



RESOLUTION #21-30

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF ITS 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 as 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 Board and County Committee have 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, and thereafter determined 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, on December 16, 2021, the County Board conducted a duly noticed public meeting 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;

WHEREAS, the County Board 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 County Board concurs with the County Committee that the population in the existing trustee areas is reasonably equal, in compliance with legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County Board further concurs with the County Committee that 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 Board of Education hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The County Board hereby accepts the December 16, 2021 determination by the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education'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.

3. The County Superintendent of Schools or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by members of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, at a public meeting of said Board held on December 16, 2021.



Abel Sanchez, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools