

**HUENEME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION B18-19-06**

**RESOLUTION INDICATING INTENT TO TRANSITION GOVERNING BOARD
ELECTIONS FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Hueneme Elementary School District (“District”) is governed by a five member Board of Education (“Board”);

WHEREAS, members of the Board are elected “at large,” in which each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, the District is committed to structures that most effectively involve all community members in the democratic process of elections;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code, §§ 14025 et seq.)(“CVRA”) prohibits the use of “at large” elections where it impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice, or its ability to influence the outcome of elections;

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that a transition in election systems may have unintended consequences, but is cognizant of the financial impact which would result from any litigation to defend its current at-large election system and seeks to address this matter in a way which safeguards District funds for District students;

WHEREAS, the District is not aware of any concerns about the current election processes to the Board;

WHEREAS, the District denies its election system violates the CVRA or any other provision of law and asserts the District’s election system is legal in all respects and further denies any wrongdoing whatsoever in connection with the manner in which it has conducted its District elections;

WHEREAS, prior to any decision to establish trustee areas, Elections Code section 10010 requires a series of public hearings;

WHEREAS, the District will retain an experienced demographer to work with its legal counsel and staff to develop proposed trustee area boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the transition to by-trustee area elections will not affect the current terms of any Board members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District, acting by and through its Council, having considered and been fully advised in the matter and good cause appearing therefore does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. This Resolution indicates the District’s intention to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

SECTION 2. The Board directs staff to work with a retained demographer, and other appropriate consultants as needed, to provide a detailed analysis of the District's current demographics and any other information or data necessary to prepare a draft map that divides the District into voting districts in a manner consistent with the intent and purpose of the California Voting Rights Act and the Federal Voting Rights Act.

SECTION 3. The Board seeks public input on the trustee area boundaries and will employ the following steps and timeline to effectuate this transition:

01/28/19	First Pre-Map Public Hearing: CVRA Presentation
02/25/19	Second Pre-Map Public Hearing: Presentation/Discussion with Demographer regarding Criteria for Boundaries
03/11/19	Third Public Hearing: Public Hearing on Draft Trustee Area Boundary Maps
04/22/19	Fourth Public Hearing: Public Hearing on Revised Trustee Area Boundary Maps
05/13/19	Fifth Public Hearing: Public Hearing on Trustee Area Boundary Maps Adoption of Trustee Area Boundary Maps. The date of this hearing will be rescheduled accordingly should draft maps need to be amended before final adoption.

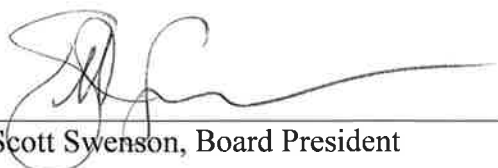
SECTION 4. The timeline contained in Section 3 may be augmented or adjusted by the Board or District staff as necessary.

SECTION 5. The Board directs staff to post information regarding the proposed transition to a by-trustee area election system, including maps, notices, agendas and other information.

SECTION 6. District staff is authorized to work with the demographer retained by the District and its legal counsel and execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Hueneme Elementary School District on November 26, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>



Scott Swenson, Board President