

Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

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Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

**Thursday December 16, 2021
Open Session 3:30PM
Held by Videoconference Only**

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Sue Roth (Chair), Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen

2. 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

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Committee is included herein.

6. INFORMATION

6.1 Review October 21, 2021 presentation by Cooperative Strategies, LLC, a demographic consulting firm, regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education's jurisdiction based on the 2020 U.S. Census

On October 21, 2021, Cooperative Strategies, LLC, a demographic consulting firm experienced in redistricting issues and requirements, presented their analysis regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the County Board of Education's jurisdiction, based on the official 2020 Census results, and the criteria of Education Code section 1002 governing redistricting. Immediately following the review of this information, the Committee will hold a public hearing to gather community input regarding the demographer's findings and the County Board's trustee areas. The Committee will then consider the adoption of a resolution to maintain the existing trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 Public Hearing – 2020 Census Redistricting Santa Cruz County Board of Education

The County Committee will conduct a public hearing to gather public input regarding the present trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the population changes in the County Board's jurisdiction, as set forth in Cooperative Strategies' study of the 2020 Census results.

Open, Conduct, &
Close Public Hearing: Sue Roth, Chair

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Consideration and Approval of Resolution #21-01 to maintain the existing trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

The County Committee will either approve or disapprove Resolution #21-01 with regards to the maintenance of the existing trustee area boundaries of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Chair

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee Chair will adjourn the meeting.

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Public Participation:

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

Committee Meeting Date: December 16, 2021

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Information

TO: Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

FROM: Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

SUBJECT: Review October 21, 2021 presentation by Cooperative Strategies, LLC, a demographic consulting firm, regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education's jurisdiction based on the 2020 U.S. Census

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education utilizes a by-trustee area election system, wherein each trustee is required to reside within a defined trustee area and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area.

Upon the release of the 2020 Census Data, the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization is required under Education Code section 1002 to evaluate whether the current trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education have approximately equal populations using the new census data. The variation in total population among trustee areas generally should not exceed 10%; any percentage of variation lower than that is legally presumed to be acceptable, absent extenuating circumstances. If the total peak variation is less than 10%, no changes are generally legally required. If the total peak variation exceeds 10%, existing trustee area boundaries may need to be adjusted. This process is referred to as redistricting.

On October 16, 2021, Cooperative Strategies, LLC, a demographic consulting firm experienced in redistricting issues and requirements, presented their analysis regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the County Board of Education's jurisdiction, based on the official 2020 Census results, and the criteria of Education Code section 1002 governing redistricting. After evaluating the data, Cooperative Strategies, LLC determined that the County Board's total peak variation is only 7.4%, and the County Board, therefore, is not legally required to make any adjustments to its current boundaries. Cooperative Strategies, LLC's presentation of the findings of their study is attached to this agenda item for the Committee and the community. Immediately following the review of this information, the Committee will hold a public hearing to gather community input regarding the demographer's findings and the County Board's trustee areas. The Committee will then consider the adoption of a resolution to maintain the existing trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Information.



► 2020 CENSUS AND REDISTRICTING

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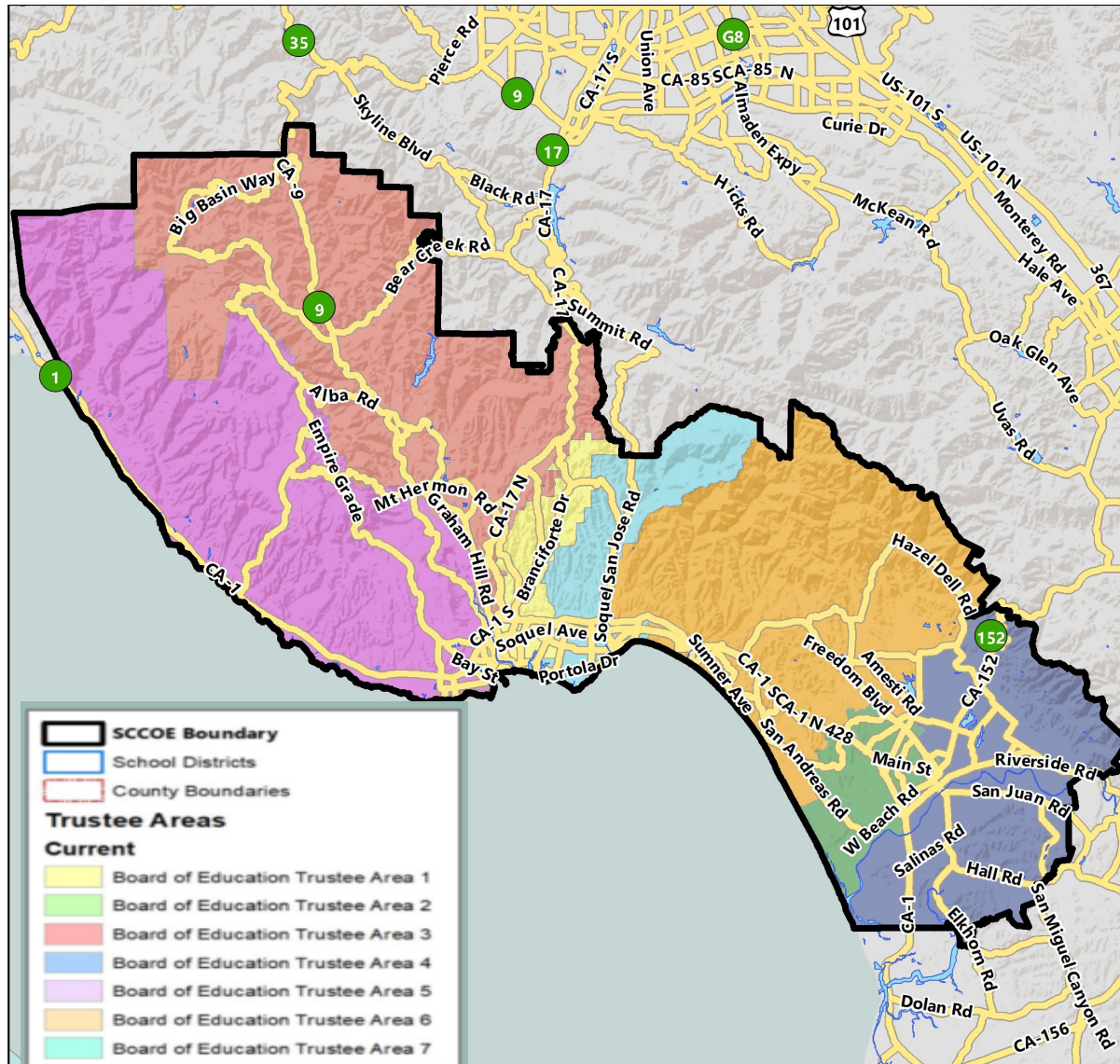
► CURRENT SANTA CRUZ COE DEMOGRAPHICS

2020 CENSUS DATA

- Validated redistricting data was released by the California Department of Finance on September 20.
- This data showed substantial changes in the area served by SCCOE from 2010 to 2020, including:
 - Overall population growth of 8,776 (3.3%);
 - Changes in the demographic composition, most notably, increases in the proportional share of Hispanic/Latino populations.

Population (Within SCCOE)	Total Population			
	2010 Census	2020 Census	Total Change	Percent Change
Trustee Area No. 1	37,850	40,185	2,335	6.2%
Trustee Area No. 2	39,896	41,040	1,144	2.9%
Trustee Area No. 3	37,164	40,103	2,939	7.9%
Trustee Area No. 4	39,338	39,643	305	0.8%
Trustee Area No. 5	38,762	39,208	446	1.2%
Trustee Area No. 6	38,417	39,028	611	1.6%
Trustee Area No. 7	37,099	38,095	996	2.7%
Total Population	268,526	277,302	8,776	3.3%

► CURRENT SANTA CRUZ COE TRUSTEE AREAS



► CURRENT SANTA CRUZ COE DEMOGRAPHICS
2020 CENSUS DATA & CITIZEN VOTING AGE POPULATION ESTIMATES

Population	2010 Census		2020 Census		Change		CVAP 2015-2019	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	92,604	34.5%	103,060	37.2%	10,456	11.3%	45,472	23.4%
White	153,882	57.3%	143,273	51.7%	-10,609	-6.9%	131,731	67.8%
Black/ African American	2,319	0.9%	2,880	1.0%	561	24.2%	2,036	1.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	991	0.4%	877	0.3%	-114	-11.5%	504	0.3%
Asian	10,769	4.0%	12,092	4.4%	1,323	12.3%	8,640	4.4%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	314	0.1%	278	0.1%	-36	-11.5%	178	0.1%
Other	610	0.2%	1,666	0.6%	1,056	173.1%	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	7,037	2.6%	13,176	4.8%	6,139	87.2%	5,724	2.9%
Total Population	268,526	100%	277,302	100%	8,776	3.3%	194,285	100.0%

► CURRENT SANTA CRUZ COE TRUSTEE AREAS

Census 2020 Total Population:	277,302	Ideal Trustee Area Size:	39,615	Total Variance:	7.4%
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TRUSTEE AREA	Trustee Area 1		Trustee Area 2		Trustee Area 3		Trustee Area 4		Trustee Area 5		Trustee Area 6		Trustee Area 7	
TP* vs. CVAP**	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP	TP	CVAP
Population	40,185	31,483	41,040	30,393	40,103	33,623	39,643	30,216	39,208	31,119	39,028	19,007	38,095	18,444
Population Variance	1.4%	N/A	3.6%	N/A	1.2%	N/A	0.1%	N/A	-1.0%	N/A	-1.5%	N/A	-3.8%	N/A
Hispanic/Latino	11.6%	8.5%	24.7%	13.7%	20.2%	16.1%	24.3%	16.0%	20.6%	13.8%	79.6%	60.7%	82.4%	68.2%
White	76.2%	84.5%	60.8%	75.7%	60.8%	67.6%	64.2%	76.9%	69.5%	80.8%	15.1%	32.8%	12.4%	26.0%
Black/African American	0.5%	0.7%	1.6%	1.8%	2.8%	1.7%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	1.2%	0.5%	0.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
Asian	3.8%	2.6%	5.3%	4.2%	8.9%	10.4%	3.9%	2.7%	3.2%	2.7%	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%	4.7%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.8%	N/A	0.7%	N/A	0.7%	N/A	0.6%	N/A	0.6%	N/A	0.4%	N/A	0.3%	N/A
Two or More Races	6.6%	3.5%	6.2%	4.1%	6.3%	4.0%	5.6%	3.3%	5.0%	1.9%	1.7%	2.0%	1.6%	0.4%

*Total Population; Source: Redistricting Database for California, Published by Statewide Database on September 20, 2021

**Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP); Source: American Community Survey, 2015-2019 Data



QUESTIONS

A row of yellow school buses is parked in a grassy field under a cloudy sky. The buses are slightly out of focus, and the overall image has a dark, moody tone. A large, stylized, semi-transparent letter 'E' graphic is overlaid on the image, serving as a background for the text.



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

Committee Meeting Date: December 16, 2021

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Information

TO: Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

FROM: Sue Roth, Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Public Hearing – 2020 Census Redistricting Santa Cruz County Board of Education

BACKGROUND

The County Committee will conduct a public hearing to gather public input regarding the present trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the population changes in the County Board's jurisdiction, as set forth in Cooperative Strategies' study of the 2020 Census results.

FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Open, conduct, and close the public hearing.



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AGENDA ITEM 8.1

Committee Meeting Date: December 16, 2021

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Information

TO: Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

FROM: Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval of Resolution #21-01 to maintain the existing trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

BACKGROUND

The County Committee will either approve or disapprove Resolution #21-01 with regards to the maintenance of the existing trustee area boundaries of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #21-01 Approving the Maintenance of the Boundaries of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education Trustee Areas Pursuant to Education Code Section 1002.



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RESOLUTION #21-01

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREAS PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE SECTION 1002

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education (“County Board”) is elected under a “by trustee area” election system wherein each trustee resides within one of seven trustee areas and each trustee is elected only by the registered voters of the trustee area they represent, pursuant to the trustee area boundaries set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 1002, subdivision (b), following each decennial federal census, the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) must adjust the boundaries of any or all of the trustee areas of the County Board if necessary to meet the population criteria set forth in Education Code section 1002, subdivision (a);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 1002, the County Committee shall adjust the boundaries of the trustee areas of the County Board based on the official United States Census of 2020 (“2020 Census”) results, if necessary, so that the trustee areas are as nearly equal in population as practicable;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 1002, subdivision (c), provides that any changes to the boundaries of the County Board’s trustee areas shall be made in writing and filed with the county board of supervisors before the first day of March of the school year;

WHEREAS, Cooperative Strategies, LLC (“Demographer”), a demographic consulting firm experienced in redistricting issues and requirements, was retained to assist the County Board and County Committee by analyzing whether the 2020 Census results necessitate redrawing of the County Board’s trustee areas;

WHEREAS, the County Committee has conferred with and received guidance and advice from Demographer regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the County Board's jurisdiction, based on the official 2020 Census results, and concerning the criteria of Education Code section 1002 governing redistricting;

WHEREAS, a true and correct copy of the analysis provided by the Demographer is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2021, the County Committee conducted a duly noticed public hearing to study the present trustee areas and the population changes in the County Board's jurisdiction as set forth in the 2020 Census, and to receive the Demographer's analysis; {SR651711}

WHEREAS, the Demographer's analysis indicates that the County Board's existing trustee areas have a population variance of only 7.4%, are in compliance with Education Code section 1002, as well as the applicable state and federal voting rights laws, and do not need to be adjusted;

WHEREAS, the County Committee has considered all public testimony, input, and comments regarding the 2020 Census, the Demographer's analysis, and the criteria of Education Code section 1002;

WHEREAS, the population in the existing trustee areas is reasonably equal, in compliance with legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the existing County Board trustee area boundaries provide for a single-member, by trustee area electoral system that complies with the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code, § 14025 et seq.) and Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. § 1973).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The County Committee hereby declares that the County Board's existing trustee area boundaries, as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, are in compliance with Education Code section 1002 and all applicable state and federal voting rights laws and do not need to be adjusted following the 2020 Census.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization,
County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the Resolution passed and adopted and SO ORDERED.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMITTEE

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE

by: _____