

ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #67 2025/2026

Re: Intent to Initiate a Change of District's Election System from At-Large Trustee Elections to By-Trustee Area Elections in Single-Member Trustee Areas and Directing Superintendent to Retain Appropriate Consultants, Including Demographer and Community Outreach Consultants to Support the Board of Trustees In This Process

RECITALS

1. Members of the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary 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
2. The District voters have a long history of electing members of protected classes to its Board of Trustees; and
3. It is the view of the Board of Trustees that the public interest would be well-served by election of its governing board members in "by-trustee area" elections, i.e., elections in which "one or more members residing in each trustee area [is] elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area[.]" [Education Code section 5030(b)]; and
4. It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to change to single-member trustee areas for election of its members by-trustee area; and
5. It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that this change be implemented for the earliest possible election consistent with Education Code sections 5019 and 5020(a)(2); and
6. The adoption of by-trustee area elections will not affect the terms of any sitting Trustee, each of whom would complete his or her current term; and
7. Elections Code section 10010 sets forth a process for the transition to single-member trustee areas and requires that the Board of Trustees set forth in this Resolution the specific steps it will undertake to facilitate this transition and an estimated timeframe for doing so; and
8. Elections Code section 21130 sets forth the criteria that a school district must use when establishing by-trustee area elections; and
9. California Education Code sections 5019(a), 5019(c)(1) and 5030 authorize the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization ("County

Committee”), upon application of a school district's governing board, to approve a change in the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction; and

10. It is the intent of District's Board of Trustees upon completion of the process set forth in Elections Code section 10010 to apply to the County Committee to approve the change in the method of electing trustees from at-large to by-trustee area elections in single-member trustee areas; and

11. If the County Committee approves this request to change the method of electing board members, Education Code section 5020(a)(2) exempts the County Committee from the obligation to submit its approval to the electorate because the change is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA, which exempts by-trustee area electoral systems from liability under that Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

A. The above Recitals are true and correct.

B. The Board of Trustees hereby states its intent to transition to by-trustee area elections in single-member trustee areas.

C. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the proposed timeline of the specific steps it will undertake to facilitate the transition, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein by this reference.

D. The Board of Trustees will complete the process prescribed by Elections Code section 10010 within 180 days of passage of this Resolution.

E. The Board of Trustees upon completion of the process set forth in Elections Code section 10010 will apply to the County Committee for approval of the change in the District's method of electing trustees from at-large to by-trustee area elections in single-member trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 5019(a) and 5019(c)(1).

F. The Interim Superintendent is directed to conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation; such outreach may include, in the judgment of the interim Superintendent, workshops and additional public forums to solicit community engagement and input.

G. The Interim Superintendent is directed to retain appropriate elections law counsel and such consultants, including a demographer and a public outreach firm and translation services as necessary and appropriate, to support the District and the Board of Trustees during the process of changing to by-trustee area elections in single-member trustee areas.

H. The Interim Superintendent shall send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee on School District Organization.

I. The Interim Superintendent shall consult with legal counsel to resolve all legal issues necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District on this 26 day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: 2

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

I, Minh Pham, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District in Santa Clara County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting on March 26, 2026, and by the vote above stated, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Signed by:

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Minh Pham
Clerk of the Board

**EXHIBIT A - to Resolution #67-2025/2026
TIMELINE***

DATE	EVENT
April 14, 2026	Public Hearing #1** (the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts and communities of interest)
April 21, 2026	Public Hearing #2** (the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts and communities of interest)
April 30, 2026	Public Hearing #3*** (the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections)
May 11, 2026	Public Hearing #4*** (the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections)
May 20, 2026	Final public hearing and Governing Board action adopting final maps

*** All dates are tentative and subject to change to accommodate the demographer, the Board of Trustees and the public to allow more time and opportunity for public examination and input. Workshops will be scheduled separately, and the dates and times for the workshops will be published on the District website and a dedicated web page for information and documents relating to this process.**

**** Before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts, the District must hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than 30 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts. [Elections Code 10010(a)(1).]**

***** The District must hold at least two additional hearings over a period of no more than 45 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections. Draft map(s)/draft revised maps must be published at least seven days before consideration at a hearing. [Elections Code 10010(a)(2).]**