent of this resolution, including any further action required by the Stanislaus County Committee on District Organization, the City of Modesto, and the Stanislaus County Registrar.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Modesto City Schools by the following vote (motioned by Neumann, seconded by Grenbeaux:

AYES: Allan, Brown, Grenbeaux, Marks, Neumann, Walker, Zwahlen

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 7. Board members shall be assigned to the trustee area and assume the alternative election year cycle as stated in the attached Proposed & Alternative Election Years by Trustee Area by Map which is consistent with the NDC Map identified above in Section 3.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Modesto City Schools by the following vote (motioned by Marks, seconded by Neumann):

AYES: Allan, Marks, Neumann, Walker

NOES: Brown, Grenbeaux, Zwahlen

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Dated: April 17, 2017



Sue Zwahlen
President of the Board of Education

ATTEST:



Pamela Able
Superintendent
Clerk of the Board of Education

Proposed & Alternative Election Years by Trustee Area by Map

For each trustee area in each initial draft map, the table below list the trustee(s) who are located in the proposed area, each trustee's election year, and the proposed and alternate election year assignments for that area.

A trustee whose current terms ends in 2017 and who resides in a 2019 trustee area finishes his/her current term and then cannot immediately run for re-election – he or she must wait until 2019 to run for that seat. A trustee whose current term ends in 2019 and who resides in a 2017 trustee area can either run mid-term for the 2017 seat (resigning the at-large seat and assuming the by-area seat if he/she wins); or the trustee can complete the current term through 2019, leave the Board, and then run when the by-area seat comes up in 2021).

There must be 4 areas up for election in 2017 and 3 areas up for election in 2019.

	NDC1		NDC2		NDC3		NDC4	
Area	Vacant	Marks (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2017	Vacant	Marks (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2017	Marks (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2017	Neumann (2019) & Zwahlen (2017) Proposed: 2019 Alternative: 2017	Marks (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2017	Neumann (2019) Proposed: 2019 Alternative: 2019
Area 1	Vacant							
Area 2	Marks (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2017		Vacant					
Area 3	Neumann (2019) Proposed: 2019 Alternative: 2019		Vacant					
Area 4	Brown (2017) & Walker (2019) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2019		Brown (2017) & Walker (2019) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2019					
Area 5	Vacant		Allan (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2017					
Area 6	Allan (2017), Grenbeaux (2019) & Zwahlen (2017) Proposed: 2017 Alternative: 2019		Neumann (2019), Zwahlen (2017) & Grenbeaux (2019) Proposed: 2019 Alternative: 2017					
Area 7	Vacant		Vacant					

The "Proposed" or "Alternate" selection must be made for an entire map. We cannot change between "proposed" and "alternative" options are by area.