

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE FILLMORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOMMENDING THAT
THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
APPROVE AND ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH THE
FILLMORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES WILL BE
ELECTED IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Fillmore Unified School District (“District”) currently uses an at-large system of electing members of its Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, At-large electoral systems such as the Districts are subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, codified at sections 14025 - 14032 of the California Elections Code (“CVRA”); and

WHEREAS, By-trustee area electoral systems are not vulnerable to challenge under the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, In a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the District’s Governing Board (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, One method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee area electoral system is for the school district board of education to petition the local county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5021(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization (“Committee”) has indicated that it will initiate this process on behalf of the District at the District’s request, and will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

WHEREAS, District held two public hearings on April 5, 2022, and April 19, 2022, to receive public input on drafting trustee area map plans (“Plans”) and thereafter, District consultants created three (3) draft map plans that were circulated for public review at a community forum held on May 10, 2022, and online on the District’s website; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding the proposed trustee area plans on May 3, 2022, and May 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a fourth trustee area map plan, scenario map eight (8), was prepared based upon further community feedback and such map plan was posted at least seven days prior to the date of the public hearing held on June 7, 2022: and

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

WHEREAS, the Board hereby adopts Plan [redacted] and hereby recommends Plan [redacted] 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 Governing Board of the Fillmore Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board has adopted Plan [redacted] and recommends Plan [redacted] to the Committee for consideration and adoption.
3. That the Superintendent and/or her 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 7th day of June 2022.

President of the Governing Board for the
Fillmore Unified School District

I, Olivia Palacio, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Fillmore Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 7th day of June 2022., and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Fillmore Unified School District