

Southern Kern Unified School District Elections Code Section 21130f Report

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Elections Code Section 21130(f) language:

f)... the districting body shall issue a report that explains the basis on which the districting body made its decisions in achieving compliance with the requirements and criteria described in this section, including, as to each neighborhood, community of interest, city, or census designated place that was split into two or more districts, the reason for that split.

Report:

National Demographics Corporation (NDC), on behalf of the Southern Kern Unified School District, has analyzed the District's adopted map and prepared the following analysis of the map's compliance with the criteria of Elections Code Section 21130:

21130(a): Population Equality

The ideal population in a 5-district map for Southern Kern Unified School District is 4,420. In the adopted map, the largest zone has a population of 4,515 (2.15% over the ideal) and the smallest zone has a population of 4,374 (-1.04% under the target population). At a total difference of 3.19% between the largest and smallest zones, the adopted map is well within the "presumed constitutional" 10% range of state and federal law.

21130(b): Voting Rights Act reports

The District fully complied with the reporting requirements of Section 21130(b). That report is posted to the District's districting project website.

21130(c)(1): Contiguity

All of the zones are contiguous.

21130(c)(2): Minimize divisions of each "local neighborhood or local communities of interest"

Board discussion identified several communities of interest to avoid division, including the Westpark neighborhood and the area around United Park. The adopted map reflects this discussion as follows:

Trustee Area 1 includes the sparsely populated rural areas in the western part of the district, including low density neighborhoods on the west side of Rosamond.

Trustee Area 2 is centered on the densely populated Westpark community and includes more tract-home style developments.

Trustee Area 3 includes the areas along the 14 freeway as well as the airfield.

Trustee Area 4 is centered on the United Park area and Rosamond Elementary School. It is majority-Latino by CVAP.

Trustee Area 5 includes the historic downtown area and has a significant African-American population.

21130(c)(3): Keeping Cities and CDPs intact

The Southern Kern Unified School District has no cities. There are two CDPs in the District. Rosamond must be divided into all five Trustee Areas and has been. The portion of Mojave is small and entirely in Trustee Area 1.

21130(c)(4): Follow easily identifiable boundaries

The map uses major roads like the 14 freeway and 40th Street when possible, given the small population and Census Block geography. Rosamond Blvd is used occasionally, but community testimony often spoke to communities crossing that street.

21130(c)(5): Compactness

The map is reasonably compact given the small population and block geography. It does not bypass a community to get to a more distant area.

21130(d): No purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party

The map does not favor or discriminate against any incumbent, political candidate, or political party.

21130(e): Do not prioritize any criterion over the criteria listed in Section (c) of the statute

The adopted map does not prioritize any criterion over the criteria listed in Section (c) of the statute.