

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Calling and Giving Notice of a Special Election     )  
to be held on March 5, 2024, for the election     )  
of a board member to fill a vacancy on the     )  
governing board of the Escondido Union High     )  
School District’s Trustee Area 5     )

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- A. On or about May 18, 2023, Escondido Union High School District (“District”) Board member Jon Petersen submitted his resignation to the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools (“Superintendent”) and a vacancy occurred on the District Governing Board Trustee Area 5.
- B. On July 6, 2023, the remaining members of the District Board of Trustees (“Governing Board”) appointed David Vincent as the provisional appointee to fill the vacancy on the Governing Board in accordance with Education Code section 5091(a)(1).
- C. On August 3, 2023, the Superintendent received a “Petition for Special Election to Fill the Vacancy on the Governing Board of the Escondido Union High School District in San Diego County” pursuant to Education Code section 5091(c)(1) (“Petition”). In accordance with Education Code section 5091(c)(2), the Superintendent determined the Petition to be legally sufficient on September 5, 2023. As of September 5, 2023, the provisional appointment of David Vincent was terminated by operation of law, and the Superintendent must now order a special election to fill the vacancy in Trustee Area 5.
- D. Pursuant to Education Code section 5091(c)(2), the Superintendent shall order the special election as follows: (i) to be conducted not less than 88, nor more than 125 days following the order of election, or (ii) to be conducted within 180 days after issuance of the order so that the election may be consolidated with a regularly scheduled election.
- E. In an effort to conserve costs and maximize public resources, the Superintendent and his designees consulted with the District and the Registrar of Voters for the County of San Diego (“ROV”) to identify preferred dates for the special election. The ROV estimated that a standalone special election for the district would cost approximately \$200,000 to \$400,000, while consolidating the special election with the regularly scheduled Presidential Primary Election on March 5, 2024, would cost the district far less, approximately \$35,000 and \$50,000.
- F. On October 6, 2023, the District notified the Superintendent of its recommendation via motion to proceed with consolidating the special election with the 2024 Presidential Primary Election to fill the vacant seat in Trustee Area 5. The March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election will occur within 180 days after the issuance of this Executive Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE SUPERINTENDENT DETERMINES AND ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5091(c)(2), the special election shall be consolidated with the 2024 Presidential Primary Election and conducted on March 5, 2024, for the voters of the district residing within Trustee Area 5, to determine who shall fill the vacant position on the District Governing Board.
2. The Superintendent requests that the ROV conduct the election to fill the vacancy on the District Governing Board for Trustee Area 5, and hereby authorizes, instructs, and directs the ROV to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. All costs related to the election shall be paid by the District.
3. In accordance with Education Code Section 5091(g), the special election shall be conducted in as nearly the same manner as practicable to other District Governing Board member elections.

**By Executive Order of the San Diego County  
Superintendent of Schools:**



**Dr. Paul Gothold**

10/10/23

**Date**