

**OCEANSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE OCEANSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S INTENTION, PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS  
CODE SECTION 10010(e)(3)(A), TO INITIATE PROCEDURES FOR  
ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOR  
BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Oceanside Unified School District Board of Education ("Board") is uniquely aware of the importance of maintaining a fair election system;

**WHEREAS**, the Board strives to insure that the Oceanside Unified School District ("District") election system never results in the dilution of votes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board strives to insure that the District's elections never result in polarized voting patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is aware of the significant role the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 plays in District election systems;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is authorized to change to a by-district system or by-district system upon approval of the County Committee on School District Organization and the State Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to move from its current at-large electoral system to a district based election for members of the Board in furtherance of the purposes of California Voting Rights Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the District moves to make this transition from an at-large system to a district based system in accordance with Elections Code 10010; and

**WHEREAS**, the District will begin by working with an experienced demographer to assist the District in establishing maps for a district based electoral system; and

**WHEREAS**, before drawing a draft map of the proposed boundaries of the districts, the District will hold at least two (2) public hearings over no more than thirty (30) days, at which time the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the District will then publish and make available for release at least one (1) draft map of the new electoral districts, including the potential sequence of elections shown; and

**WHEREAS**, once the draft map has been publicized for at least seven (7) days, the District will hold at least two (2) additional public hearings, over no more than forty-five (45) days, at which time the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map and the proposed sequence of elections prior to the public hearing at which the Board adopts a map; and

**WHEREAS**, if a draft map is revised at or following a public hearing, the revised map will be published and made available to the public at least seven (7) days before the District chooses to adopt it; and

**WHEREAS**, in determining the final sequence of staggered district elections, the Board will give special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act, and will take in to account the preferences expressed by the members of the districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board now wishes to adopt criteria to guide the establishment of electoral districts consistent with legal requirements, including reasonable equal population and section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act, as well as other concerns and considerations important to the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Oceanside Unified School District Board of Education does hereby resolve as follows:

**SECTION 1.** All of the above recitals herein contained are true and correct and the District's Board of Education so finds and determines.

**SECTION 2.** The District's Board of Education hereby resolves, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, to adopt a district based election system for use in the District's General Election for District Board Members.

**SECTION 3.** The District further resolves to retain a qualified demographer, hold at least five (5) public hearings and publish at least one (1) draft map and staggering sequence.

**SECTION 4.** The District's redistricting/ demographic consulting firm, acting under the supervision of the Superintendent, is hereby authorized to direct and formulate one or more electoral district scenarios for review by the public and Board at two or more public hearings if necessary, in accordance with the Board's proposed timeline.

**SECTION 5.** Working with the demographic consulting firm, staff is directed to publicize relevant maps, information, notices, agendas and other materials regarding by-district elections and to establish means of communication to answer questions from the public.

**SECTION 6.** All public hearings shall be noticed as follows: posting on the District website at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the hearing and publication at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing in the newspaper adjudicated to provide notice within the District's boundaries.

**SECTION 7.** The Superintendent is authorized to take any and all other necessary actions to give effect to this Resolution.

**SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on April 28, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:        5

NOES:        0

ABSENT:     0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO    )

I, Emily Ortiz Wichmann, Clerk of the Oceanside Unified School District Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board at a special called and conducted meeting held on said date, Friday, April 28, 2017.

  
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Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education