



Elections by Trustee Area

Informational Session on Transition to Trustee Areas

June 25 - 26, 2018

California Voting Rights Act

- **In 2002, Governor Gray Davis signed the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 into law.**
- **Expands on rights granted under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.**

California Voting Rights Act

- **A violation of the CVRA is established if it is shown that racially polarized voting occurs in elections for members of the governing body. Racially polarized voting is a complex statistical analysis examining a racial minority groups ability to influence elections.**
- **Proof of intent on the part of the voters or elected officials to discriminate against a protected class is not required.**

California Voting Rights Act of 2001

An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or the abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class...

--California Elections Code §14027

At-Large vs. Trustee-Area Elections

- **At-large elections: Each trustee is elected by all voters within the District.**
- **Trustee-area elections: Each trustee must reside within the designated trustee-area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that area. Also known as “district-based” or ward elections.**

Transition Timeline

- **January 22, 2018 - Letter alleges District violates California Voting Rights Act**
- **March 21, 2018 - Lawsuit filed to compel District to move to trustee-area elections**
- **March 21, 2018 - Board adopts resolution indicating its intent to transition to trustee-area elections**

Transition Timeline

- **April 11, 2018 – Public Hearing No. 1 – first hearing prior to drawing of maps**
- **April 18, 2018 – Public Hearing No. 2 – second hearing prior to drawing of maps**
- **April 18, 2018 – Board adopts criteria for developing trustee area boundaries**

Transition Timeline

- **May 9, 2018 – Two draft trustee-area boundary maps available for public review**
- **May 16, 2018 – Public Hearing No. 3 – first hearing to consider proposed maps**
- **June 6, 2018 – Three draft trustee-area boundary maps available for public review**

Transition Timeline

- **June 13, 2018 – Public Hearing No. 4 – second hearing to consider proposed maps**
- **June 20, 2018 – Additional draft trustee-area boundary map available for public review**
- **June 27, 2018 – Public Hearing No. 5 and anticipated map adoption by the Board**

Transition Timeline

- **Late July – County Committee on School District Organization hearing on transition**
- **November 2018 – Vote on transition ballot measure**
- **November 2020 – First elections by trustee areas**
- **2020 - Decennial Census, redraw boundaries in 2021**
- **2022 - All members elected by trustee area**

Trustee-Area Map Criteria

- **Resolution No. 64-1718 adopted on April 18, 2018**
 - 1. Nearly equal populations**
 - 2. No gerrymandered boundaries**
 - 3. Do not deny the right to vote based on race or color**
 - 4. Compactness**
 - 5. Contiguous territory**
 - 6. Communities of interest**

Opportunities for Community Input

- **Five Public Hearings**

- **April 11**
- **April 18**
- **May 16**
- **June 13**
- **June 27**

- **Four Info Sessions**

- **June 25 - Collins**
- **June 25 - ECHS**
- **June 26 - Verde**
- **June 26 - Riverside**

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Draft Maps - Interactive Map

- Draft Map 1 - Freeway
- Draft Map 2 - Schools
- Draft Map 3 – Cities and Schools A
- Draft Map 4 – Cities and Schools B
- Draft Map 5 – June 4
- Draft Map 6 - Cities and Schools C

Next Steps

- **Public Hearing on June 27, 2018**
- **County Commission on School District Organization hearing in July**
- **Election in November 2018**