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Transitioning to By-Trustee Area Elections: Public Hearing on Draft Maps

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*Designed to be augmented with oral remarks.

California Voting Rights Act

Became effective in January 2003

Prohibits the use of “at-large” elections that

“impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election....” (Elections Code §14027.)

By-Trustee Area Election System

- ▶ Converting to a “by-trustee area” system is the only safe harbor from a CVRA lawsuit
- ▶ School district boundaries divided into trustee areas
- ▶ One Board member elected from each area
- ▶ Board members are elected by the registered voters of the trustee area where the governing board member resides.

By-Trustee Area Election System

- ▶ This process does not change school attendance boundaries or the boundaries of the District.
- ▶ Does not change the existing terms of office for school board members.
- ▶ Board members still serve the District as a whole and all students.

The Process

- ▶ September 14, 2023 - Board adopts resolution to transition to by-trustee area election system in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA.
- ▶ Board held Public Hearings prior to maps being developed.
 - ▶ December 4, 2023
 - ▶ December 11, 2023

The Process

- ▶ Board holds Public Hearings to receive and provide input into the draft trustee-area boundary maps and proposed sequence of elections.
 - ▶ January 18, 2024
 - ▶ February 15, 2024
 - ▶ February 29, 2024 - Public Hearing & Board Selection of Voting Area map and Resolution on change in Election Method

The Process

- ▶ Board approval of change to By-Trustee Area election and selection of Map/Sequencing.
- ▶ County Committee on School District Organization holds public hearing in the District and considers trustee area map. Late March 2024.
- ▶ Upon approval by County Committee, new voting area map is sent to the County Registrar of Voters for use in November 2024 election.

Criteria for Trustee Area Maps

- ▶ Population Balance - substantially equal in population
- ▶ Criteria in Elections Code § 21130
 - ▶ Geographically Contiguous
 - ▶ Local Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest
 - ▶ Cities/census designated places
 - ▶ Natural and artificial boundaries
 - ▶ Geographically compact
 - ▶ Cannot adopt boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against incumbent, candidate, party

Creation of Draft Maps

- ▶ Demographers developed three draft map options using the criteria and then developed two additional maps (3A and 3B) based on feedback.
- ▶ Will present the maps including:
 - ▶ Demographic considerations
 - ▶ Use of Census Blocks, 2020 Census Data, other updated data
- ▶ Maps available on the District website including detailed layer views

Public Input

- ▶ Through public comment during these hearings.
- ▶ District website: www.lsusd.net/cvra
- ▶ Emailing input@lsusd.net.
- ▶ Thank you!

