

VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

*Moorpark Unified School District, Board Room
5297 Maureen Lane, Moorpark, CA 93021*

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization was called to order by Chairperson Charles Weis to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, at 4:03p.m. at the Moorpark Unified School District, Board Room.

2. Chairperson Charles Weis led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Introduction of County Committee Members

The following members of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization were in attendance:

*Denise Helfstein, representing Supervisorial District # 2
Patricia Phelps, representing Supervisorial District # 2
Barbara Wagner, representing Supervisorial District # 3
Rob Collins, representing Supervisorial District # 4
Robert Perez, representing Supervisorial District # 4
Richard Canady, representing Supervisorial District # 5
Charles Weis, representing Supervisorial District # 5
Ramon Flores, Member-at-Large*

The following members were absent:

*Kathi Smith, representing Supervisorial District # 1
Mindee Stekinger, representing Supervisorial District # 1
Terri Lisagor, representing Supervisorial District # 3*

Also in attendance:

*Misty Key, Secretary to the VCCSDO, and Associate Superintendent,
Fiscal and Administrative Services, Ventura County Office of Education
Dr. Kelli Hays, Superintendent, Moorpark Unified School District
Larry Ferchaw, Cooperative Strategies, LLC
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant, Ventura County Office of Education*

4. Public Comments

Chairperson Charles Weis asked if there were any public comments. There was one public comment from Mr. Steve Hanky, Former Superintendent, Dublin Unified School District. Mr. Hanky shared that Dublin Unified School District changed their election system from an at-large to a by-trustee area election system. He explained that when a vacancy occurs on the school district's Board of Trustees they use to either go through the appointment process or hold an election. In more than one case the Board chose to go through the

appointment process until they appointed a trustee and in the appointment process the candidate that was not selected determined they were not in favor of that decision so they went back to their area of election and gathered 75 signatures which then forced the school district to go into an election process and adding expenses to the school district and also having to remove the person that the Board had appointed.

5. Review and Approve minutes: February 4, 2019 and March 22, 2019

Pat Phelps made a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Rob Collins.

Chairperson Charles Weis called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

	AYES	ABSTAIN	NOES	ABSENT
<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	X			
<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	X			
<i>Robert Perez</i>	X			
<i>Rob Collins</i>	X			
<i>Richard Canady</i>	X			
<i>Charles Weis</i>	X			
<i>Ramon Flores</i>	X			
<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	X			
<i>Kathi Smith</i>				X
<i>Mindee Stekkinger</i>				X
<i>Terri Lisagor</i>				X

Ramon Flores made a motion to approve the March 22, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Richard Canady.

Chairperson Charles Weis called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

	AYES	ABSTAIN	NOES	ABSENT
<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	X			
<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	X			
<i>Robert Perez</i>	X			
<i>Rob Collins</i>	X			
<i>Richard Canady</i>	X			
<i>Charles Weis</i>	X			
<i>Ramon Flores</i>	X			
<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	X			
<i>Kathi Smith</i>				X
<i>Mindee Stekkinger</i>				X
<i>Terri Lisagor</i>				X

6. Information about Moorpark Unified School District's Desired Change in Election

Dr. Kelli Hays shared that Moorpark Unified School District (MUSD), is a medium sized school district with approximately 6,255 students. In the MUSD 49% of the students are Hispanic, 41% White, 7.5% Asian and 2% other. About 38% of the students qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The MUSD continues to exceed Ventura County and California State percentages on the annual state testing in the areas of Language Arts and Math. Among Ventura County School Districts, MUSD continuously scores among the

top three districts in Language Arts and Math. MUSD undertook the transition from an at-large election system to a by-trustee area method of election voluntarily and engaged in an open process to create voting areas that ensured fair representation for all residents.

Trustee Area Process:

- October 9, 2018 – Board Meeting: School District initiates process to transition to by-trustee area of election system
- November 13, 2018 – Board Meeting: First pre-map public hearing and presentation
- December 11, 2018 – Board Meeting: Second pre-map public hearing
- January 15, 2019 - Board Meeting: First public hearing on trustee area scenarios
- February 12, 2019 – Board Meeting: Second public hearing on trustee area scenarios
- February 28, 2019 – DELAC/ELAC Meeting to provide information on trustee area scenarios and solicit feedback
- March 12, 2019 Board Meeting: Final public hearing on trustee area scenarios
 - Board section of trustee area map
 - Board consideration of change in election method
 - Public hearing on general waiver request
 - Board consideration of general waiver request
- April 11, 2019 – Ventura County Committee on School District Organization holds a public hearing and considers approval of change in election method and trustee area map
- July 2019 State Board of Education Meeting: Waiver application consideration
- August 2019 – Cooperative Strategies sends final trustee area map to the county register of voters
- November 3, 2020 – First election held utilizing trustee area

Dr. Hays explained that in addition to the required two pre-map public hearings and three post-map public hearings the MUSD's presented the map scenarios along with detailed explanations at the February 28, 2019 DELAC/ELAC meeting. There were approximately 35 families in the audience. They wanted to know how the three different scenarios affected the downtown area. They seemed to favor scenario three and overall were very much in support of the process and very excited to have a school Board representative in their particular district area.

In addition to the DELAC/ELAC public hearing the district created a separate webpage that advertised and posted all documents related to this process and the local Acorn paper published two stories about the districts transition to a by-trustee area election system.

Mr. Larry Ferchaw discussed the districts demographics and what the population looks like as of the 2010 census data. As of the 2010 census there is a total population of 35,957 residents, 57.10% White, 31.68% Latino and 6.55% Asian. Those are the three largest groups in the district.

Mr. Ferchaw shared the considerations in trustee areas:

- Each area shall contain nearly equal number of inhabitants
- Drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act
- Compact and contiguous, as much as possible
- Respect communities of interest, as much as possible
- Follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible

- Respect incumbency, if possible
- Other local considerations (i.e., school boundaries, locations of school sites)

Mr. Ferchaw provided three possible demographic scenarios. At the March 12, 2019 Board meeting the Board unanimously selected scenario three. They felt it was the best scenario that best represented the community in area 3 (downtown corridor), providing the best opportunities for that part of the district.

Robert Perez shared that the Moorpark Unified School District Board of Trustees were very united through the whole process of changing to a by-trustee area election system. There was no division.

7. Public Hearing:

Chairperson Charles Weis opened the public hearing on MUSD's change in election system pursuant to Education Code Section §5019(c) (1) at 4:27p.m. Chairperson asked if the public wished to make a statement. No comments from the public were made.

Chairperson Charles Weis closed the public hearing at 4:28 p.m.

8. Public Hearing:

Chairperson Charles Weis opened the public hearing on MUSD's request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirements of Education Code Sections §5020 and §5030 at 4:28 p.m. Chairperson asked if the public wished to make a statement. No comments from the public were made.

Chairperson Charles Weis closed the public hearing at 4:29p.m.

9. Discussion and Action:

A motion was made by Richard Canady to adopt County Committee resolution 19-03 approving the establishment of trustee areas and changing the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the MUSD. Motion was seconded by Rob Collins.

Chairperson Charles Weis called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

	AYES	ABSTAIN	NOES	ABSENT
<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	X			
<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	X			
<i>Robert Perez</i>	X			
<i>Rob Collins</i>	X			
<i>Richard Canady</i>	X			
<i>Charles Weis</i>	X			
<i>Ramon Flores</i>	X			
<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	X			
<i>Kathi Smith</i>				X
<i>Mindee Stekkinger</i>				X
<i>Terri Lisagor</i>				X

- 10.** Misty Key shared the list of all the Ventura County LEA's that are in the beginning process of changing to a by-trustee area election system, which are the Hueneme Elementary school district, Ojai Unified School District, and Santa Paula Unified School

District. These three school districts will most likely be ready to change to a by-trustee area election system in 2019. Out of twenty LEA's in the county six have completed this change including Moorpark.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Charles Weis adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

COUNTY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-03

RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND CHANGING THE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS IN THE MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a proposal to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process was presented to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) by the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Moorpark Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Moorpark Unified School District has adopted a resolution declaring its intent to seek a waiver of the election requirements from the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section §5019(c)(1) provides that a proposal to establish trustee areas may be initiated by resolution of the governing board of a district; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section §5019(c)(2) further provides that when a proposal is made by a governing board of a district to establish trustee areas, the county committee on school district organization shall call and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section §5030 provides that whenever trustee areas are established in a district, provisions shall be made for one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section §5020 provides that a resolution of a county committee on school district organization approving a proposal to establish trustee areas, and to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Education Code section §5030, shall constitute an order of election which shall be presented to the electors of the district not later than the next succeeding election for members of the governing board; and

WHEREAS, the County Committee met on April 11, 2019, to consider the proposal to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Moorpark Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the County Committee meeting on April 11, 2019, took place within the boundaries of the Moorpark Unified School District, and the meeting included a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section §5019(c); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Numbers 2018-2019-21 and 2018-2019-22, the Board of the Moorpark Unified School District determined that an at-large method of election could be subject to legal challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 and adopted a by-trustee area electoral system for consideration by the County Committee; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 2018-2019-22, the Board of the Moorpark Unified School District declared its intent to request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirements of Education Code section §5020 and §5030 in order to ensure the timely adoption of trustee areas and the district’s transition from its current at-large electoral process; and

WHEREAS, having consideration of the proposal of the Board of the Moorpark Unified School District to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process as set forth in its Resolution Numbers 2018-2019-21 and 2018-2019-22, as well as public comments, the County Committee recommends approval of the proposal of the Board of the Moorpark Unified School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Committee hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Committee hereby establishes trustee election areas within the Moorpark Unified School District as set forth in the District's Resolution Numbers 2018-2019-21 and 2018-2019-22; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Committee hereby adopts, as the method of election governing board members to the Board of Education of the Moorpark Unified School District, that method of election specified in Education Code section §5030(b), which provides one or more members residing in each trustee area be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that this action of the County Committee establishing trustee election areas and adopting one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Education Code section §5030 shall not be deemed to constitute an order of election if the State Board of Education grants the district's waiver and if such waiver is granted, trustee area elections shall be commenced effective the next succeeding Board member election in November 2020.

I, Misty Key, Secretary to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, hereby certify, in the County of Ventura, State of California, that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said County Committee at a special meeting thereof held on the 11th day of April, 2019, and passed by a vote of:

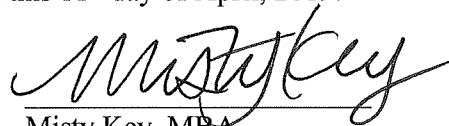
AYES: 8

ABSTAIN: 0

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 3

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of April, 2019.



Misty Key, MBA
Secretary to the Ventura County Committee
on School District Organization

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2018-2019-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A FINAL TRUSTEE AREA PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT'S TRANSITION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION SYSTEM; A PLAN OF ELECTION FROM THOSE AREAS; AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION SYSTEM AND ADOPTED TRUSTEE VOTING AREA PLAN

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2018, the Moorpark Unified School District Governing Board ("Board") passed Resolution No. 2018-2019-15 initiating the process for the Moorpark Unified School District ("District") to transition from an "at-large" election system to a "by-trustee area" election system commencing with the 2020 Board elections; and

WHEREAS, in approving Resolution No. 2018-2019-15, the Board expressed its view that a transition to a by-trustee area election system will reduce the District's risk of costly litigation, especially since a successful plaintiff under the California Voting Rights Act (Elections Code §14025 *et seq.*) ("CVRA") is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees, creating great financial risk to any jurisdiction sued; and

WHEREAS, the District utilized the services of Cooperative Strategies ("Consultant") to prepare proposed trustee area boundary plans for consideration by the District, Board, and community. The Consultant has extensive experience working with school districts and local jurisdictions regarding electoral demographics, taking into consideration the CVRA, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and related election system choices; and

WHEREAS, all of the proposed trustee area boundary plans prepared by Consultant were drawn with all applicable laws and regulations in mind, including the CVRA and federal election law; and

WHEREAS, the District conducted public hearings at Board meetings on November 13, 2018 and December 11, 2018 to solicit feedback in advance of map preparation. The map options were released to the public and available for public review and comment on the District's website from early-January 2019 until final adoption on March 12, 2019. During that time, the District conducted public hearings at Board meetings on January 15, 2019, February 12, 2019, and March 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, with thoughtful consideration of all public input received on the draft trustee area plans and applicable state and federal legal criteria, the Board desires to adopt the trustee area plan and demographic information described as the "Scenario 3" (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") as the final trustee area plan establishing the boundaries for the new trustee areas, and to request timely approval from the County Committee of the trustee area plan and the District's transition to a by-trustee area election system commencing with the 2020 Governing Board election; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the transition to by-trustee area elections in a timely and cost- effective manner, and to ensure that the new by-trustee area process will be in place in time to elect new governing board members at the Board's next regularly scheduled election, the District is seeking a waiver of certain portions of the Education Code from the State Board of Education. The District's request for waiver will be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the trustee area plan and demographic information described as the "Scenario 3" (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") as the final trustee area map for the District's transition to a by-trustee area election system commencing with the 2020 Governing Board election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will hold by-trustee area elections in three areas (Areas 2, 4 and 5) at its November 2020 election, assuming timely approval by the Ventura County Committee. The District will hold by-trustee area elections in two areas (Areas 1 and 3) at its November 2022 election subject to any required trustee area boundary adjustments required pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5 following the release of the decennial federal census; and

BE IT FUTHRE RESOLVED that by this resolution and contingent upon the approval by the County Committee of the District's change to a by-trustee area election system, the Board hereby applies to the County Committee to timely approve the Board's adopted trustee area plan for implementation commencing with the 2020 Governing Board election, or at the earliest possible election, contingent upon approval of the Education Code waiver request submitted to the State Board of Education; and

BE IT FUTHRE RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes and directs District staff to transmit this resolution, the final trustee area plan adopted, and any additional required documentation to the County Committee and to take any other necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and complete the District's transition to a by-trustee area election system for the 2020 Governing Board elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 12th day of March, 2019



President of the Governing Board for the
Moorpark Unified School District

I, Jeff Donabedian, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Moorpark Unified School District of Ventura County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of said School District at a meeting of said Board held on the 12th day of March, 2019 and that it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0



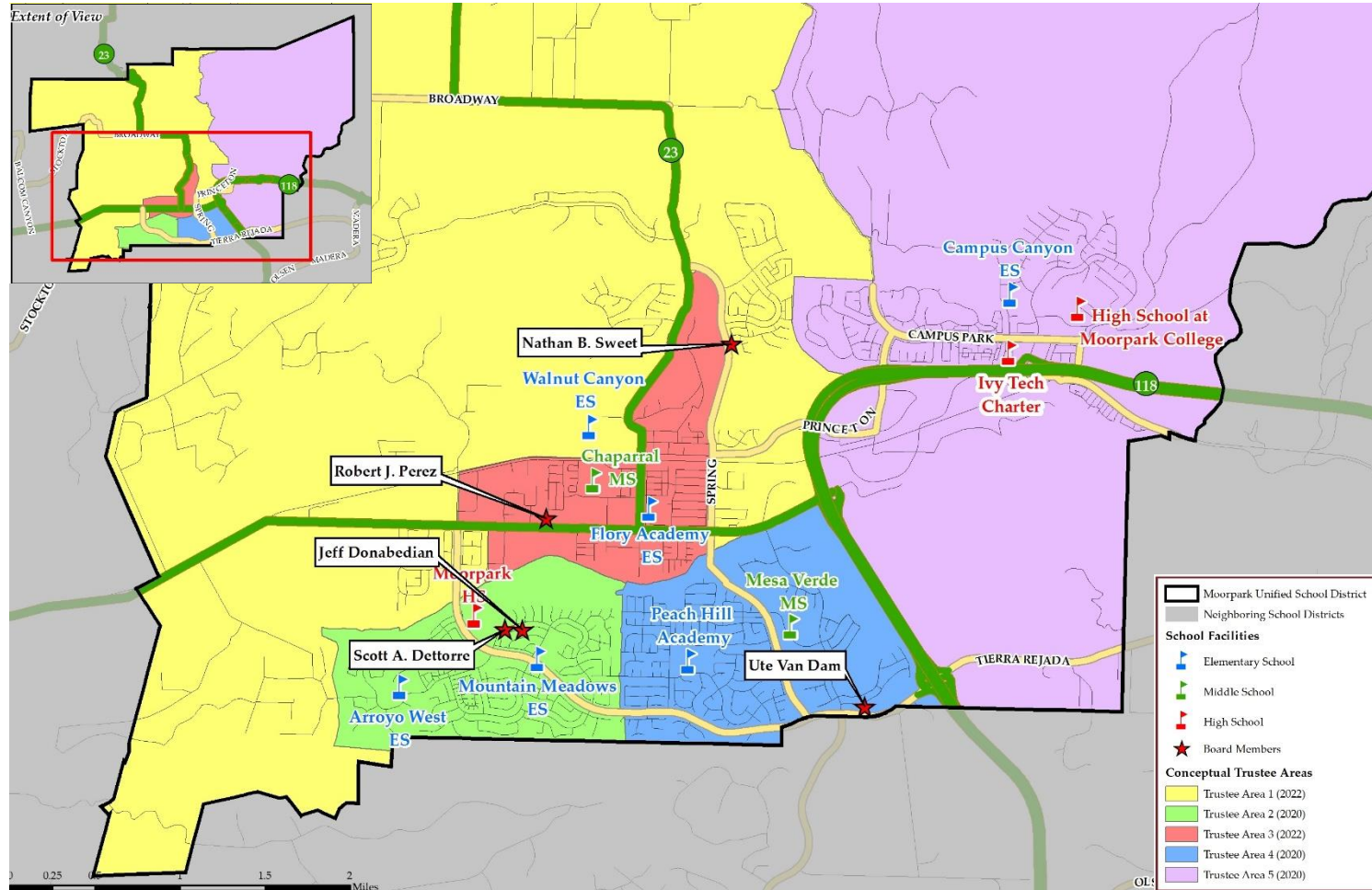
Clerk of the Governing Board for the
Moorpark Unified School District

EXHIBIT “A”

(Final Trustee Area Plan and Demographic Information)

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS

SCENARIO 3



SCENARIO 3

DEMOGRAPHICS

TRUSTEE AREA	Trustee Area 1		Trustee Area 2		Trustee Area 3		Trustee Area 4		Trustee Area 5	
TP* vs. CVAP**	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP
Population	6,897	4,640	7,510	6,030	6,997	3,730	7,383	5,404	7,170	5,144
Population Variance	-294	-350	319	1,040	-194	-1,260	192	414	-21	154
	-4.09%	-7.01%	4.43%	20.85%	-2.70%	-25.24%	2.66%	8.31%	-0.30%	3.09%
Hispanic/Latino	2,257	766	837	561	4,921	2,179	1,116	809	2,259	1,194
	32.72%	16.51%	11.15%	9.30%	70.33%	58.42%	15.12%	14.97%	31.51%	23.21%
White	3,781	3,309	5,668	4,774	1,678	1,452	5,315	3,827	4,090	3,358
	54.82%	71.31%	75.47%	79.17%	23.98%	38.93%	71.99%	70.82%	57.04%	65.28%
Black/African American	106	49	109	25	75	23	99	186	108	35
	1.54%	1.06%	1.45%	0.41%	1.07%	0.62%	1.34%	3.44%	1.51%	0.68%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	0	11	20	7	15	25	20	18	15
	0.28%	0.00%	0.15%	0.33%	0.10%	0.40%	0.34%	0.37%	0.25%	0.29%
Asian	543	404	581	573	189	23	557	488	486	272
	7.87%	8.71%	7.74%	9.50%	2.70%	0.62%	7.54%	9.03%	6.78%	5.29%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	2	0	12	4	10	0	4	0	10	70
	0.03%	0.00%	0.16%	0.07%	0.14%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.14%	1.36%
Other	18	0	23	0	4	0	11	0	15	0
	0.26%	0.00%	0.31%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%	0.21%	0.00%
Two or More Races	171	112	269	73	113	38	256	74	184	200
	2.48%	2.41%	3.58%	1.21%	1.61%	1.02%	3.47%	1.37%	2.57%	3.89%

*TP: Total Population

**CVAP: Citizen Voting Age Population

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2018-2019-22

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GENERAL WAIVER
REQUEST TO BE APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONCERNING THE DISTRICT'S TRANSITION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA
ELECTION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2018, the Moorpark Unified School District Governing Board ("Board") passed Resolution No. 2018-2019-15 initiating the process for the Moorpark Unified School District ("District") to transition from an "at-large" election system to a "by-trustee area" election system commencing with the 2020 Board elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that a transition to a by-trustee area election system may be required by the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"). ; and

WHEREAS, although Education Code section 5020 normally requires a resolution approved by the local county committee on school district organization authorizing a change in the method of electing governing board members be submitted to the electorate for its approval at the District's next regular election, the State Board of Education is authorized to waive section 5020(a) and portions of sections 5019, 5021, and 5030 of the Education Code related to such election requirement; and

WHEREAS, further, in passing Resolution No. 2018-2019-15, the Board expressed its intention to seek a waiver of the ballot requirement from the State Board of Education as permitted under Education Code sections 33050-33053. By seeking a waiver from the election requirement, the District will make sure the new by-trustee area election system is implemented by the 2020 Governing Board election, thereby reducing the risk of any potential liability to the District under the CVRA, in addition to reducing costs for the District associated with placing an item on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain a waiver from the State Board of Education, the District must comply with Education Code sections 33050 and 33051 and State Board of Education and California Department of Education regulations and requirements. Such requirements include conducting a noticed public hearing whereby the public may testify on the merits of obtaining a waiver from the State Board of Education and submitting a completed General Waiver Request form to the California Department of Education to be approved by the State Board of Education. Such requirements further include contacting the District bargaining units, advisory committees and councils; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, during a meeting of the Board, the Board convened a duly-noticed public hearing to solicit public testimony on the merits of obtaining a waiver of the election requirement from the State Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after receiving and considering public testimony at a duly-noticed public hearing, the Board hereby approves the application of a General Waiver Request to the State Board of Education, seeking waiver of Education Code Section 5020 and portions of Sections 5019, 5021, and 5030, pertaining to the requirement that a change in the District's election system from an "at large" election system to a "by-trustee area" election system be presented to the electorate of the District; and

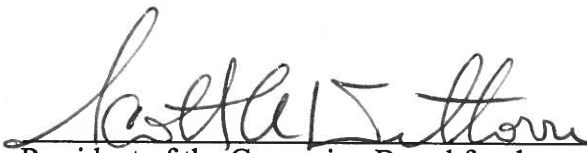
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District has consulted all collective bargaining units and shall note the collective bargaining units' positions regarding the waiver in the District's General Waiver Request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District has consulted with all applicable advisory committees and councils regarding the waiver and shall note such consultation in the District's General Waiver Request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Superintendent, or his designee, to submit a General Waiver Request to the State Board of Education, seeking a waiver from the election requirement imposed by the Education Code sections noted herein, so as to ensure the timely implementation of the District's by-trustee area election system for the 2020 Governing Board elections, and to take all actions necessary to effect the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

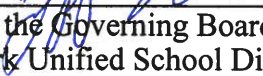
ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 12th day of March, 2019



President of the Governing Board for the
Moorpark Unified School District

I, Jeff Donabedian, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Moorpark Unified School District of Ventura County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of said School District at a meeting of said Board held on the 12th day of March, 2019 and that it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0



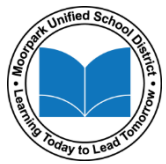
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MOORPARK
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND BY- AREA METHOD OF ELECTION

Presentation to the Ventura County
Committee on School District Organization
April 11, 2019



About Us

- Moorpark Unified School District serves 6,255 students in school year 2018/2019 across 10 sites within the City of Moorpark and the surrounding unincorporated portions of Ventura County
- Our district has a long-standing tradition of academic success and strong community support
- School District undertook the transition from at-large method of election to the by-area method of election voluntarily and engaged in an open process to create voting areas that ensured fair representation for all residents

Moorpark Unified to voluntarily move to district-based elections in 2020

Alexa D'Angelo, Ventura County Star Published 9:56 a.m. PT Oct. 10, 2018 | Updated 3:50 p.m. PT Oct. 10, 2018



(Photo: JUAN CARLO/THE STAR)

The Moorpark Unified School District board voted Tuesday night to voluntarily move to district-based elections.

The change would move elections for school board seats from at-large to by geographical area. The board voted unanimously to begin the process.

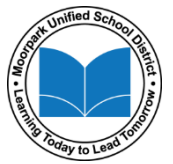
"Our board took this step to be proactive and to save money for our constituents. School districts that wait to be served with a lawsuit incur additional costs of about \$30,000," said Superintendent Kelli Hays. "By taking this proactive step, we are controlling the process and ensuring representation from throughout our district."

MORE: [Conejo school board fails to censure trustee \(/story/news/education/2018/10/02/conejo-valley-school-board-votes-not-censure-betsy-connelly/1489898002/\)](#)

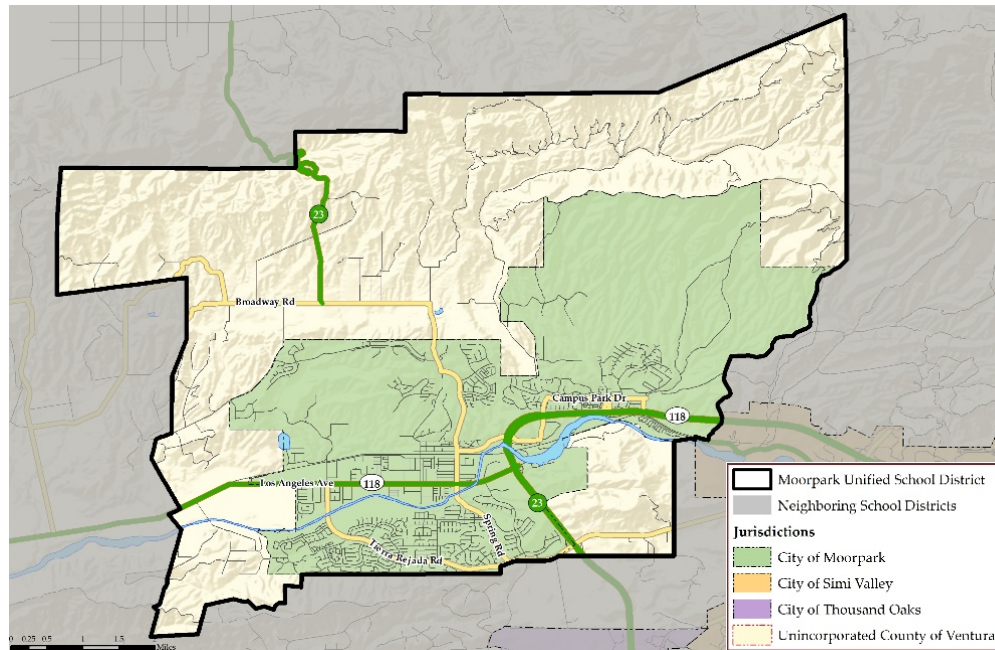
Moorpark is the latest local school board to start the process.

The Simi Valley Unified School District board [voted \(/story/news/education/2018/10/08/simi-valley-school-board-votes-district-based-elections/1456546002/\)](#) just last week to move toward district-based elections after [receiving a demand letter \(/story/news/education/2018/09/18/simi-valley-unified-threatened-lawsuit-over-district-based-elections/1345351002/\)](#) last month from a Malibu-based law firm. The demand letter states the school board is violating the California Voting Rights Act by diluting the minority vote. The school district received the letter just after the city did earlier this year.

The [Conejo Valley Unified School District \(/story/news/education/2018/09/19/conejo-valley-unified-receives-demand-letter-district-elections/1356315002/\)](#) also received a letter from the same firm over the summer. That board has yet to have a public discussion on its course of action. The Ventura Unified School District board [voted last spring \(/story/news/education/2018/03/02/ventura-unified-board-votes-5-0-move-district-elections/385139002/\)](#) to move to district-based elections. The November election marks the first time the Ventura school board race will be split into districts.



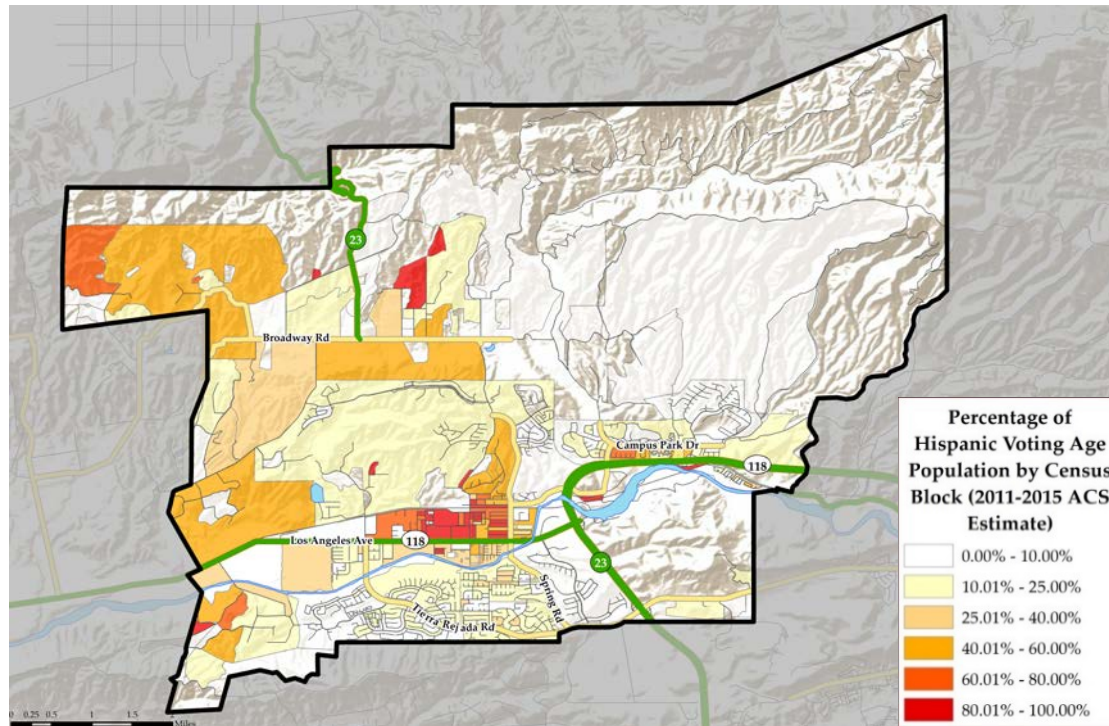
District Demographics – 2010 Census Data



Population	Total Population		Age 18 and over	
	Total	%	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	11,390	31.68%	7,541	28.87%
White	20,532	57.10%	15,371	60.22%
Black/ African American	497	1.38%	384	1.47%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	80	0.22%	60	0.23%
Asian	2,356	6.55%	1,845	7.06%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	38	0.11%	33	0.13%
Other	71	0.20%	33	0.13%
Two or More Races	993	2.76%	497	1.90%
Total Population	35,957	100.00%	26,124	100.00%



District Demographics – Citizen Voting Age Population Estimates

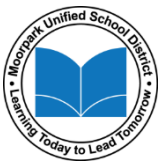


Population	Total Population	
	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	5,193	21.56%
White	16,766	69.61%
Black/ African American	268	1.11%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	35	0.15%
Asian	1,710	7.10%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	40	0.17%
Two or More Races	75	0.31%
Total Population	24,087	100.00%



Trustee Area Process

Date	Activity(ies)
October 9, 2018	Board Meeting: School District Initiates Process to Transition to By-District Elections
November 13, 2018	Board Meeting: First Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation
December 11, 2018	Board Meeting: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing
January 15, 2019	Board Meeting: First Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios
February 12, 2019	Board Meeting: Second Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios
February 28, 2019	DELAC/ELAC Meeting to provide information on Trustee Area Scenarios and Solicit Feedback
March 12, 2019	Board Meeting: Final Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios Board Section of Trustee Area Map Board Consideration of Change in Election Method Public Hearing on General Waiver Request Board Consideration of General Waiver Request
April 11, 2019	County Committee on School District Organization Holds a Public Hearing and Considers Approval of Change in Election Method and Trustee Area Map
July 2019	State Board of Education Meeting; Waiver Application Consideration
August 2019	Cooperative Strategies sends Final Trustee area Map to the County Registrar of Voters
November 3, 2020	First Election Held Utilizing Trustee Areas



Considerations in Trustee Areas



Each area shall contain nearly equal number of inhabitants



Follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible



Drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act



Respect incumbency, if possible



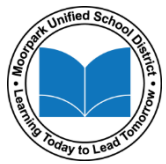
Compact and contiguous, as much as possible



Other local considerations (i.e., school boundaries, locations of school sites)



Respect communities of interest, as much as possible

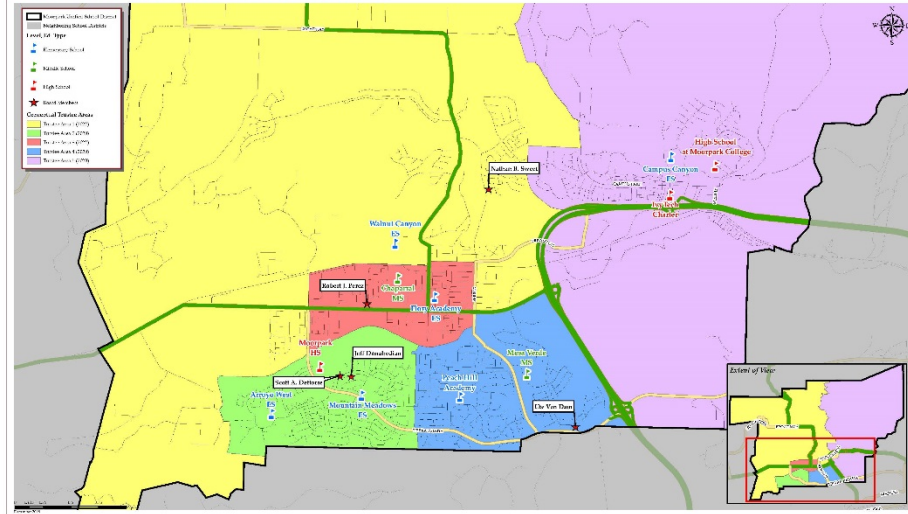


CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE SCENARIOS

TRUSTEE AREA PROCESS

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

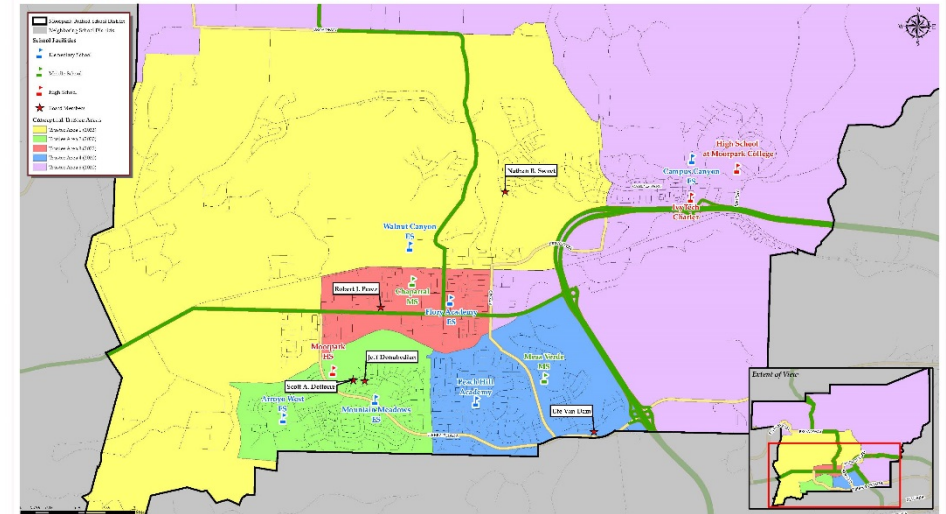
CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 1



COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 2



COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES



Community Outreach

Outreach and Communication Effort:

Community

- » Information provided to bargaining units and advisory committees
- » Public notices and newspaper articles

Electronic Communication

- » Promoted on Moorpark USD website with maps and presentations on website

MUSD By-Trustee Area Information

Documents/Presentations

[Resolution from October 9, 2018, Initiating the Process of Establishing Trustee Areas and Elections By-Trustee Areas](#)

[By-Trustee Area Process: PowerPoint Presentation from November 13, 2018](#)

[By-Trustee Area Process: PowerPoint Presentation from December 11, 2018](#)

[By-Trustee Area Process: PowerPoint Presentation from January 15, 2019](#)

[By-Trustee Area Process: PowerPoint Presentation from February 12, 2019](#)

[By-Trustee Area Process: PowerPoint Presentation from March 12, 2019](#)



MUSD By-Trustee Area Information

The MUSD Board of Education took proactive and unanimous action on October 9, 2018 to initiate the process of establishing trustee areas and elections by trustee areas. Public hearing dates and corresponding information regarding Board action on this topic will be posted on this page.

Public hearing dates:

November 13, 2018: First Pre-Map Public Hearing & Presentation

December 11, 2018: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing

January 15, 2019: First Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios

February 12, 2019: Second Public Hearing On Trustee Area Scenarios/Public Hearing on General Waiver Request/Board Consideration on General Waiver Request

February 28, 2019 - ELAC/DELAC Meeting - provide information regarding By-Trustee Area Map scenarios and solicit feedback

March 12, 2019: Final Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios/Board Selection of Trustee Area Map/Board Consideration on Change in Election Method - **On March 12, 2019, the Board of Education unanimously approved Final Trustee Area Map, Scenario 3 for the District's By-**

Proposed Maps

January 15, 2019 Public Hearing:

[Trustee Area - Scenario 1](#)

[Trustee Area - Scenario 2](#)

February 12, 2019 Public Hearing:

[Trustee Area - Scenario 1](#)

[Trustee Area - Scenario 2](#)

[Trustee Area - Scenario 3](#)

March 12, 2019 Public Hearing:

[Trustee Area - Scenario 1](#)

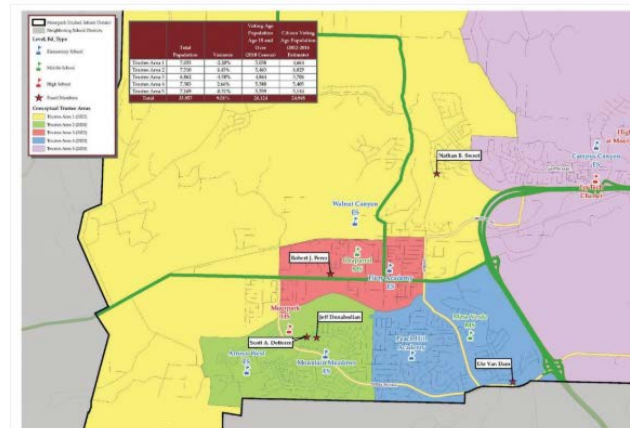
[Trustee Area - Scenario 2](#)

[Trustee Area - Scenario 3](#)

MUSD releases proposed maps

District looks at five-area plan
January 28, 2019

By Christina Cox
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FINDING THE LINES—Moorpark Unified School District released two draft maps—No. 1, above, and No. 2, below—that show how the district could be divided into five separate voting areas from which each trustee will be elected. MUSD will host another public hearing on the maps during its next board meeting Feb. 12. Courtesy of Moorpark Unified School District



MOST READ ARTICLES

- 1 CHP won't rule out homicide in apparent suicide
- 2 CHP won't rule out homicide in apparent suicide
- 3 Woman arrested for allegedly



Additional Scenario Created

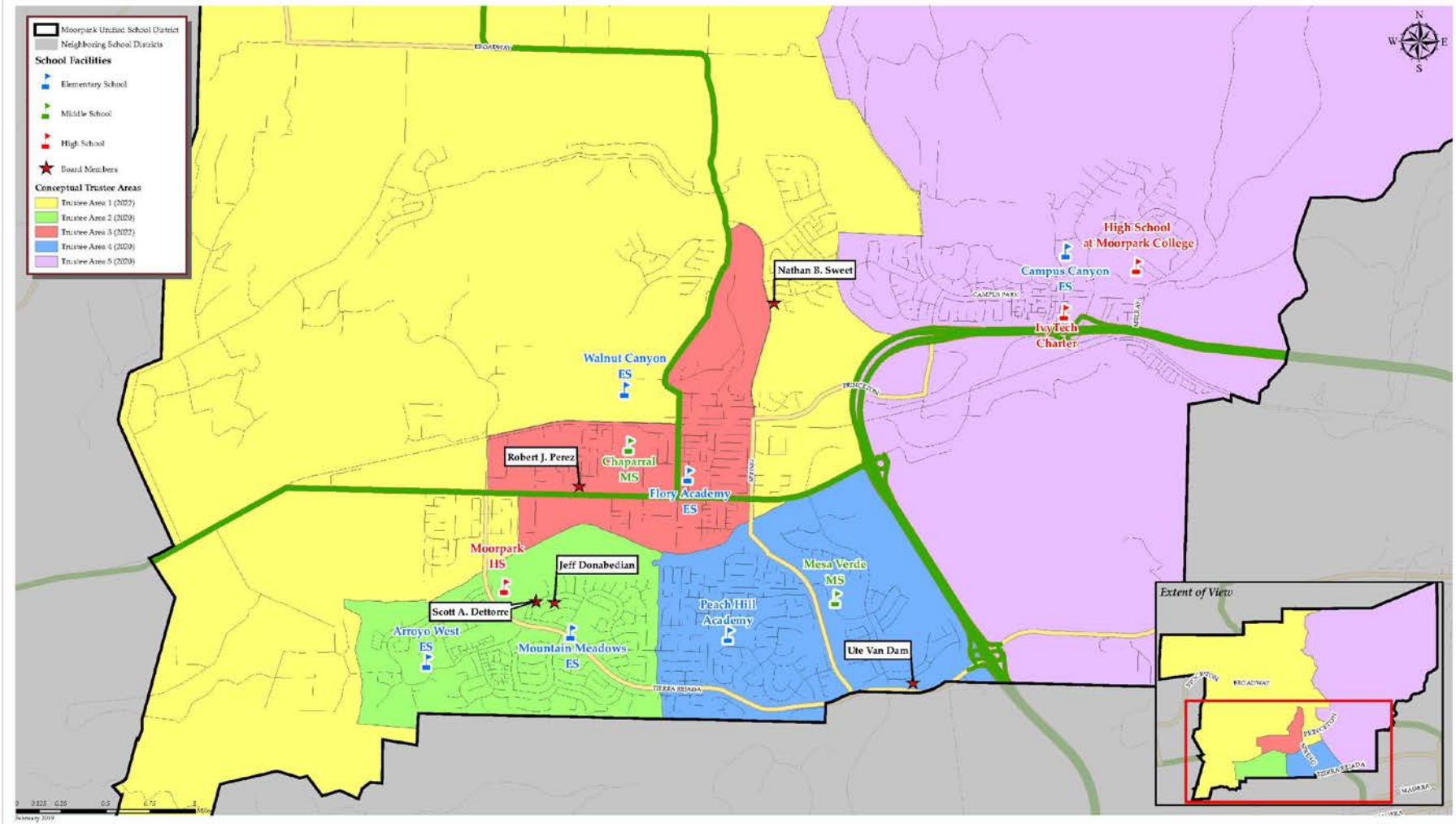
- Based on community input and Board discussion, an additional scenarios were created based on the following feedback:
 - Include the Charles Street and the neighborhood around that area in Area 3 to better keep the community of interest together



Selection of Scenario 3

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 3





Proposed Trustee Areas (Scenario 3) - Demographics

Trustee Area	Trustee Area 1		Trustee Area 2		Trustee Area 3		Trustee Area 4		Trustee Area 5	
TP* vs. CVAP**	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP
Population	6,897	4,640	7,510	6,030	6,997	3,730	7,383	5,404	7,170	5,144
Population Variance	-294	-350	319	1,040	-194	-1,260	192	414	-21	154
	-4.09%	-7.01%	4.43%	20.85%	-2.70%	-25.24%	2.66%	8.31%	-0.30%	3.09%
Hispanic/Latino	2,257	766	837	561	4,921	2,179	1,116	809	2,259	1,194
	32.72%	16.51%	11.15%	9.30%	70.33%	58.42%	15.12%	14.97%	31.51%	23.21%
White	3,781	3,309	5,668	4,774	1,678	1,452	5,315	3,827	4,090	3,358
	54.82%	71.31%	75.47%	79.17%	23.98%	38.93%	71.99%	70.82%	57.04%	65.28%
Black/African American	106	49	109	25	75	23	99	186	108	35
	1.54%	1.06%	1.45%	0.41%	1.07%	0.62%	1.34%	3.44%	1.51%	0.68%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	0	11	20	7	15	25	20	18	15
	0.28%	0.00%	0.15%	0.33%	0.10%	0.40%	0.34%	0.37%	0.25%	0.29%
Asian	543	404	581	573	189	23	557	488	486	272
	7.87%	8.71%	7.74%	9.50%	2.70%	0.62%	7.54%	9.03%	6.78%	5.29%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	2	0	12	4	10	0	4	0	10	70
	0.03%	0.00%	0.16%	0.07%	0.14%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.14%	1.36%
Other	18	0	23	0	4	0	11	0	15	0
	0.26%	0.00%	0.31%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%	0.21%	0.00%
Two or More Races	171	112	269	73	113	38	256	74	184	200
	2.48%	2.41%	3.58%	1.21%	1.61%	1.02%	3.47%	1.37%	2.57%	3.89%

*TP: Total Population

**CVAP: Citizen Voting Age Population



March 12, 2019 Board Meeting

- ✓ Following the required public hearings on the maps and deliberation by the Board members, the Moorpark Unified School District Board approved the following:
 - Selection of Scenario 3
 - Approval of Resolution No. 2018-2019-15 to be forwarded to the County Committee on School District Organization



Summary

- ✓ Board has undertaken a very deliberate and methodical process in considering and adopting the change in election method before you tonight.
- ✓ Board engaged in a transparent process
- ✓ Included opportunities for community input to the process and to the maps considered by the Board
- ✓ Respectfully request that the County Committee approve the Board's resolution seeking to establish trustee boundaries and to permit a by-trustee area voting method



QUESTIONS