

VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

SPECIAL MEETING

January 6, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Santa Paula Unified School District
Glen City School
141 S. Steckel Drive, Santa Paula, CA 93060

AGENDA

The Secretary to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization will preside over the Organizational meeting until the Chair has been elected.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of County Committee Members
4. Organizational – Election of Officers:
 - a. Chair
Newly elected Chair assumes leadership of the meeting
 - b. Vice-Chair
5. Public Comments – *(Three minutes per speaker; 30 minutes maximum time allotment) – Comments are restricted to items on the agenda*
6. Review and Approve minutes: September 4, 2019
7. Information about Santa Paula Unified School District’s desired change in election process.
8. PUBLIC HEARING on Santa Paula Unified School District’s desired change in election process from an at-large electoral process to a by-trustee area election process, pursuant to Education Code Section §5019(c)(1) and request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirements of Education Code Sections §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 to a by-trustee area election process
9. Discussion and action by the County Committee to consider County Committee resolution 20-01 which would approve the establishment of trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Santa Paula Unified School District
10. Information on future meetings
11. Adjournment

The agenda for this meeting is posted for 72 contiguous hours prior to the meeting at the following locations:

Ventura County Office of Education, 5189 Verdugo Way, CA 93012

Santa Paula Unified School District, Glen City School, 141 S. Steckel Drive, Santa Paula, CA 93060

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**VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

As of January 1, 2020

Supervisory District	Name	Term Expiration Date
1	<i>Kathi Smith</i>	12/31/23
	<i>Mindee J. Stekkinger</i>	12/31/22
2	<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	12/31/22
	<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	12/31/23
3	<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	12/31/20
	<i>Terri Lisagor</i>	12/31/22
4	<i>Rob Collins</i>	12/31/21
	<i>Robert Perez</i>	12/31/21
5	<i>Richard Canady</i>	12/31/20
	<i>Charles Weis</i>	12/31/21
Member-at-Large	<i>Ramon Flores</i>	12/31/20

VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

*Ojai Unified School District, Board Room
414 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023*

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 Vice-Chair Kathi Smith to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, at 4:04 p.m. at the Ojai Unified School District, Board Room.

2. Vice-Chair Kathi Smith 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:

*Kathi Smith, representing Supervisorial District # 1
Mindee Stekinger, representing Supervisorial District # 1
Pat Phelps, representing Supervisorial District # 2
Barbara Wagner, representing Supervisorial District # 3
Terri Lisagor, representing Supervisorial District # 3
Robert Perez, representing Supervisorial District # 4
Ramon Flores, Member-at-Large*

The following members were absent:

*Denise Helfstein, representing Supervisorial District # 2
Rob Collins, representing Supervisorial District # 4
Charles Weis, representing Supervisorial District # 5
Richard Canady, representing Supervisorial District # 5*

Also in attendance:

*Misty Key, Secretary to the VCCSDO, and Associate Superintendent,
Fiscal and Administrative Services, Ventura County Office of Education
Dr. Tiffany Morse, Superintendent, Ojai Unified School District
Andrew Chittaphong, Cooperative Strategies, LLC
Kathy Smith, Executive Assistant, Ojai Unified School District
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant, Ventura County Office of Education*

4. Public Comments

Vice-Chair Kathi Smith asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

5. **Review and Approve minutes: June 19, 2019**

Dr. Ramon Flores made a motion to approve the June 19, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Perez.

Vice-Chair Kathi Smith called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Dr. Morse welcomed the County Committee. She shared that the Ojai Unified School District (OUSD), served approximately 2,400 students last year at seven sites. They have added an eighth site in the last month. They opened an independent study school.

Mr. Chittaphong discussed the district demographics and described the population as of the 2010 census data. There is a total population of 21,739 residents living within the OUSD. There could be approximately 4400 residents in each trustee area once they're created. The three largest demographic populations are the Hispanic/Latino at 19.12%, White at 76.01% and Asian at 1.76%. The population of 18 years and older is a total of 17,303 residents.

Mr. Chittaphong shared that the Citizen Voting Age Population (all residents 18 years and older as well as citizens), is 16,409. The OUSD Board of Trustees are focusing on the voting power for the protective classes.

Mr. Chittaphong explained the trustee area process:

- ✓ April 8, 2019 - Board meeting: First Pre-map public hearing and presentation
- ✓ April 17, 2019 - Board meeting: Second Pre-map public hearing
- ✓ May 6, 2019 - Board meeting: First public hearing on trustee area scenarios
 - Public hearing on general waiver request
 - Board consideration on general waiver request
- ✓ June 6, 2019 - Board meeting: Second public hearing on trustee area scenarios
- ✓ June 19, 2019 - Board meeting: Board section on trustee area map
 - Board consideration of change in election method
- ✓ September 4, 2019 – County Committee on School District Organization holds a public hearing and considers approval of change in election method and trustee area map
- ✓ November 2019 – State Board of Education meeting; waiver application consideration
- ✓ January 2020 – Cooperative Strategies sends final trustee area map to the County Registrar of Voters
- ✓ November 2020 – First election held utilizing trustee area.

Dr. Morse shared that through the process prior to September 4, 2019, both of their representatives from both of their unions spoke on the issues at almost every meeting and they had one engaged community member who provided comments at both of their public hearings.

Mr. Chittaphong listed the guidelines of considerations in the 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. Chittaphong showed the two conceptual trustee scenarios that were presented at the OUSD Board meetings. Each trustee area is represented by a color. Trustee area one is yellow, Trustee area two is green, Trustee area three is red, Trustee area four is blue and Trustee area five is purple. Each color is the same for each trustee area for each scenario. They used census blocks when constructing the conceptual trustee scenarios.

The OUSD provided community outreach to their Bargaining Unit as well as the Advisory Committee and posted the information in the newspaper and on the OUSD website. The OUSD Board was being as transparent as possible in trying to engage the community in being involved in the process. On June 19, 2019 the Board selected trustee scenario two. The OUSD Board was trying to get the Hispanic/Latino Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP), in the proposed trustee areas higher than 13.99% to improve their voting power. In trustee area one the Hispanic/Latino CVAP is 16.26% and in trustee area two the Hispanic/Latino CVAP is 17.54%.

Mr. Perez asked if the OUSD started this transition voluntarily and if the community was in favor of it. The answer was yes, it was voluntarily, and the community didn't have strong opinions any way.

Dr. Morse shared there was also some consideration about the two elementary schools, Meiners Oaks and Mira Monte, in keeping them in one trustee area instead of splitting them up.

7. Public Hearing:

Vice-Chair Kathi Smith opened the public hearing at 4:24 p.m. on the Ojai Unified School District's desired change in election process from an at-large electoral process to a by-trustee area election process, pursuant to Education Code Section §5019(c)(1) and request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirements of Education Code Sections §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 to a by-trustee area election. Vice-Chair Kathi Smith asked if the public wished to make a statement. No comments from the public were made.

Vice-Chair Kathi Smith closed the public hearing at 4:25 p.m.

8. Discussion and Action:

A motion was made by Patricia Phelps to adopt County Committee resolution 19-05 approving the establishment of trustee areas and changing the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Ojai Unified School District. Motion was seconded by Terri Lisagor.

Vice-Chair Kathi Smith called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Key clarified that the County committee action is to approve the election methodology change. This is a one-time action for the County Committee. Once the OUSD changes their methodology when the new census data is out, it is up to the school board to consider any future changes, should they need to stay in compliance with the California Voting Rights Act.

9. Information on future meetings

Ms. Key explained the LEA Election Methodology handout has been updated and includes the most recent action in Ojai on September 4, 2019. Ms. Key anticipates Santa Paula Unified School District could potentially change to a by-trustee area election system later in 2019.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Established 2013

ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND BY- AREA METHOD OF ELECTION

Presentation to the Ventura County
Committee on School District Organization
January 6, 2020

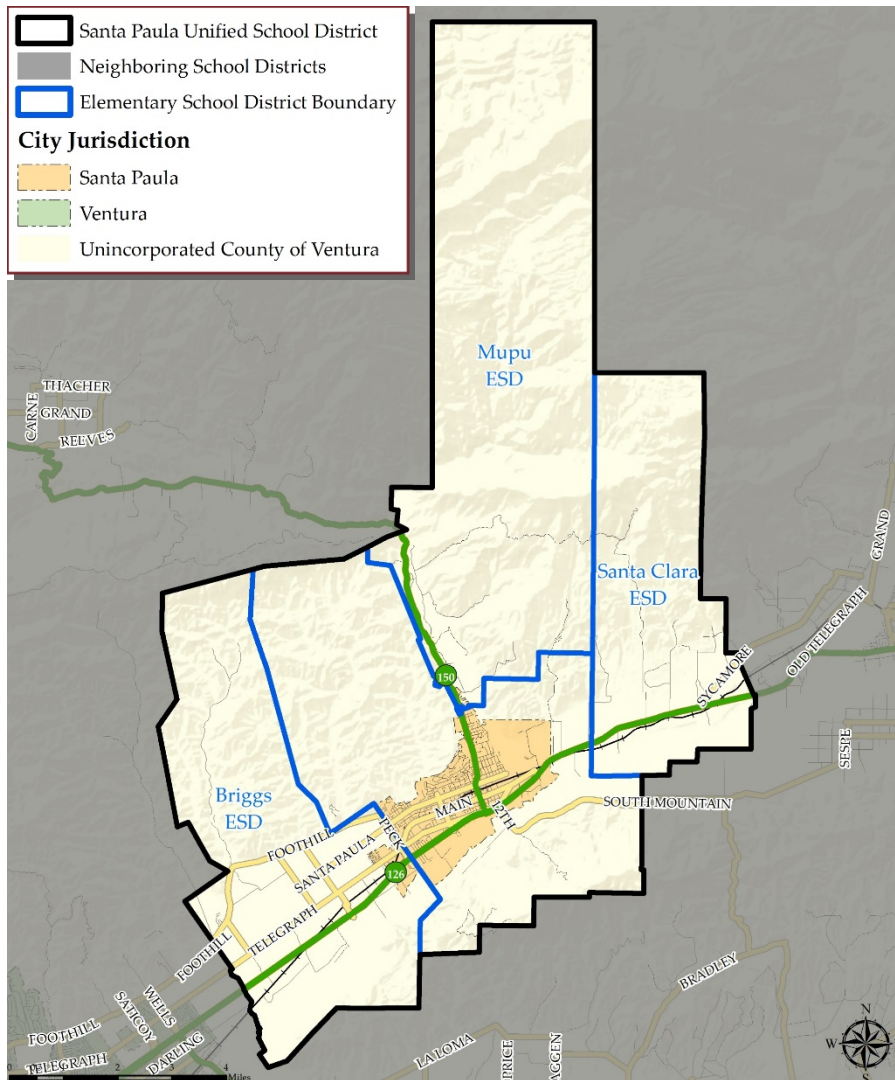


About Us

- Santa Paula Unified School District serves 5,270 students in school year 2018/2019 across 9 sites within the City of Santa Paula and the surrounding unincorporated portions of Ventura County
- 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



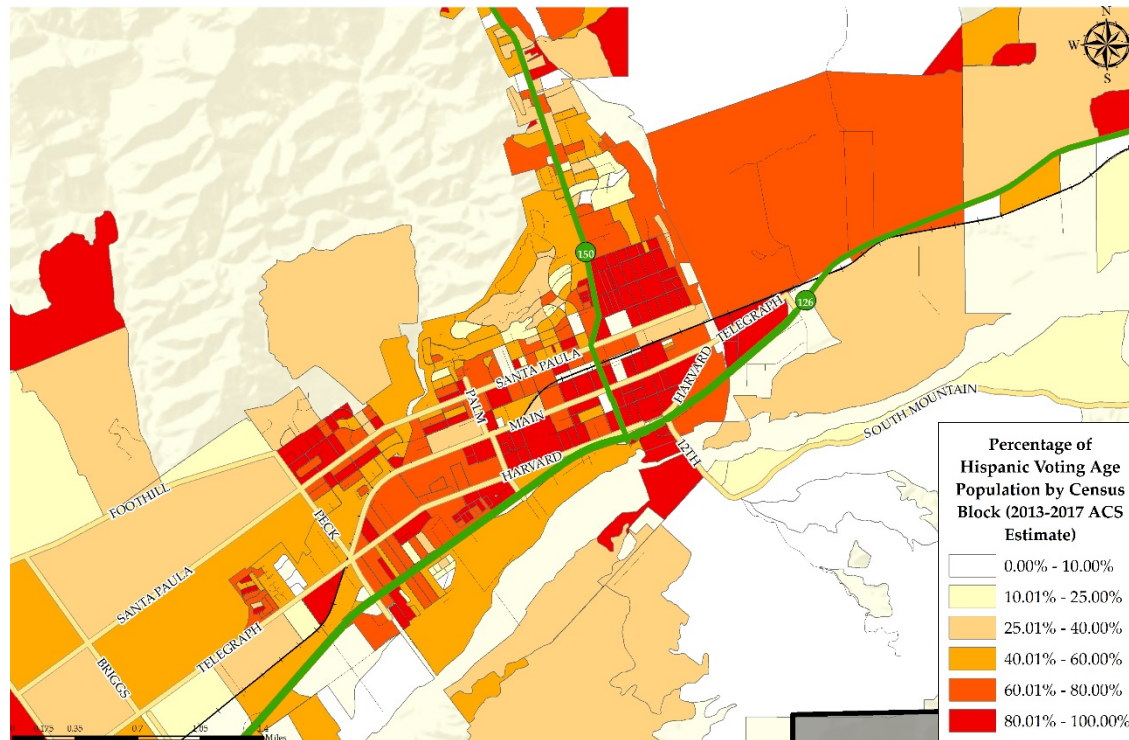
District Demographics – 2010 Census Data



Population	Total Population		Age 18 and over	
	Total	%	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	24,871	77.91%	16,525	73.23%
White	6,401	20.05%	5,539	24.55%
Black/ African American	98	0.31%	79	0.35%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	114	0.36%	86	0.38%
Asian	204	0.64%	186	0.82%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	15	0.05%	10	0.04%
Other	24	0.08%	15	0.07%
Two or More Races	197	0.62%	126	0.56%
Total Population	31,924	100.00%	22,566	100.00%



District Demographics – Citizen Voting Age Population Estimates



Population	2013-2017 CVAP	
	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	11,024	65.93%
White	5,005	29.93%
Black/ African American	56	0.33%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	65	0.39%
Asian	318	1.90%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Two or More Races	252	1.51%
Total Population	16,720	100.00%



Trustee Area Process

Date	Activity
March 13, 2019	Board Meeting: First Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation
April 10, 2019	Board Meeting: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing
June 12, 2019	Board Meeting: Presentation of Initial Trustee Area Scenarios
August 20, 2019	Community Input Meeting at 6 p.m. at Glen City School
August 28, 2019	Community Input Meeting at 6 p.m. at Barbara Webster School
October 9, 2019	Board Meeting: Public Hearing #1 on Trustee Area Scenarios Public Hearing on General Waiver Request Board Approval of General Waiver Request
November 13, 2019	Board Meeting: Public Hearing #2 on Trustee Area Scenarios Board Section of Trustee Area Map Board Approval of Change in Election Method
January 2019	County Committee on School District Organization Holds a Public Hearing and Considers Approval of Change in Election Method and Trustee Area Map
February 2020	State Board of Education Meeting; Waiver Application Consideration
February 2020	Cooperative Strategies sends Final Trustee area Map to the County Registrar of Voters
November 2020	First Election Held Utilizing Trustee Areas



Compliance with Section 10010 of the Elections Code

“(a) A political subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a district-based election, or that establishes district-based elections, shall do all of the following before a public hearing at which the governing body of the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat an ordinance establishing district-based elections:

(1) Before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts, the political subdivision shall hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than 30 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts. Before these hearings, the political subdivision may conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation.”

The two public hearings occurred on March 13, 2019 and April 10, 2109. All hearings were properly noticed in advance.

“(2) After all draft maps are drawn, the political subdivision shall publish and make available for release at least one draft map and, if members of the governing body of the political subdivision will be elected in their districts at different times to provide for staggered terms of office, the potential sequence of the elections. The political subdivision shall also hold at least two additional hearings over a period of no more than 45 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable. The first version of a draft map shall be published at least seven days before consideration at a hearing. If a draft map is revised at or following a hearing, it shall be published and made available to the public for at least seven days before being adopted.”

The District held two (2) such hearings on October 9, 2019, November 13, 2019, prior to adopting the final map scenario. All maps were posted at least seven (7) days prior to consideration and all public hearings were properly noticed in advance.



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)



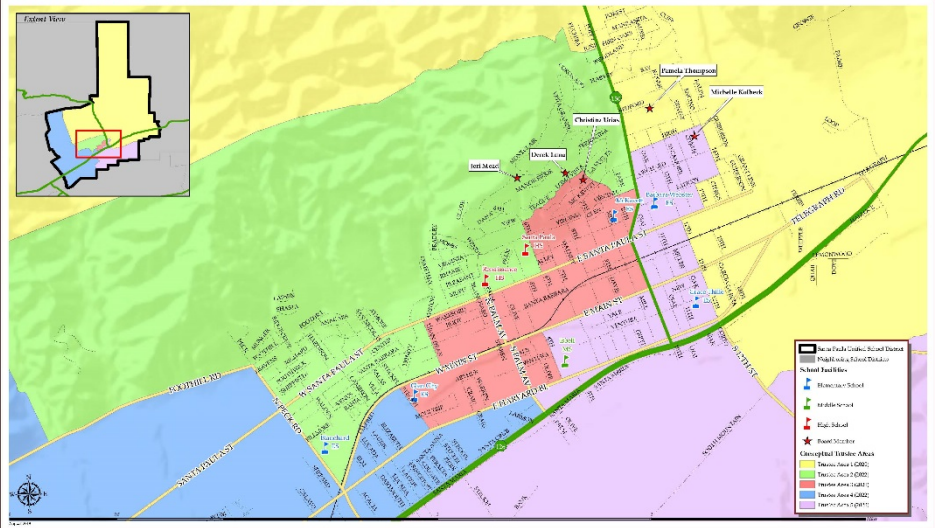
Respect communities of interest, as much as possible



Conceptual Trustee Scenarios - Trustee Area Process

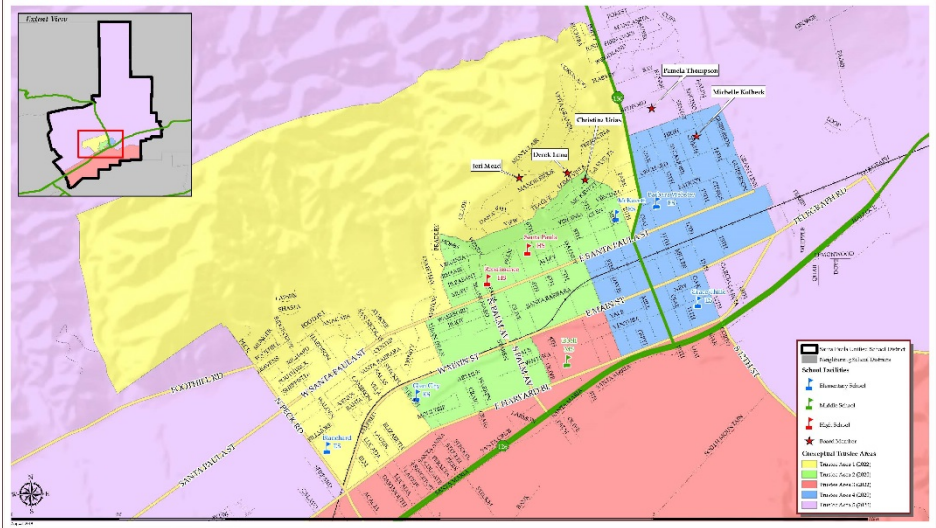
SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 1



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CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 2





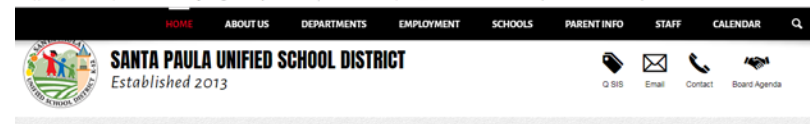
Community Outreach

Community

- » Information provided to bargaining units and advisory committees
- » Public notices and newspaper articles
- » Community input meetings were held to explain the transition process
- » Opportunities for community to submit map ideas and dividing lines

Electronic Communication

- » Promoted on Santa Paula USD website with maps and presentations on website



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Establishment of Trustee Areas

Welcome to the Santa Paula Unified School District

Establishment of Trustee Areas

The Santa Paula Unified School District ("District") Board of Trustees is in the process of changing from at-large elections to by-trustee area elections for members of the Governing Board. If approved, the change will go into effect starting with the November 2020 elections for the Board of Trustees. Currently, the District's five-member Board of Trustees is elected by voters across the entire District. Starting with the elections in November 2020, members of the Board of Trustees would only be elected by voters who reside in the areas that Board members are elected from. For more information please see the attached documents and maps.



[Click Here for Map with Scenario One](#)



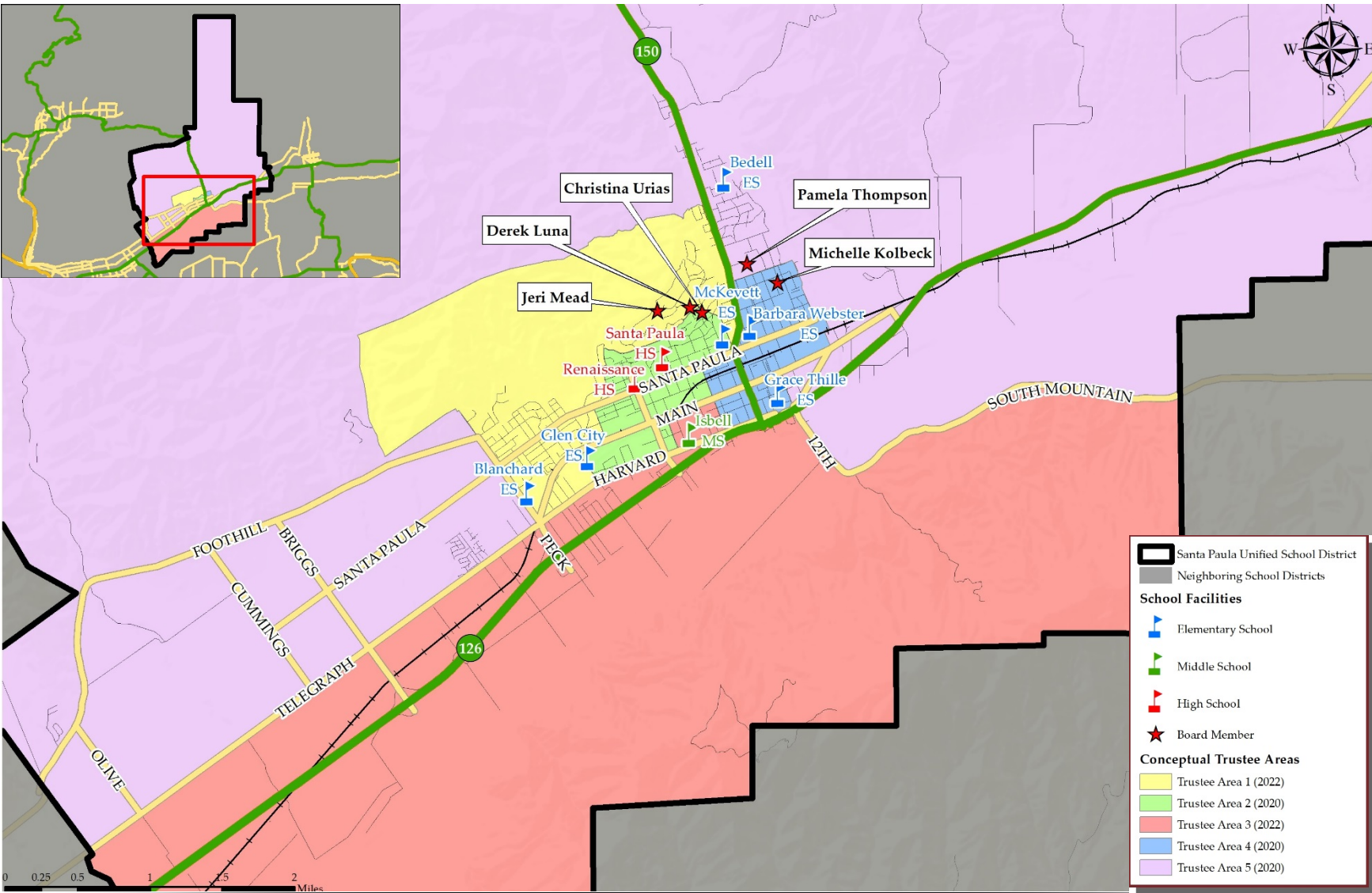


November 13, 2019 Board Meeting

- ✓ Following the required public hearings on the maps and deliberation by the Board members, the Santa Paula Unified School District Board approved the following:
 - Selection of Scenario 2
 - Approval of Resolution No. 2019-20:04 to be forwarded to the County Committee on School District Organization



Selection of Scenario 2





Proposed Trustee Areas (Scenario 2) - 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	6,361	4,389	6,355	3,507	6,406	2,309	6,183	2,751	6,619	4,256
Population Variance	-24	947	-30	65	21	-1,133	-202	-691	234	814
	-0.37%	27.50%	-0.47%	1.88%	0.33%	-32.92%	-3.16%	-20.08%	3.67%	23.63%
Hispanic/Latino	4,609	2,780	4,987	2,489	5,335	1,605	5,840	2,499	4,100	2,288
	72.46%	63.34%	78.47%	70.97%	83.28%	69.51%	94.45%	90.84%	61.94%	53.76%
White	1,603	1,387	1,235	942	945	563	268	184	2,350	1,725
	25.20%	31.60%	19.43%	26.86%	14.75%	24.38%	4.33%	6.69%	35.50%	40.53%
Black/African American	20	12	27	24	10	12	13	18	28	15
	0.31%	0.27%	0.42%	0.68%	0.16%	0.52%	0.21%	0.65%	0.42%	0.35%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	20	2	35	8	17	5	23	0	19	34
	0.31%	0.05%	0.55%	0.23%	0.27%	0.22%	0.37%	0.00%	0.29%	0.80%
Asian	60	84	31	18	54	61	11	8	48	102
	0.94%	1.91%	0.49%	0.51%	0.84%	2.64%	0.18%	0.29%	0.73%	2.40%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	2	0	1	0	1	0	9	0	2	0
	0.03%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%
Other	3	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	12	0
	0.05%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%	0.18%	0.00%
Two or More Races	44	124	35	26	41	63	17	42	60	92
	0.69%	2.83%	0.55%	0.74%	0.64%	2.73%	0.27%	1.53%	0.91%	2.16%

*TP: Total Population

**CVAP: Citizen Voting Age Population



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

COUNTY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-01

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 SANTA PAULA 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 Santa Paula Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Santa Paula 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 January 6, 2020, to consider the proposal to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Santa Paula Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the County Committee meeting on January 6, 2020, took place within the boundaries of the Santa Paula Unified School District, and the meeting included a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section §5019(c); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 2019-20:04, the Board of the Santa Paula 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 2019-20:04, the Board of the Santa Paula 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 Santa Paula 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 Number 2019-20:06, as well as public comments, the County Committee recommends approval of the proposal of the Board of the Santa Paula 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 Santa Paula Unified School District as set forth in the District's Resolution Numbers 2019-20:06 and 2019-20:04; 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 Santa Paula 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 6th day of January 2020, and passed by a vote of:

AYES:

ABSTAIN:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of January 2020.

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

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION 2018:19-15

**RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCESS OF
ESTABLISHING TRUSTEE AREAS AND
ELECTIONS BY-TRUSTEE AREAS**

WHEREAS, the Santa Paula Unified School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing the members of its Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that under state law an at-large method of election may be deemed to impair the ability of some voters to elect candidates of their choice or to influence the outcome of elections and, therefore, may be subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, California Elections Code §§ 14025, *et seq.* ("CVRA"); and

WHEREAS, the District has decided to initiate the process of establishing trustee areas and changing the method of electing members of the Board, in order to ensure compliance with the CVRA or, at minimum, avoid the potential for costly litigation under the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to initiate a very deliberate, careful, and public process for establishing trustee areas, and for changing the method of electing members of the Board, to take effect commencing with the November, 2020 election.

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 directs the Superintendent or his designee to immediately initiate the legal and regulatory process to establish trustee areas within the District, as provided in Education Code section 5019, in sufficient time for trustee areas to be established for the November, 2020 election of members of the Board; and

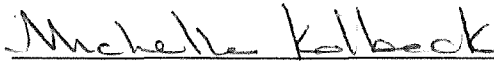
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent or his designee to collaborate with a demographer, to prepare draft by-trustee area map scenarios for review and input by the Board and members of the public at upcoming meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent or his designee to initiate the legal and regulatory process of changing the method of electing members of the Board, from the current at-large system whereby each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District (Education Code section 5030(a)), to a method which provides that Board members residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area (Education Code 5030(b)), in sufficient time for the new method of electing members of the Board to be in place for the November, 2020 election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent or his designee to initiate processes for establishing trustee areas and changing the method of electing members of the Board that are inclusive, thoughtful, and public, providing for and encouraging significant input on the issues the Board and County Committee on School District Organization will address from all interested citizens and interest groups; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to initiate the legal and regulatory process to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education, of the requirements of Education Code section 5020 and related statutes, so that action of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization establishing trustee election areas and adopting one of the alternative methods of electing Board members specified in Education Code section 5030 does not constitute an order of election.


ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 26th day of November, 2018.


Michelle Kolbeck, President
Board of Education
Santa Paula Unified School District

CERTIFICATION

I, Christina Urias, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Paula Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 26th day of November, 2018, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

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


Christina Urias, Clerk
Board of Education
Santa Paula Unified School District

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20:04

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND ADOPTION OF A "BY-TRUSTEE AREA"
ELECTION PROCESS BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS
AS SET FORTH IN EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 5019, 5020, 5021 AND 5030**

WHEREAS, the Santa Paula Unified School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing its governing board members; and

WHEREAS, at-large electoral systems such as the District's 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 District's governing board (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, one method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by-trustee area electoral system is for the school district board of trustees to petition the local county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the District will adopt a by-trustee area election map and its governing board will vote to change from an at-large election method to a by-trustee area election method; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Education Code section 5020 and related sections, the establishment of trustee areas and adoption of a by-trustee area election process must be put to a vote by the electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, to avoid the cost, expense and uncertainty inherent in conducting a districtwide vote on the issue, the District is seeking a waiver of this election requirement from the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the transition in a timely manner and to guarantee 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 must obtain a waiver of the election process of Education Code sections 5019, 5020, 5021 and 5030 from the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 33050 *et seq.* allows the governing board of a school district to request the State Board of Education to waive all or part of any section of the Education Code or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education that implements a provision of the Education Code, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020 and related sections are not listed as exceptions in Education Code section 33050 *et seq.* and can thus be waived; and

WHEREAS, to obtain a waiver, the District must comply with Education Code and California Department of Education and State Board of Education regulations; and

WHEREAS, the District must consult with all collective bargaining units; and

WHEREAS, the District must consult with any advisory and other committees or councils with an interest in the waiver; and

WHEREAS, the District must conduct a properly noticed public hearing, at which time the public may testify on the merits of obtaining a waiver from the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the District must submit a complete General Waiver Request form to the California Department of Education; and

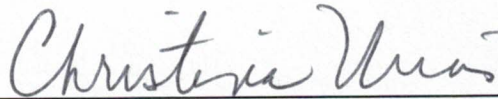
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Santa Paula Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board hereby declares the Board's intention to seek a waiver of Education Code section 5020 and portions of related sections pertaining to the requirement that the establishment of trustee areas and adoption of a by-trustee area election process must be put to a vote by the electors of the District.
3. That the District has consulted all collective bargaining units, made every effort to include them as a participant in the waiver process and shall note the collective bargaining units' position regarding the waiver in the District's General Waiver Request.
4. That the District has consulted all committees and councils with an interest in the waiver, and shall note the position of such groups regarding the waiver in the District's General Waiver Request.
5. That the District distributed a notice specifically inviting public testimony regarding the waiver, and said notice was printed in a newspaper of general circulation and included the date, time, location and subject of the hearing and posted such notices at every school site in the District and in more than three other public locations in the District.

6. That on October 9, 2019, the District conducted a properly noticed public hearing held during a board meeting at which time the public was able to testify on the waiver proposal.

7. That the District's Superintendent and/or his designee, is authorized and directed to submit a General Waiver Request to the California Department of Education, seeking a waiver of the requirement that the establishment of trustee areas and adoption of a by-trustee area election process must be put to a vote by the electors of the District under Education Code section 5020 and related sections in order to insure the timely adoption of the District's trustee areas and the District's transition from its current at-large electoral process to a by-trustee area electoral process.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 9th day of October, 2019.



Cristina Urias, President
Board of Trustees
Santa Paula Unified School District

I, Jeri Mead, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Santa Paula Unified 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 9th day of October, 2019, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

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



Jeri Mead, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Santa Paula Unified School District

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20:06

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOMMENDING
THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS
FROM WHICH THE SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED
IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Santa Paula Unified School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing members of its Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, At-large electoral systems such as the Districts 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 District's Board of Education (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, One method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee area electoral system is for the school district board of education to petition the local county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization ("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 held two public hearings on March 13, 2019 and April 10, 2019 to receive public input on drafting trustee area map plans ("Plans") and thereafter, District consultants created four (4) draft map plans that were circulated for public review at community forums held August 20, 2019, and August 28, 2019; and online on the District's website; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding the proposed trustee area plans on October 9, 2019 and November 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all public input and comment on the Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Plan Two and hereby recommends Plan Two to the Committee for its consideration based upon the findings, analysis and recommendations contained

in the report attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A"; and NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Santa Paula Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board has adopted Plan Two and recommends Plan Two to the Committee for consideration and adoption.
3. That the Superintendent and/or his 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.

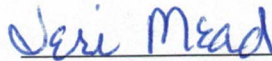
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 13th day of November, 2019.



Ms. Christina Urias
Board President
Santa Paula Unified School District

I, Jeri Mead, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Paula Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 13th day of November, 2019, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

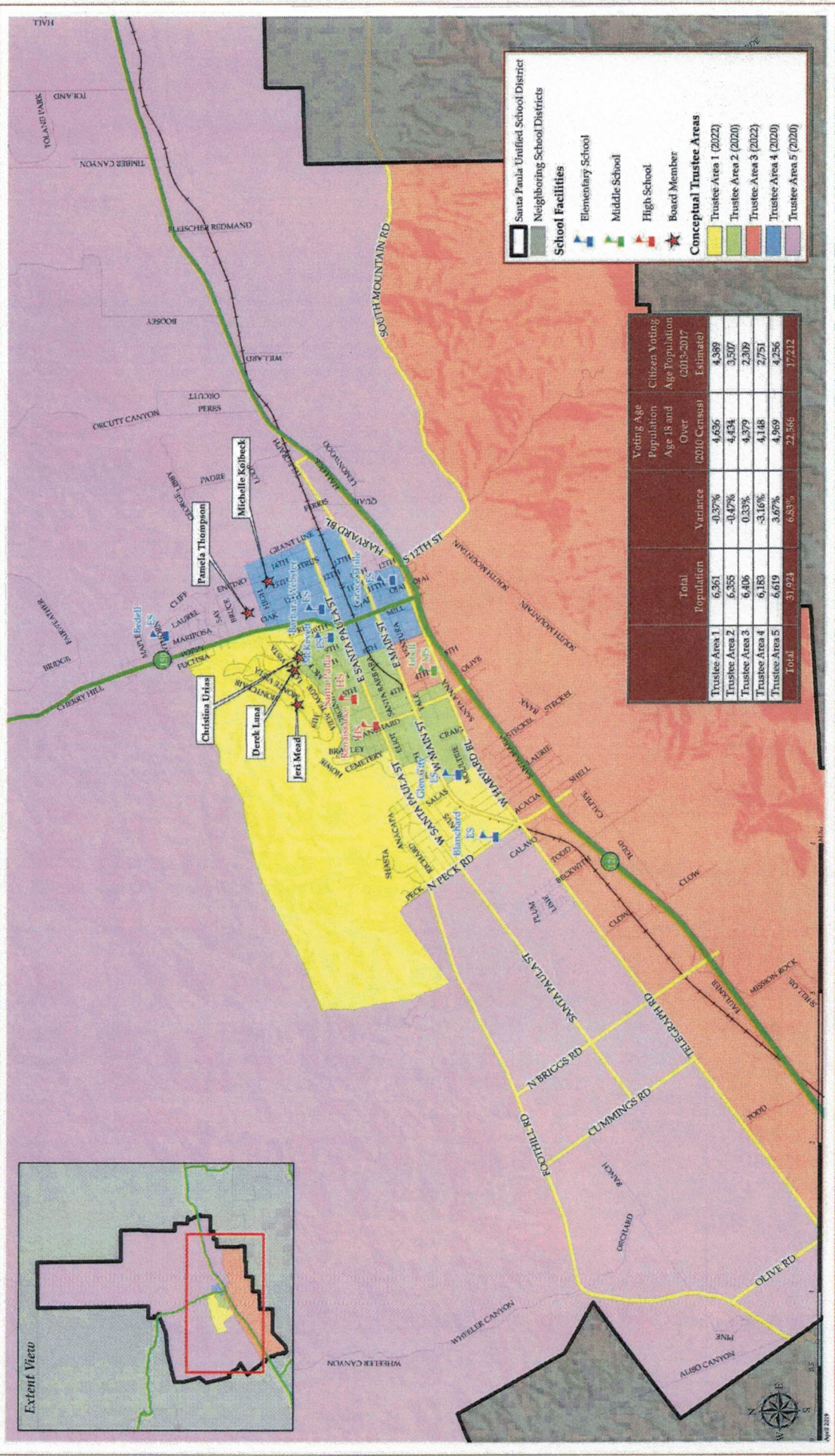
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0



Mrs. Jeri Mead
Board Clerk
Santa Paula Unified School District

SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEES AREAS - SCENARIO 2



Ventura County
LEA Election Methodology
As of January 2020

LEA Name	Election Methodology	Date of Change <i>as Applicable</i>
Briggs Elementary	At large	
Conejo Valley Unified	Trustee Area	March 2019
Fillmore Unified	At large	
Hueneme Elementary	Trustee Area	June 2019
Mesa Union Elementary	At large	
Moorpark Unified	Trustee Area	April 2019
Mupu Elementary	At large	
Oak Park Unified	At large	
Ocean View Elementary	At large	studying data
Ojai Unified	Trustee Area	September 2019
Oxnard Elementary	Trustee Area	June 2015
Oxnard Union High	Trustee Area	in the works Spring 2021 *
Pleasant Valley Elementary	At large	in the works *
Rio Elementary	At large	
Santa Clara Elementary	At large	
Santa Paula Unified	Trustee Area	January 2020
Simi Valley Unified	Trustee Area	February 2019
Somis Union Elementary	At large	
Ventura Unified	Trustee Area	March 2018
Ventura County Office of Education	Trustee Area	a long time ago!

**waiting for 2020 census data to be available*