



► TRUSTEE AREA PROCESS

NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUGUST 4, 2021



COOPERATIVE
STRATEGIES
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► BACKGROUND

WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT ("CVRA")?

- Took effect January 1, 2003.
- Prohibits the use of "at-large" elections when such an election system:

"impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election...."

-(Elections Code §14027.)

► TYPES OF ELECTIONS

AT-LARGE ELECTIONS

Candidates must reside within the District's boundaries and are elected by all the voters who reside in the District's boundaries (Education Code Section 5030(a)). This is the method of election currently used by Natomas Unified School District ("NUSD").

FROM-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

Candidates must reside in specific geographic areas within the District's boundaries called "Trustee Areas" but are elected by all the voters who reside in the District's boundaries (Education Code Section 5030(c)).

BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

Candidates must reside in specific Trustee Areas within the District's boundaries and are elected only by the voters who reside in the same Trustee Areas (Education Code Section 5030(b)). ***This method of election is the only method that is safe from challenge under the California Voting Rights Act.***

► TRUSTEE AREA PROCESS

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 4, 2021	Board meeting: First Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation
September 1, 2021	Board meeting: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing
September – October 2021	Preparation of draft trustee area scenarios
October 27, 2021	Board Meeting: First Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios
November 17, 2021	Board Meeting: Second Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios
December 14, 2021	Board Meeting: Third Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios Board Selection of Trustee Area Map
January / February 2022	County Committee on School District Organization Holds a Public Hearing and Considers Approval of Change in Election Method and Trustee Area Map
November 8, 2022	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



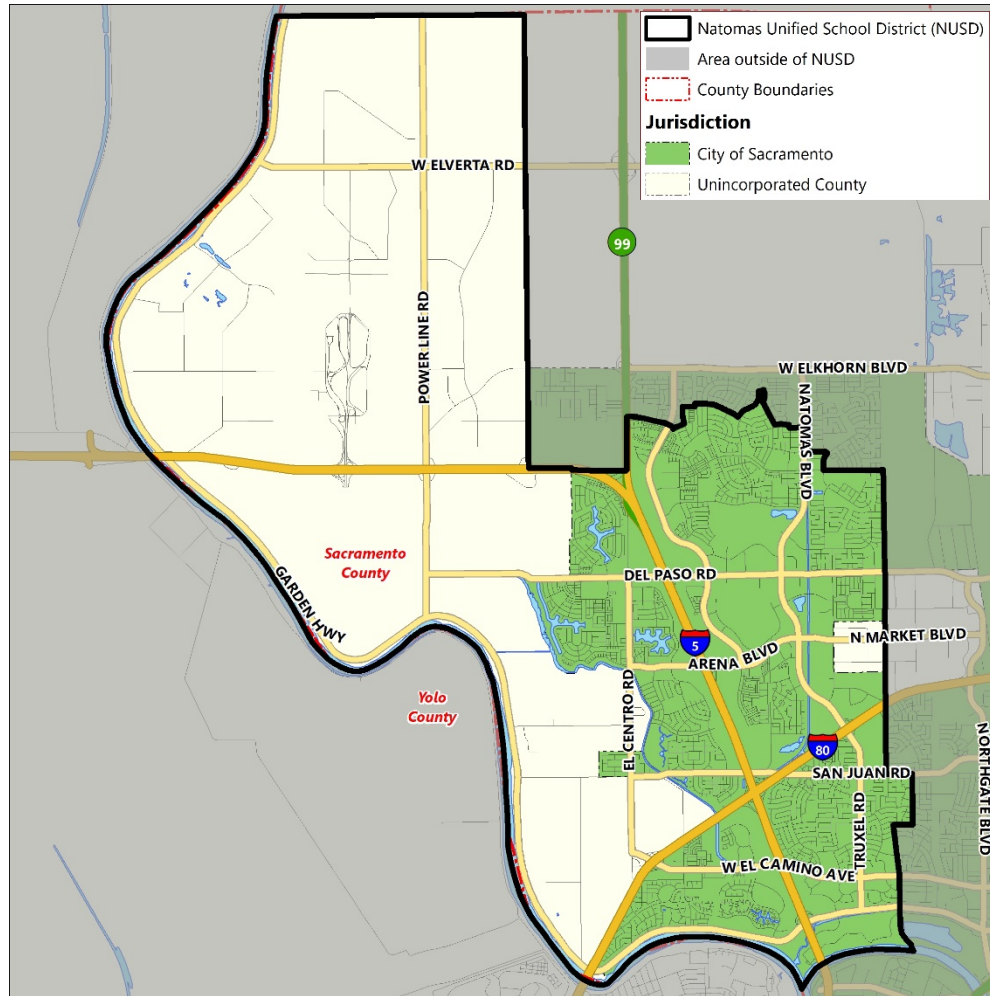
Other local considerations (i.e., school boundaries, locations of school sites)



Respect communities of interest, as much as possible

► DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

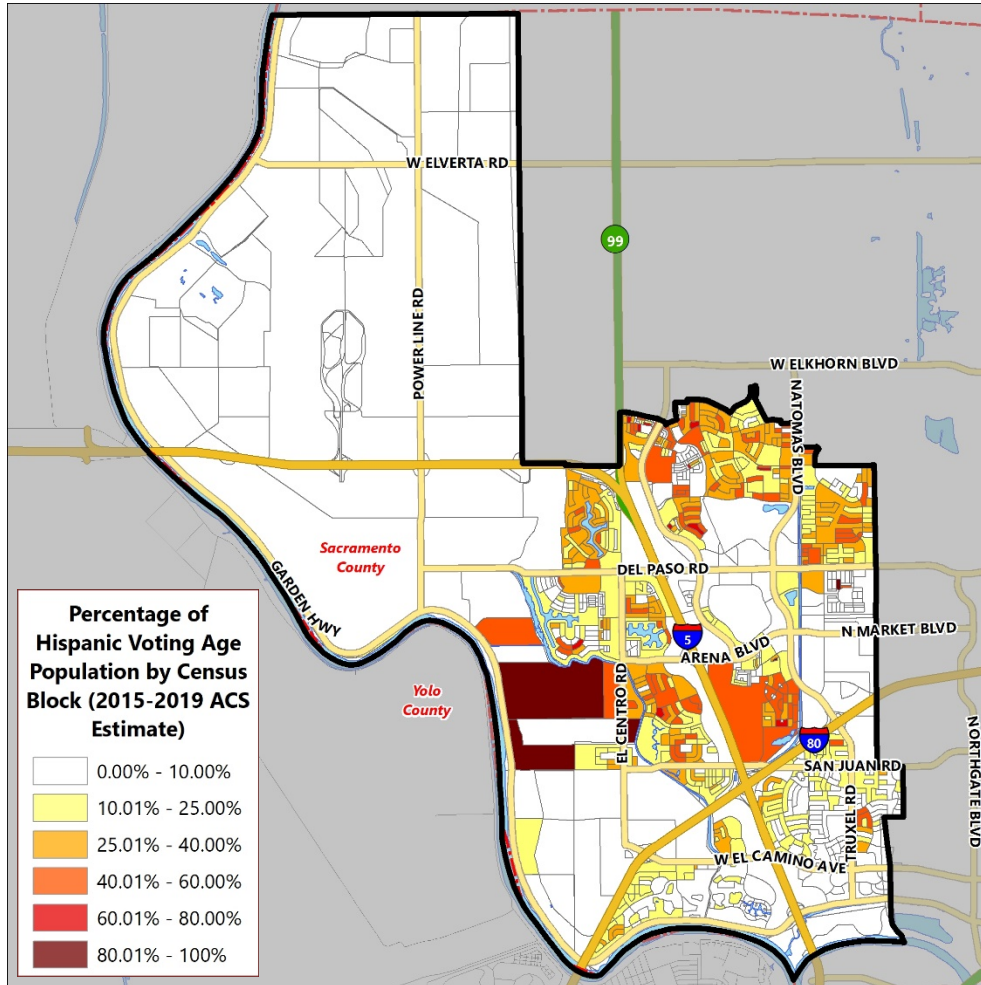
2010 CENSUS DATA



Population	Total Population		Age 18 and over	
	Total	%	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	16,987	23.78%	10,983	20.97%
White	24,549	34.37%	20,220	38.60%
Black / African American	10,724	15.01%	7,576	14.46%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	321	0.45%	258	0.49%
Asian	13,951	19.53%	10,592	20.22%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	722	1.01%	524	1.00%
Other	3,944	5.52%	2,083	3.98%
Two or More Races	228	0.32%	147	0.28%
Total	71,426	100.00%	52,383	100.00%

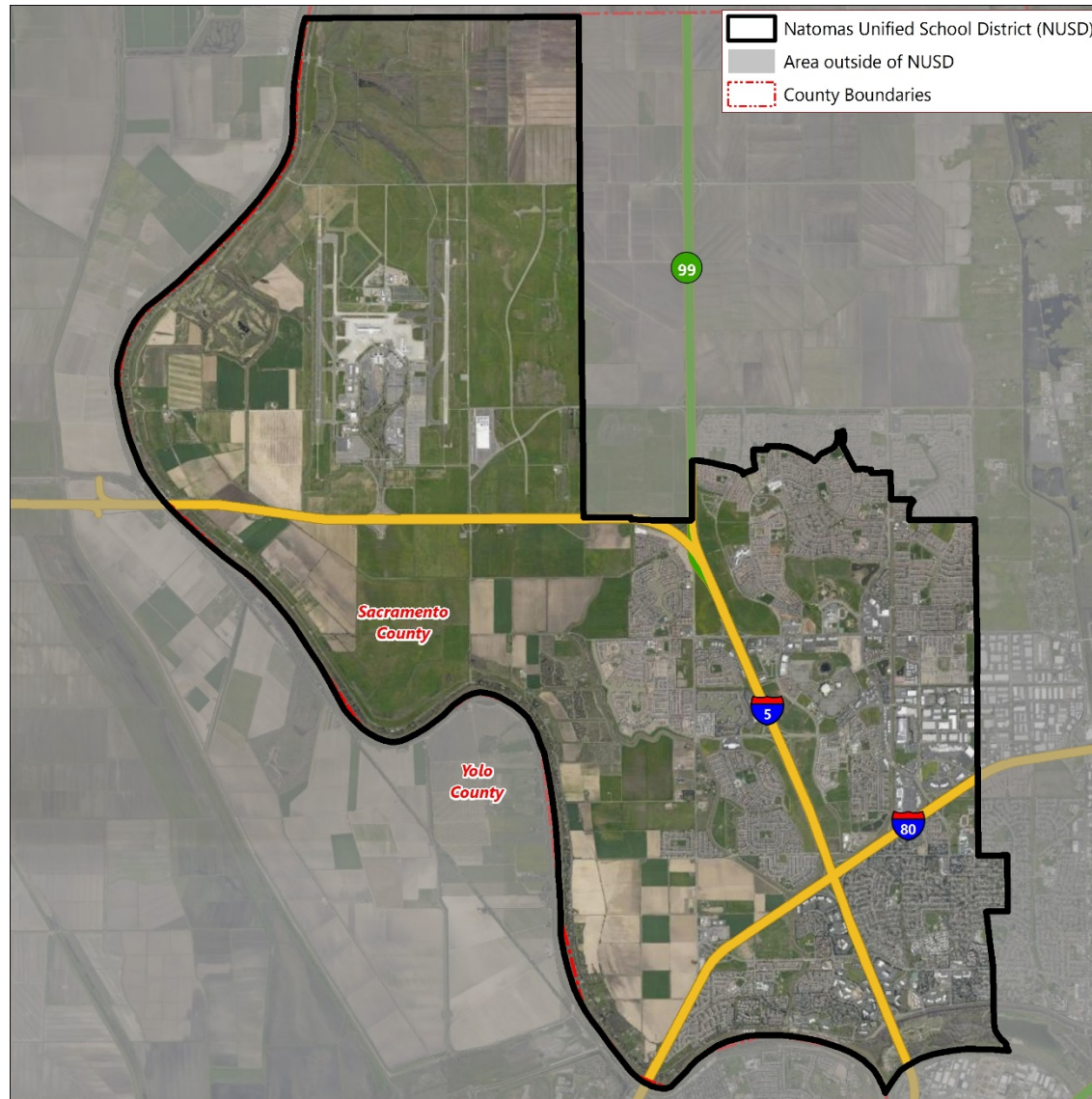
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CITIZEN VOTING AGE POPULATION ESTIMATES



Population	2015-2019 CVAP	
	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	11,085	21.22%
White	18,742	35.88%
Black / African American	8,710	16.68%
American Indian / Alaska Native	301	0.58%
Asian	10,715	20.51%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	408	0.78%
Two or More Races	2,271	4.35%
Total	52,232	100.00%

► HOW SHOULD LINES BE DRAWN?



- ▶ PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARING

EXAMPLES OF FEEDBACK FOR MAPPING PROCESS

“I would like to keep Neighborhood X and Neighborhood Y in the same trustee area...”

► PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARING
EXAMPLES OF FEEDBACK FOR MAPPING PROCESS

I think:

- ***Arena Boulevard***
- ***Natomas Boulevard***
- ***Del Paso Road***

... may make sense as a trustee area boundary because ...

- **It keeps communities together**
- **It provides good representation**

► PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARING
EXAMPLES OF FEEDBACK FOR MAPPING PROCESS

I think:

- **All of Y community should be in one area**
- **Each elementary or middle school boundary should be in multiple/single areas**
- **Every trustee area should serve multiple school boundaries/sites**

... may make sense as a trustee area boundary because ...

- **It keeps communities together**
- **It provides good representation**



QUESTIONS

A row of yellow school buses is parked in a grassy field under a cloudy sky. The buses are slightly out of focus, and the overall image has a dark, moody tone. A large, stylized, semi-transparent letter 'S' graphic is overlaid on the image, serving as a background for the text.