

**COAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 2021-22 # 9**

**RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF  
BY-TRUSTEE-AREA ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of COAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT is elected “at-large” (Elections Code section 10010(d)(1) and section 14026(a)), meaning that each Board member is elected by voters of the entire District;

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-21 #10, Authorization to Initiate Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board November Elections (*attached as Exhibit A*) declaring its intention to transition from at-large elections to by-trustee area elections, also known as district-based elections (Elections Code section 10010(d)(2) and section 14026(b)), meaning each trustee must reside within a designated trustee area boundary and is elected only by the voters residing in that trustee area;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010(a)(1), the Board held duly noticed public hearings on August 12, 2021, and September 9, 2021, at which time the public was invited to provide input regarding the composition of the trustee areas.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010(a)(2), the Board timely published draft trustee area maps and potential sequences of elections and subsequently held duly noticed public hearings on January 13, 2022, and February 10, 2022, at which the public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps of trustee areas.

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered all testimony, input and comments received from the public on the proposed redistricting plan and criteria;

**WHEREAS**, the population in the proposed trustee areas is reasonably equal, in compliance with legal requirements;

**WHEREAS**, each draft trustee area redistricting plan provides for a single-member by trustee area electoral system, that complies with the California Voting Rights Act (Elections Code, §14025 *et seq.*) and Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. § 1973);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Education Code section 5019, a proposal to establish trustee areas in a school district may be initiated by resolution of the governing board of a school district; and

**WHEREAS**, this requested change in the method of electing members of the governing body is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Coast Unified School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board hereby adopts the proposed trustee areas attached hereto as *Exhibit B* PURPLE map plan with trustee areas designated and incorporated herein by reference, as its trustee area proposal pursuant to Education Code section 5019 and other relevant provisions of law.
3. As part of its trustee area proposal, the Board hereby proposes that:
  - a. trustee areas 2,3 be scheduled for election in 2022; and
  - b. trustee areas 1,4,5 be scheduled for election in 2024
4. The District Superintendent or his designee, in conjunction with the Demographer, is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee on School District Organization, and to work with the County Elections Office to conduct any additional acts necessary to complete the redistricting process in a timely fashion to permit implementation of these trustee areas in connection with the election cycles to be held on November 8, 2022.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the COAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, at regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 10, 2022 by the following vote:

Ayes: 4

Noes: 1

Absent or Abstain: 0

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was duly and regular introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Coast Unified School District, at a public meeting of said Board held on February 10, 2022.

  
Samuel Shalhoub  
President, Board of Trustees

  
Tiffany Silva  
Clerk, Board of Trustees

**COAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION 2020-21 NO. 10**

**RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A CHANGE OF THE DISTRICT'S  
ELECTION SYSTEM TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS  
FOR THE 2022 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION**

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019(a) & (c)(1) and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Board of Trustees of the Coast Unified School District ("School District" or "District") are currently elected in "at-large" elections, i.e., elections in which "each governing board member [is] elected by the registered voters of the entire school district" [Education Code section 5030(a)]; and

WHEREAS, "at-large" electoral systems like the one currently used by the District, have been subjected to challenges throughout the State under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), Elections Code sections 14025-14032; and

WHEREAS, although the "at-large" method of electing board members has and does serve residents well, the Coast Unified School District does not wish to encounter the risk of costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board of Trustees believes that starting with the 2022 board elections, after the 2020 census results, the District intends to transition its method of selecting board members to one in which board members residing in each trustee area are elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area; and

WHEREAS, data from the federal 2020 Census, when available, will permit trustee areas to be drawn and implemented using the most up-to-date demographic data available and will consider all relevant factors; and

WHEREAS, the District shall undertake a professional study based on the federal census data to determine the demographic makeup of the District for potential trustee areas that adequately takes into account members of protected classes under CVRA and satisfies other requirements in the Education Code and Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, although Education Code section 5020 requires that a County Committee's resolution approving a change in the method of electing board members be submitted to the electorate for its approval at the district's next regular election, the Board of Trustees intends to seek a waiver of the voter approval requirement as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Trustees to waive this voter approval requirement, which could reduce the costs associated with this proposed change in the manner of electing board members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

A. The Board intends to take all needed and appropriate steps to move from an at-large system of electing members of the Board of Trustees to a by-trustee area system beginning in 2022, following the 2020 Census results.

B. The Board shall undertake a professional study based on the Federal 2020 Census to determine the demographic makeup, including the identification of members of protected classes, within the District for potential trustee area boundary lines for elections by trustee areas in 2022.

C. Before submitting a specific proposal to the County Committee for a trustee area plan using the federal census data, public hearings shall be scheduled to obtain public input on such proposals.

D. The Board of Trustees intends to apply to the San Luis Obispo County Committee for establishment of trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 5019(a) in a timely manner to have the 2022 elections for the board conducted within the new trustee areas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Coast Unified School District Board of Trustees, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, this 11 day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

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



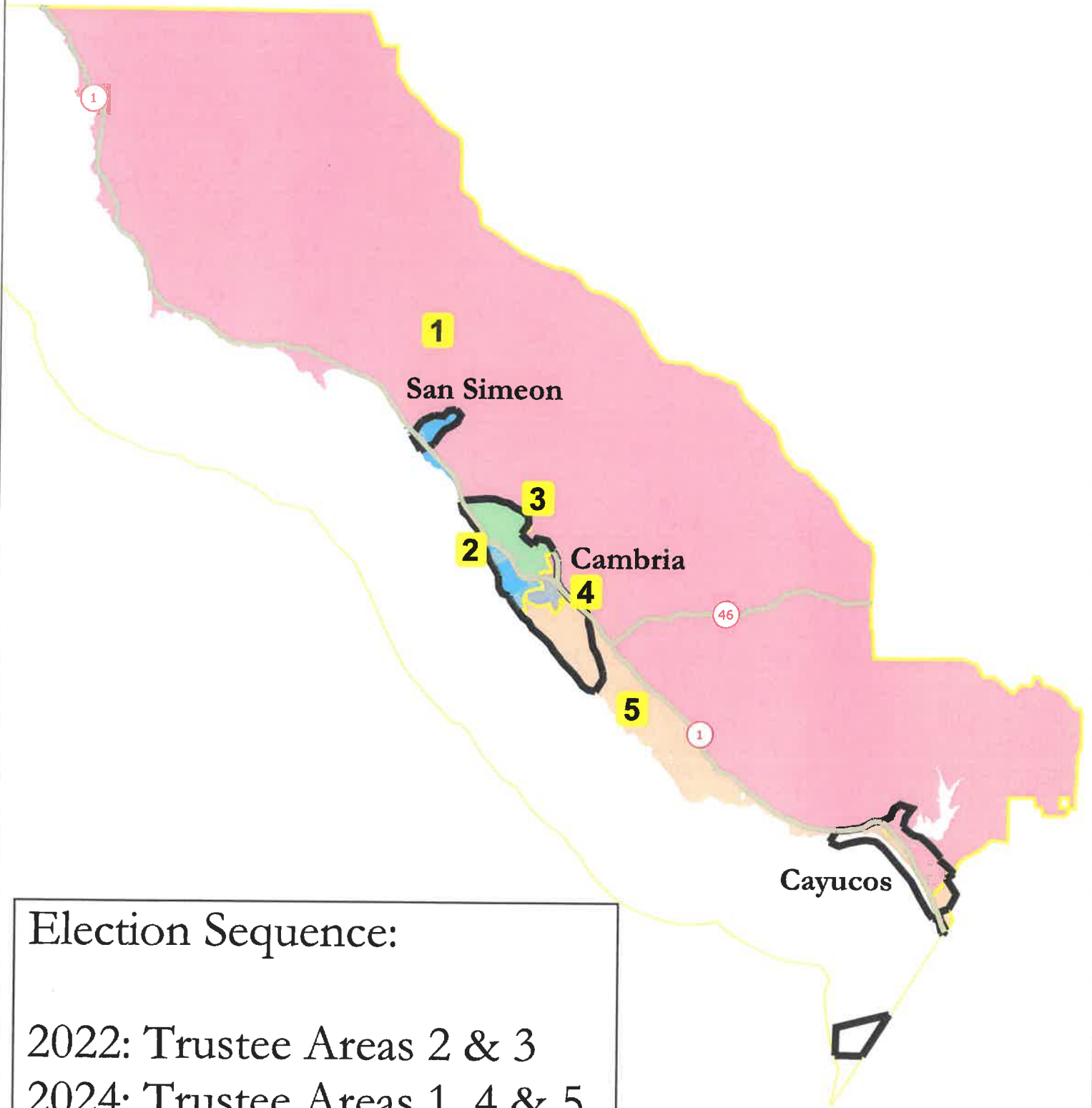
Samuel Shalhoub, Board President

# Purple Plan

EXHIBIT B - Purple Map Plan  
CUSD Resolution 2021-22 #9

Coast Unified School District

2021/22 Transition to By-Trustee Area Elections



## Election Sequence:

2022: Trustee Areas 2 & 3

2024: Trustee Areas 1, 4 & 5

**Coast Unified School District - Purple Plan**

Category	Field	1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	1,935	1,872	1,915	1,825	1,822	9,369
	Population Deviation	61	-2	41	-49	-52	113
	Pct. Deviation	3.26%	-0.11%	2.19%	-2.61%	-2.77%	6.03%
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	20%	28%	28%	20%	11%	21%
	NH White	73%	65%	66%	74%	82%	72%
	NH Black	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
	NH Native Amer.	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	1,479	1,318	1,549	1,700	1,727	7,773
	Hisp	10%	11%	15%	16%	12%	13%
	NH White	87%	87%	79%	81%	85%	84%
	NH Black	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%
	Native Amer.	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	1,487	1,460	1,445	1,468	1,544	7,404
	Latino est.	9%	10%	10%	8%	6%	9%
	Spanish-Surnamed	9%	10%	9%	8%	5%	8%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	NH White est.	88%	88%	88%	90%	91%	89%
	NH Black	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	1,316	1,336	1,308	1,336	1,395	6,691
	Latino est.	8%	9%	8%	7%	6%	8%
	Spanish-Surnamed	8%	9%	8%	7%	6%	7%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	NH White est.	88%	88%	88%	90%	91%	89%
	NH Black	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	1,021	1,118	1,036	1,112	1,165	5,452
	Latino est.	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%	6%
	Spanish-Surnamed	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%	6%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	NH White est.	89%	91%	89%	91%	92%	91%
	NH Black est.	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Age	age0-19	22%	11%	13%	11%	11%	14%
	age20-60	34%	32%	33%	43%	40%	37%
	age60plus	43%	56%	54%	47%	49%	50%
Immigration	immigrants	8%	12%	11%	9%	5%	9%
	naturalized	42%	59%	44%	71%	63%	55%
Language spoken at home	english	81%	85%	79%	86%	90%	84%
	spanish	17%	10%	17%	11%	7%	12%
	asian-lang	0%	3%	4%	1%	1%	2%
	other lang	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	10%	7%	9%	6%	3%	7%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	43%	38%	41%	40%	44%	41%
	bachelor	21%	23%	26%	23%	22%	23%
	graduatedegree	15%	19%	16%	16%	15%	16%
Child in Household	child-under18	15%	9%	10%	13%	12%	12%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	56%	50%	45%	57%	52%	52%
Household Income	income 0-25k	19%	15%	12%	11%	16%	15%
	income 25-50k	18%	18%	24%	18%	18%	19%
	income 50-75k	20%	22%	20%	18%	23%	21%
	income 75-200k	35%	35%	39%	46%	36%	38%
	income 200k-plus	7%	10%	5%	6%	6%	7%
Housing Stats	single family	86%	93%	90%	99%	91%	92%
	multi-family	14%	7%	10%	1%	9%	8%
	rented	41%	26%	22%	31%	40%	32%
	owned	59%	74%	78%	69%	60%	68%

Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database ("Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate).