



Chico Unified School District

Trustee Area Establishment Process  
& Public Outreach Meeting #1

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# Agenda

- Introduction and Timeline
- Requirements
- CUSD Demographics
- Public Hearing

# Introduction & Timeline



# California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)



- CVRA took effect January 1, 2003.
- The CVRA prohibits at-large elections when this system produces racially polarized voting results, or in other words, when a protected class is impaired in its ability to elect candidates of its choice or influence the outcome of an election because of the dilution of the rights of voters within that class.
- Chico USD announced its intention to transition to By-Trustee Area elections on February 19, 2020.
- After a necessary delay during the Governor's Emergency Order due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and with 2020 Census data to be released this month, the process is ready to recommence.

# Anticipated Timeline



Date	Description
9/1/2021	Public Outreach Meeting #1
9/15/2021	Public Outreach Meeting #2
10/20/2021	Presentation of Draft Trustee Area Maps
11/3/2021	First Hearing on Draft Maps
11/17/2021	Second Hearing on Draft Maps after incorporating feedback from First Hearing.
By 11/24/2021	Final map options based on all Board and public feedback to be posted on District website.
12/15/2021	Board to adopt map.
TBD	Approval of trustee area map by County Committee on School District Reorganization (County of Board of Education)
TBD	State Board of Education approval of CUSD waiver of election, which automatically establishes trustee area elections
TBD	The first election to use the trustee areas must be held more than 120 days after trustee areas are established by the State Board of Education

# Requirements



# Requirements and Other Considerations



## Legal Requirements

- Nearly equal population (+/- 5%) based on 2020 U.S. Census data
- Complies with Federal Voting Rights Act
- Cannot be drawn with race as predominant factor (no racial gerrymandering)

## Traditional Considerations

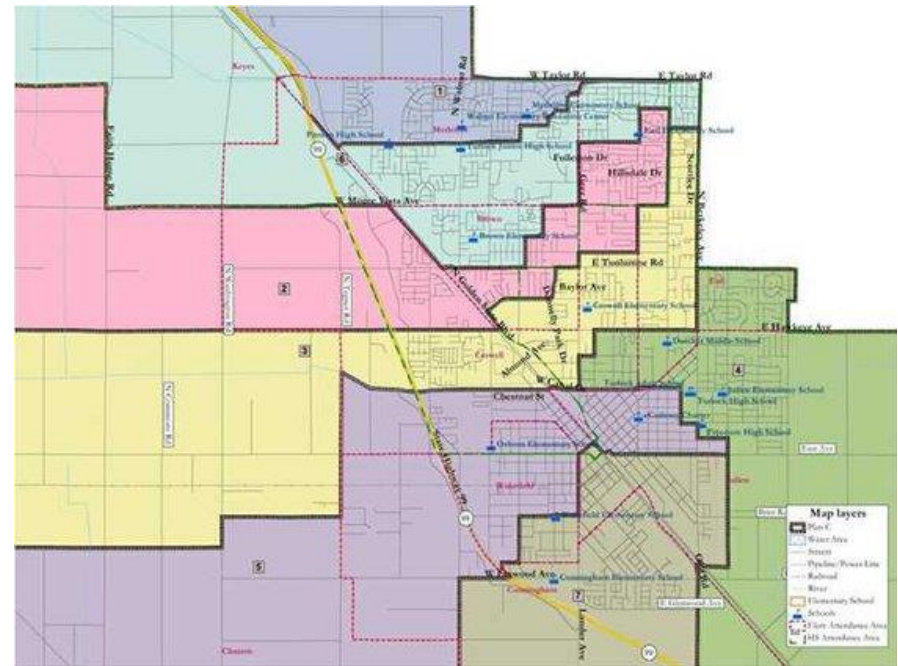
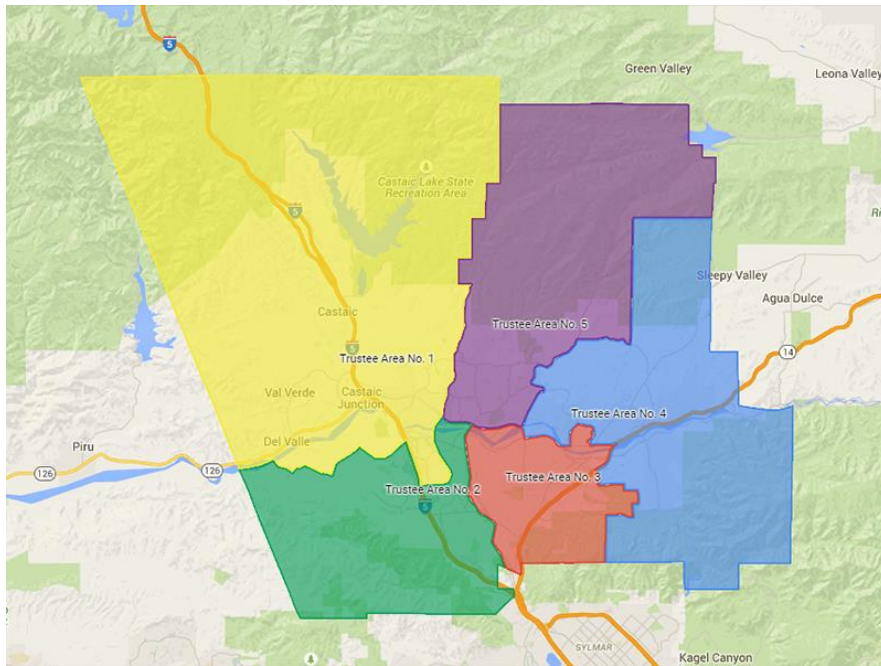
- Communities of Interest
- Compact
- Contiguous
- Natural boundaries

# Examples of Trustee Areas



Generally, trustee area maps are as compact as possible, with shapes of trustee areas driven by population requirements and other communities of interest.

However, non-compact trustee areas might be considered for policy-driven reasons, usually the desire for each trustee area to include, for example, rural areas, downtown areas, or multiple high school boundaries.



# Trustee Area Composition



- United States Census geography, especially block groups, will form the foundation of CUSD Trustee Area creation.
- Communities of Interest to Consider:
  - *Chico neighborhoods (please help us accurately define these tonight!)*
  - *CUSD school boundaries*
  - *U.S. Census demographic concentrations*
  - *Butte County voting precincts*
  - *Other?*
- Prominent Boundaries to Consider:
  - *Highways and major roads*
  - *Rivers and creeks*

# CUSD Demographics



# 2010 CUSD Demographics

(to be Updated when 2020 Data is Released)



Populations	2010 Census Total Population	2010 Census Voting Age Population (18+)
NH White	80,629 (75.2%)	67,558 (78.5%)
Hispanic or Latino	15,738 (14.7%)	10,711 (12.4%)
NH Asian	4,155 (3.9%)	3,099 (3.6%)
NH Two or More Races	3,431 (3.2%)	2,176 (2.5%)
NH Black or African American	1,795 (1.7%)	1,408 (1.6%)
NH American Indian and Alaska Native	1,005 (0.9%)	769 (0.9%)
NH Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	220 (0.2%)	159 (0.2%)
NH Some Other Race	209 (0.2%)	155 (0.2%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,182</b>	<b>86,035</b>
Trustee Area Population Goal (1/5 of Total, +/- 5%)	20,365 - 22,508	



# Public Hearing



# Key Questions



- Are you part of a community of interest? Can you identify on a map where your community is located?
- What areas should be included together so their common interests can best be represented?
- What areas should be separated into multiple Trustee Areas so they can potentially have multiple representatives?
- What other criteria should be considered?

# Develop Criteria and Suggested Map Elements



- Please use the Chico USD website to provide input on criteria that should be considered when drawing Chico USD's Trustee Areas.
- Maps are also provided at different scales to assist you in defining areas that should be grouped together.
  - *You can also suggest Trustee Areas if desired.*

# Thank You

