

SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

**Resolution Approving Galt Joint Union Elementary School District's Proposal Under Education Code Section 5019 to Change to "By-Trustee Area" Elections, Adopt Trustee Areas Map, and Establish Sequence of Elections
Resolution No. CC-22-03**

WHEREAS, the governing board of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) is composed of five members, who are elected under an "at-large" election system, where each trustee is elected by the registered voters of the entire school district;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5019 authorizes a school district governing board, by resolution, to change its method of electing governing board members;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5030 authorizes alternative methods of electing school district governing board members, including at-large, hybrid, and by-trustee area elections;

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2022, GJUESD submitted a proposal to the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) under Education Code section 5019 to, effective for the November 2022 and 2024 election cycles, establish trustee areas, change its election method so one board member residing within each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters residing in that trustee area ("by-trustee area" elections), and establish the sequence of elections (proposal).

WHEREAS, GJUESD's proposal and public website and other publicly available information indicate the following history, public hearings outreach, and other events related to GJUESD's proposed change of election method:

- February 9, 2022 – GJUESD adopted Resolution No. 8 expressing its intention to transition to a by-trustee area election system to be implemented with the November 2022 and 2024 governing board election cycles.
- February 15, 2022 to May 2, 2022 – GJUESD met with stakeholders, including District Advisory Committee, District English Learner Advisory Committee, California School Employees Association, Galt Elementary Faculty Association, non-represented employees, and City and Schools Together regarding the proposed transition to by-trustee area elections. It also communicated regarding its process and proposed trustee area maps through multiple platforms, including through announcements on its public website and a dedicated webpage, through its Blackboard Connect Mass Notification System to all district staff and parents/guardians, community newsletters, and published notices in the Galt Herald and Lodi News Sentinel.
- February 23 and March 9, 2022 – GJUESD held public hearings to consider community input and comment regarding the potential composition of trustee areas prior to draft maps being drawn. At its March 9, 2022 special board meeting, GJUESD presented a timeline for transition to by-trustee area elections.

- March 16, 2022– GJUESD published proposed trustee area map scenarios (maps A-C) on its public website.
- March 23, 2022 – GJUESD held its third public hearing to receive public input on the proposed trustee area map scenarios (maps A-C).
- April 27, 2022 – GJUESD held its fourth public hearing to receive public input on the proposed trustee area map scenarios (maps A-C).
- May 10, 2022 – GJUESD held its fifth and final public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 15 proposing to transition to “by-trustee area” elections using the GJUESD trustee area boundaries map and sequence of elections identified as Map B.

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2022, as required by Education Code section 5019, and after having complied with all notice requirements, the County Committee conducted a public hearing in the district on GJUESD’s proposal to change to by-trustee area elections, which was also available and accessible within GJUESD and throughout the community via Zoom video and/or audio teleconference;

WHEREAS, notice of the County Committee’s public hearing location, including video and/or audio teleconference hearing access, was posted on the GJUESD and Sacramento County Office of Education websites.

WHEREAS, GJUESD has submitted information in support of its proposal to change its election method to “by-trustee area” elections, the record reflects rational reasons for GJUESD’s proposal, and GJUESD’s proposal appears to be consistent with the law.

WHEREAS, GJUESD 's proposal and supporting materials demonstrate that GJUESD initiated its proposed change to by-trustee area elections in furtherance of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA), and the County Committee declares that GJUESD’s change in election method is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth above are correct and true.
2. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves GJUESD’s proposal to:
 - a. Adopt by-trustee area elections, implementing GJUESD’s trustee area boundaries map identified as Map B.
 - b. Assign the sequence of elections for GJUESD’s five trustee areas as follows:
 - i. Trustee Areas 1, 2 and 5 scheduled for election in 2022; and
 - ii. Trustee Areas 3 and 4 scheduled for election in 2024.
3. GJUESD shall submit the change in method of electing governing board members, trustee areas boundaries map, sequence of elections, and any other required information to the appropriate county elections officials, and to all other necessary parties by all required deadlines.

4. Pursuant to Education Code section 5020(a)(2), GJUESD's change to by-trustee area elections need not be submitted to GJUESD voters for approval.
5. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby authorizes the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or designee to take any other actions needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization this 11th day of June 2022, following a legally authorized public hearing, by the following vote:

AYES	_____	_____
NOES	_____	_____
ABSENT	_____	_____
ABSTAIN	_____	_____

Karina Talamantes, Board President

David W. Gordon, Board Secretary