

PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A MAP OF TRUSTEE AREAS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED

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

WHEREAS, under the CVRA an at-large method of election may be deemed to weaken the ability of some voters to elect candidates of their choice or to influence the outcome of elections and is subject to challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Board, based on this awareness, initiated a process to change the method of conducting Board elections to trustee areas in order to ensure compliance with the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, in a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for 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, the Board may transition from an at-large system to a by-trustee area system by resolution to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization ("Committee") under California Education Code 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Committee has indicated that it will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

WHEREAS, District staff and consultants conducted public hearings for map input as required by law that were presented to the public at the District's Board Meetings on September 26, 2023, and October 10, 2023, and thereafter posted the Plans on the District's website for further input; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding proposed trustee area maps on October 24, 2023, and November 14, 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Scenario ~~4~~ and hereby recommends Scenario ~~4~~ 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 Paramount Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board has adopted Scenario ~~4~~ and recommends Scenario ~~4~~ to the Committee for consideration and adoption and requests that the Committee waive the election requirement pursuant to Education Code 5020. The sequencing of the election shall be as follows: Trustee Area 1 (202~~6~~), Trustee Area 2 (202~~4~~), Trustee Area 3 (202~~4~~), Trustee Area 4 (202~~6~~), and Trustee Area 5 (202~~6~~).
3. The District attests that its presentation, including the maps, data it gathered and examined, outreach, and information presented by its leadership and advisors has been presented to the Board in furtherance of the interests and goals of the CVRA.
4. That the Board recognizes that all Board members will act in the best interests of the entire school district even when elected from trustee area rather than at-large.
5. That the Superintendent and/or 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 14th day of November, 2023.



Diane J. Martinez

President of the Board of Education of the
Paramount Unified School District

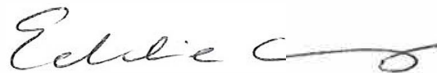
I, Eddie Cruz, Clerk/Vice President of the Board of Education of the Paramount Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 14th day of November, 2023, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: 2

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Eddie Cruz
Clerk/Vice President of the Board of
Education of the Paramount Unified
School District