

Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

**Thursday, October 17, 2024
3:00 PM**

Boardroom and/or Zoom

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Phone Number: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 834 2678 2071

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To submit a comment to be read aloud on your behalf either listed or not listed on the meeting agenda, please send a comment no longer than 300 words to vvalentin@santacruzcoe.org no later than 1:00 PM on October 17th. Each individual may only make one comment per topic.

Cualquier persona que desee hacer un comentario público tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo en vivo o por videoconferencia durante la reunión virtual hasta tres minutos cada uno para cualquier tema que no esté incluido en la agenda, y hasta tres minutos para cualquier tema incluido en la agenda. Para solicitar hablar durante los comentarios públicos o sobre cualquier tema de la agenda, complete este formulario: <https://sccoe.link/PublicComment>

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AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Bruce Van Allen (Chair), Ed Acosta, Edward Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez, Rachel Williams
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Superintendent Sabbah will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Committee regarding items not on the agenda. To request to speak during public comment or on any item on the agenda, please complete this form: <http://sccoe.link/CountyCommittee>. The Committee Chair will recognize any member of the audience not previously placed on the agenda who wishes to speak on a matter directly related to committee business. Each speaker, on any specific topic, may speak up **three (3) minutes** unless otherwise limited or extended by the Chair. The Chair may allot time to those wishing to speak but no action will be taken on matters presented (EDC § 35145.5). If appropriate, the Chair, or any Member of the Committee, may direct that a matter be referred to the Superintendent's Office for placement on a future agenda.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Committee is included herein.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Per Education Code Sections 35705 and 35705.5, the Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a petition initiated by homeowners to redistrict their property from Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

The County Committee will hold a public hearing to gather community and district input on the District Board's proposal. Thereafter, the County Committee will consider and potentially approve the redistricting, moving this matter to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization.

Open, Conduct, &
Close Public Hearing: Bruce Van Allen, Chair

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Approval or Denial of Territory Transfer Petition #24-01

Following the public hearing, agenda item #6, the Committee will consider approving or denying a homeowner-initiated petition to redistrict their property from Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Chair

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee Chair will adjourn the meeting.



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AGENDA ITEM 6

Board Meeting Date: October 17, 2024

Action

Information

TO: Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

FROM: Administration Department

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Territory Transfer

BACKGROUND

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FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

Included herein the presentation

RECOMMENDATION

Open, Conduct, & Close Public Hearing



PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

On October 17, 2024, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, sitting as the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization, will conduct a hearing on a Petition by Gary and Pamela Milliken to transfer their real property, located at 24200 Mountain Charlie Road, Los Gatos, from the Scotts Valley Unified School District (located in Santa Cruz County) to the Loma Prieta School District (located in Santa Clara County). (Because two counties are involved, this Petition will separately require action by the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization if the Committee votes to approve the action.)

The proceedings are expected to move forward like this:

1. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education will adjourn during its meeting as the Board of Education and then will immediately re-convene as the County Committee on School District Organization.
2. The Chair will call the matter of the Petition of the Millikens to transfer the property.
3. The Chair will ask whether the Millikens, as Petitioners, have anyone present to participate in the hearing as their representative or representatives. The Chair will then ask whether there is any representative or representatives of the Scotts Valley District to make any presentation on the District's behalf.
4. The Chair will ask the Committee's legal counsel, who will be in attendance via Zoom, to briefly summarize the proceedings that have brought the matter to this point, and the consequences of the Committee's vote, whether it be to approve or to deny the Petition.
5. Any representatives of the Millikens, or the Millikens themselves, will be given an opportunity to present their proposal. Following or during this presentation, the members of the Committee may ask clarifying questions.
6. Any representatives of Scotts Valley Unified will next be given an opportunity to address the Millikens' proposal. Following or during this presentation, the members of the Committee may ask clarifying questions.

7. Next, members of the public wishing to speak to the proposal will have a chance to address the Committee. Each member of the public will have up to 3 minutes to speak.
8. At the conclusion of the hearing, the representative of the Millikens and then the representatives of the District will be given a brief opportunity to address anything raised during the comments by the public.
9. Finally, the matter will be returned to the Committee to deliberate and take a vote. The Committee members must weigh whether to approve or disapprove the Petition according to the factors set forth in Education Code section 35753.
10. Following a successful vote either to approve or to deny the Petition, the Chair will declare that the public hearing is closed, and the Committee will adjourn, and then immediately re-convene as the Board of Education for any further business on its agenda.

September 10, 2024

Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization
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We are requesting a transfer of our property parcel at 24200 Mountain Charlie Road, Los Gatos 95033 from its current location in the Scotts Valley Unified School District, into the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District (and also into the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District).

The parcel is in Santa Cruz County, but all the addresses for a considerable distance north and south of us (all also in Santa Cruz County) are in the Loma Prieta and Los Gatos districts, and only our parcel has been carved out in the distant past to be in Scotts Valley instead. Children want to go to the same schools as all their nearby neighbors, thus making school bus transportation and carpooling more feasible, to say nothing of the social considerations. It is safer and more convenient for parents as well.

The houses and driveways for all addresses from 23100 to 25015 (including 24200) are directly accessed on Mountain Charlie Road. Addresses near to us are 24000 and 24101 on the north, and 24201 and 24235 on the south. The borderline of the Loma Prieta and Los Gatos districts encloses all of the above addresses, except 24200. When assigning the 24200 parcel to Scotts Valley, the County seems to have overlooked this discrepancy by error. To be entirely clear, we have no access to Glenwood Drive.

The parcel is a 10.28 acre lot, with only a single small flat area in the corner of the parcel where the house is located. The remaining acreage of the parcel is a steep downward slope that is not navigable.

The Santa Cruz County parcel number is 09302316. There are currently two residents at this address,

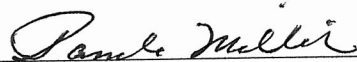
We are enclosing a number of maps of the parcel, illustrating both its location and its position in a different district from its neighbors.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this petition.

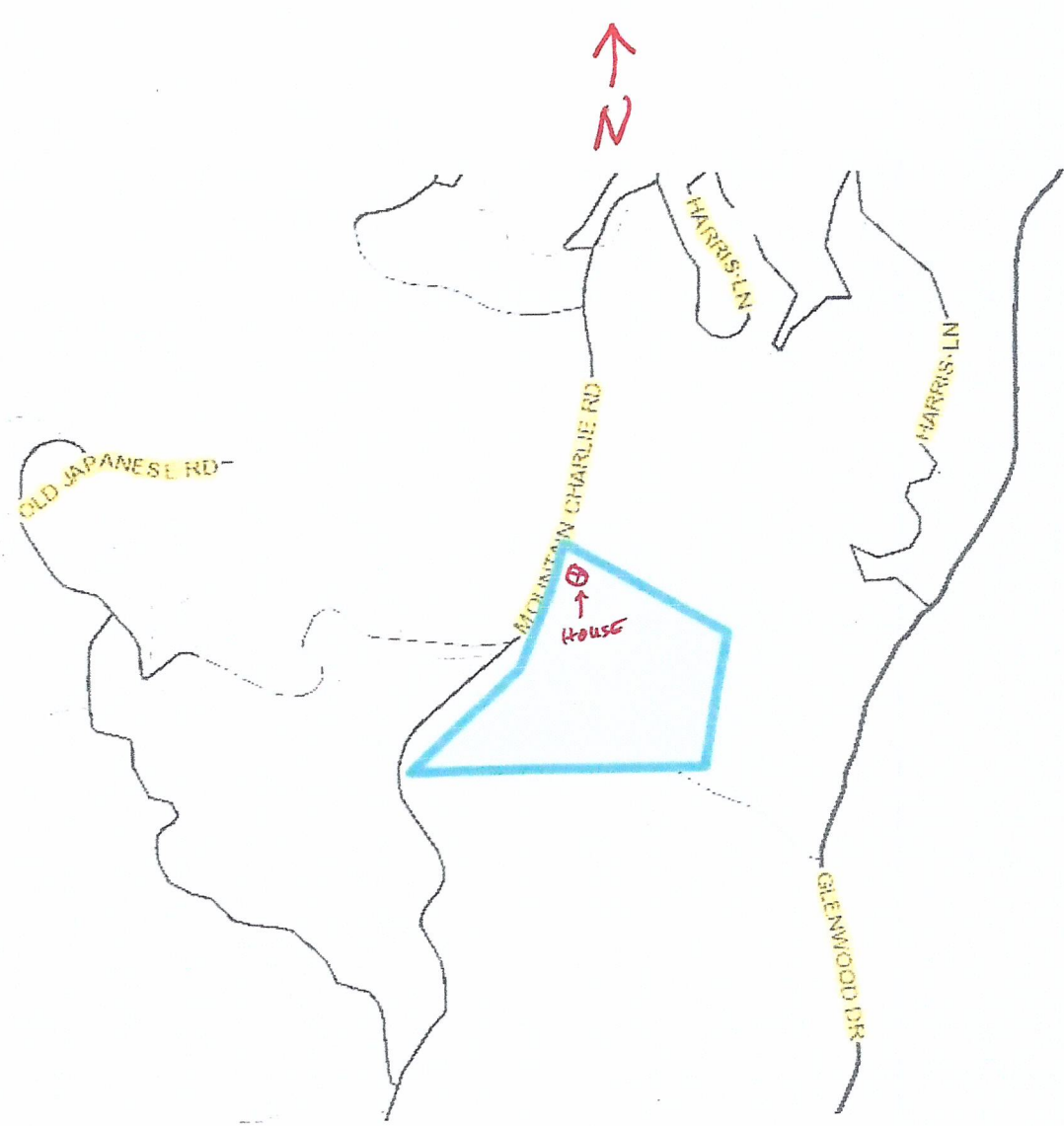
Gary & Pamela Milliken
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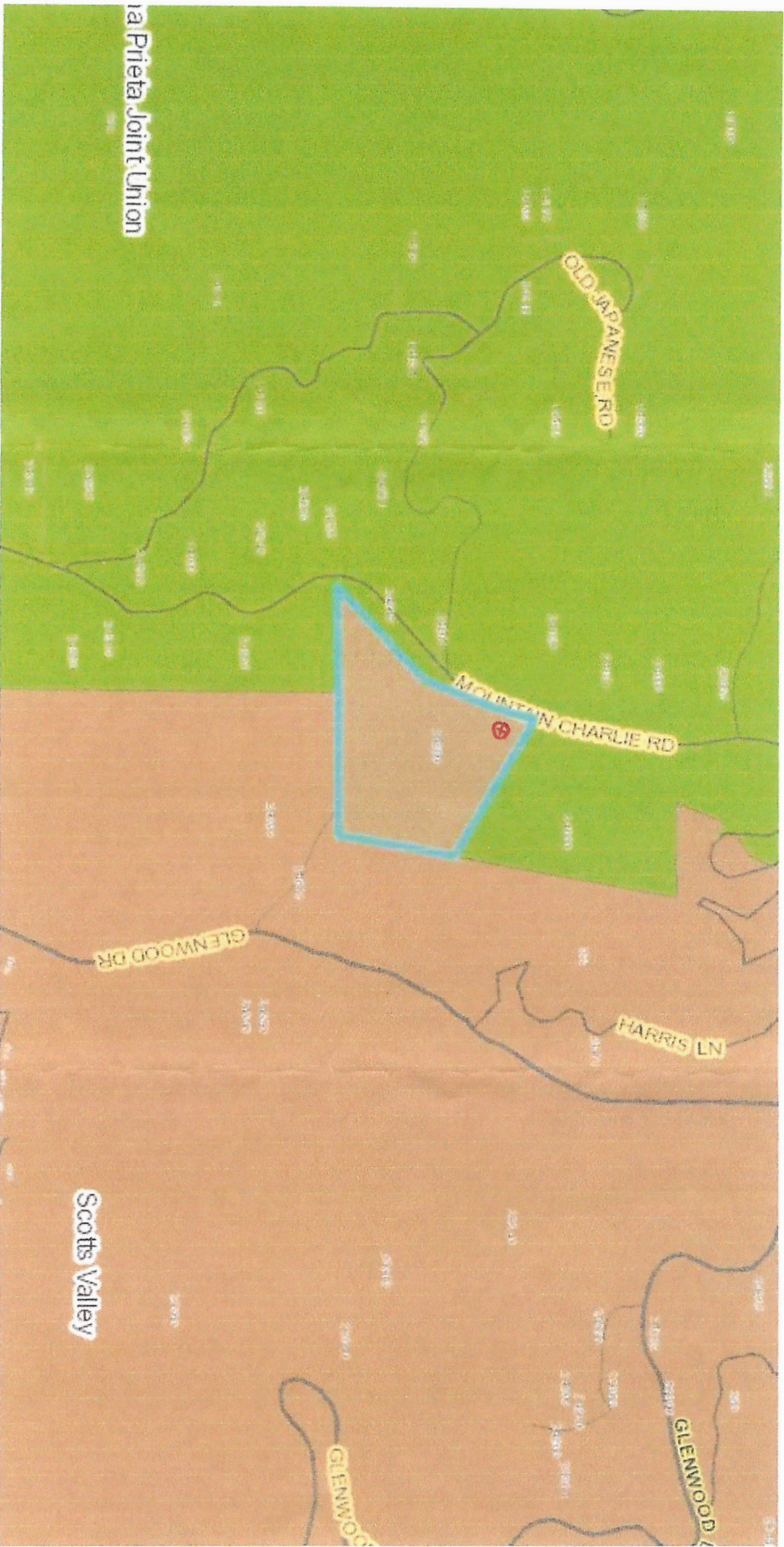
Gary Milliken



Pamela Milliken







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