



Transitioning To A By-Trustee Area Election Method



California Voting Rights Act of 2001
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Process for Transitioning to By-Trustee Area Elections





Transitioning From At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections



- ∞ District will hold two public hearings for community input prior to preparing proposed trustee area maps.

September 11th and October 2nd, 2017

- ∞ The District will publish at least one proposed trustee area map, by the third public hearing, for consideration by the community.

November 6th, 2017

- ∞ The District will publish potential sequence of the elections and impact individual trustee areas





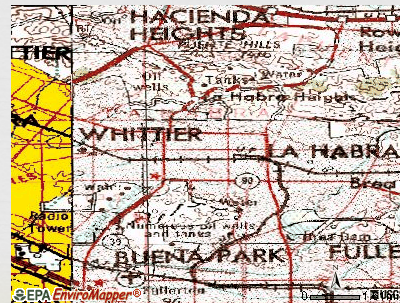
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- ✧ The District will hold a fourth and fifth public hearing to gather community input on proposed map(s) and election sequencing.

December 11th and January 5th, 2017

- ✧ If revisions to any proposed map are made, the District will publish the revised proposed map prior to adopting a map.





Implementing By-Trustee Area Election Method



- ❧ No immediate impact on the term of any current member of the District's Governing Board.
(Education Code section 5021).



- ❧ All future elections would occur in the trustee areas in which the Board members whose terms are expiring currently reside.
- ❧ The election method for Board members has no impact on school attendance boundaries. School attendance boundaries will not change.



Districting Criteria



Federal Law

- ✓ Equal Population
- ✓ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ No Racial Gerrymandering



Traditional Criteria

- ✓ Communities of interest
- ✓ Compact
- ✓ Contiguous
- ✓ Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- ✓ Respect for voters' wishes and continuity in office
- ✓ Planned future growth



Defining Communities of Interest



1st Question: What are your communities of interest?

- ❧ A “Community of Interest” is generally defined as a neighborhood or community of shared interests, views, problems, or characteristics.
- ❧ Possible community feature/boundary definitions include:
 - ❧ School attendance areas
 - ❧ City borders
 - ❧ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals, and/or hills
 - ❧ Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks
 - ❧ Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns
 - ❧ Shared demographic characteristics
 - ❧ Such as similar levels of income, education, or linguistic isolation





Defining Communities of Interest

2nd Question: Does a “Community of Interest” want to be united in one trustee area, or to be divided to have a voice in multiple elections?

- ❧ For example, should a goal be for each trustee area to have at least two schools within its boundaries?
- ❧ For example, should a goal be for each city to have at least two trustee areas dividing it or should a goal be to keep cities united in one trustee area?





Key Community Input

First Public Hearing



Starter Questions:

- ❧ How do you define your communities of interest?
- ❧ Would you prefer that your community of interest be united in one trustee area, or have multiple representatives on the Board?
- ❧ Open First Public Hearing...
- ❧ Close First Public Hearing...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT