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LIBERTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 Oak Street
Brentwood, California 94513

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SECTION: Administrative Action

Meeting Date: January 12, 2022

ISSUE: Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-04: Recommending that the Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas from which the Liberty Union High School District Trustees will be Elected in a By-Trustee Area Election Process

ANALYSIS: 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 California Voting Rights Act of 2001. The Board intends to change the method of electing members of the Board, to take effect commencing with the November 2022 election.

One method of transition 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 and county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under the California Education Code section 5019(c)(1). The Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization 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.

The District held two public hearings on May 26, 2021 and June 16, 2021 to receive public input on drafting trustee area map plans and thereafter, the District consultants created three (3) draft map plans that were circulated for public review at a community forum held on November 10, 2021 and online on the District's website. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding the proposed trustee area plans on November 17, 2021 and December 15, 2021.

The Board has considered all public input and comments on the Plans and will vote to adopt Plan A or Plan B and recommend the voted plan 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" or Exhibit "B".

FISCAL IMPACT: To Be Determined

RECOMMENDATION Board approve Plan A or Plan B

Originating Department: District Administration

Submitted/Recommended by: Eric L Volta Superintendent
Name Title

Approved for Submission to the Governing Board:

Eric L Volta
Eric L. Volta, Superintendent Date 1/6/22

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LIBERTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOMMENDING
THAT THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS
FROM WHICH THE LIBERTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED
IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Liberty Union High 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 Contra Costa 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 May 26, 2021 and June 16, 2021 to receive public input on drafting trustee area map plans (“Plans”) and thereafter, District consultants created three (3) draft map plans that were circulated for public review at a community forum held on November 10, 2021; 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 November 17, 2021 and December 15, 2021; and

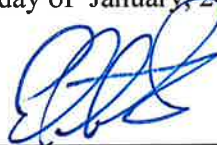
WHEREAS, the Board has considered all public input and comment on the Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Plan B (~~Plan A~~ or Plan B) and hereby recommends Plan B (~~Plan A~~ or Plan B) to the Committee for its consideration based upon the findings, analysis and recommendations contained in the report attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" (Exhibit "A" or Exhibit "B"); and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Liberty Union High School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board has adopted Plan B (~~Plan A~~ or Plan B) and recommends Plan B (~~Plan A~~ or Plan B) 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 12th day of January, 2022.



President of the Board of Education for the
Liberty Union High School District

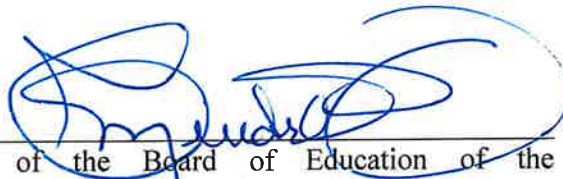
I, Yolanda Mendrick, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Liberty Union High School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 12th day of January, 2022, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Clerk of the Board of Education of the
Liberty Union High School District

EXHIBIT "A"

APPROVED TRUSTEE AREA MAP

Trustee Area Boundary Map A

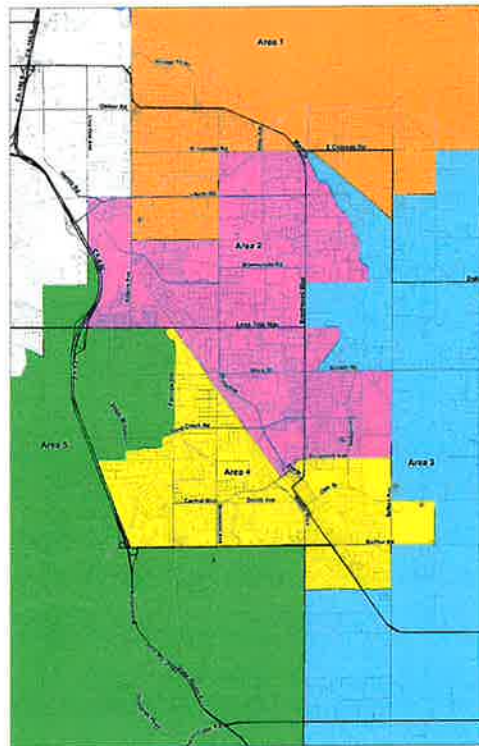
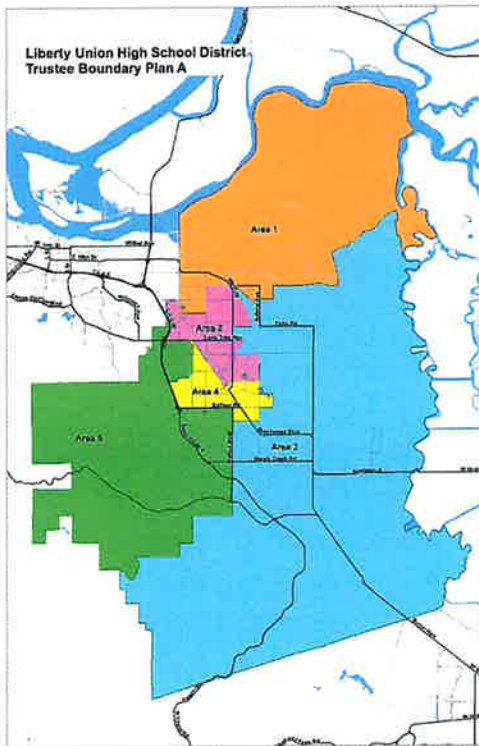


EXHIBIT "B"

APPROVED TRUSTEE AREA MAP

Trustee Area Boundary Map B

