

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 020120

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MAP OF PROPOSED TRUSTEE AREAS, AND
RECOMMENDING THAT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH
TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH SOLANA BEACH
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED
IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Solana Beach School District (“District”) currently has no trustee areas, wherein each of the five members of the District’s Board of Education (“Board”) must reside within the boundaries of the District but not within any specific geographical sub-region of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District currently uses an at-large system of electing its Board members, wherein all voters in the District elect each member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, at-large electoral systems such as that used by the District 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 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, given the potential financial and other consequences of a legal challenge under the CVRA to the District’s current election system, the Board considers it prudent to initiate the process to transition to a by-trustee area system of election; and

WHEREAS, the Board took action at its regular meeting on November 21, 2019 announcing its decision to change its election methodology from an at-large system to a by-trustee areas method of election as described in Education Code section 5030(b) in time for the November, 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, one method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee area electoral system is for the Board to petition the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”), by resolution, to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the County Committee has indicated that it will initiate this process on behalf of the District at the District's request, and will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

WHEREAS, District staff and consultants prepared draft trustee area maps, and prior to the preparation and presentation of these draft maps the Board held public hearings on December 12, 2019 and December 17, 2019, to allow for public input on the conversion and how to draw draft trustee area maps; and

WHEREAS, the draft maps created after the two December, 2019 public hearings were presented to the public on January 16, 2020, and a public hearing was held on the same day to obtain feedback on the draft maps; and

WHEREAS, based on public and Board member input additional draft maps were created, which were presented to the public on January 23, 2020, and a public hearing was held the same day to obtain public input; and

WHEREAS, prior to consideration, discussion, and action on this Resolution, the Board has received and considered any and all public input and comment on the draft maps, the proposal to transition to establishing trustee areas, and the proposal to adopt a by-trustee area system of election.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Solana Beach School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That based upon its review of the public input and comment on the draft maps, its proposal to transition to establishing trustee areas, and its proposal to adopt a by-trustee area system of election, as well as input from staff and consultants, the Board hereby adopts and recommends the map known as Orange 11 to the County Committee for its consideration. A true and correct copy of orange 11 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
3. That at the District's next election in 2020, seats in trustee areas 2 and 5 will be up for election, and in November 2022, seats in trustee areas 1, 3, and 4 will be up for election.
4. That this Resolution shall serve as the District's petition to the County Committee pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c)(1), the Board hereby proposes and requests that the County Committee approve the establishment of trustee areas as defined in **Exhibit A**, and approves the adoption of the method of electing Board members specified in Education Code section 5030(b), whereby candidates for the Board must reside within a trustee area, and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area, effective with the November, 2020 regular election of District Board members.

5. That the Superintendent and/or her designee take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February, 2020.



President of the Governing Board for the
Solana Beach School District

I, Gaylin Allbaugh, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Solana Beach 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 13th day of February, 2020, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0



Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Solana Beach School District