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RESOLUTION #22-01

Approving Trustee Areas For Implementation Of By-Trustee Area Elections For The Governing Board Of The Soquel Union Elementary School District In Accordance With The Trustee Area Map Selected By The District's Governing Board

WHEREAS, as authorized by Education Code section 4020, et seq., the Santa Cruz County Board of Education is vested with all duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the County Committee on School District Organization for the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize a county committee on school district organization to establish trustee areas and to adopt an alternate method of electing governing board members in school districts under its jurisdiction that, by resolution, request such a change; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 28, 2022, Resolution No. 12-2021-22 of the Soquel Union Elementary School District Governing Board to initiate a transition to a by-trustee area election system was transmitted to the County Committee on School District Organization (hereinafter referred to as "County Committee"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12-2021-22 of the Soquel Union Elementary School District Governing Board selected the "Trustee Areas-Conceptual Scenario #1" as the final proposed trustee area map for implementation of by-trustee area elections which was transmitted to the County Committee; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12-2021-22 identifies the proposed sequence of elections; and

WHEREAS, information and documentation provided to the County Committee by the Soquel Union Elementary School District reflects the fact that the District has complied with the public hearing and publication requirements for adoption of a trustee area map set forth in Elections Code section 10010(a); and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5019(c) requires that a county committee on school district organization call and conduct at least one public hearing in the district to receive testimony on a proposal to implement by-trustee-area elections; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953 allows local legislative bodies to satisfy public transparency requirements by holding meetings via teleconference, subject to certain requirements which have been satisfied here; and {SR684411}

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2022, as required by Education Code section 5019, and after having complied with all notice requirements, the County Committee conducted a public hearing to receive public testimony on Soquel Union Elementary School District's proposal to change to by-trustee area elections, which hearing was available and accessible within Soquel Union Elementary School District and throughout the community via Zoom video and/or audio teleconference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c), the County Committee is required to approve or disapprove the proposal to adopt an alternate method of electing governing board members and to establish trustee areas; and

WHEREAS, the County Committee believes that a change in the Soquel Union Elementary School District's method of election to by-trustee area elections is appropriate.

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. By this Resolution, with due consideration of requirements of the United States and California Constitutions, the Federal Voting Rights Act, the California Elections and Education Codes, and all public input received, the County Committee establishes trustee areas for the purpose of implementing by-trustee area elections for members of the Soquel Union Elementary School District Governing Board in accordance with the trustee area map identified as "Trustee Areas-Conceptual Scenario #1" and supporting documentation attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

3. By this Resolution, with due consideration of requirements of the United States and California Constitutions, the Federal Voting Rights Act, the California Elections and Education Codes, and all public input received, the County Committee establishes the sequence of elections in the trustee areas identified in Resolution 12-2021-22 which are as follows: the Soquel Union Elementary School District will hold by-trustee area elections in two areas (areas #3 and #4) at its November 2022 election and will hold by-trustee area elections in three areas (areas #1, #2, and #5) at its November 2024 election.
4. The County Committee directs the Superintendent of the Soquel Union Elementary School District to make such technical emendations to the adopted plan as may be required for its implementation by the office of the Registrar of Voters, provided that any such required technical change or changes be reported in writing to the County Superintendent of Schools and further provided that a "technical emendation" is defined as having a de minimis impact on the demographics or intent of the adopted plan.
5. Pursuant to Education Code section 5020(a)(2), Soquel Union Elementary School District's change to by-trustee area electors need not be submitted to Soquel Union Elementary School District voters for approval.
6. By this resolution, the County Committee directs that implementation of a by-trustee area election system for the members of the Soquel Union Elementary School District Governing Board shall commence with the November 2022 governing board member elections, and be completed with the November 2024 governing board member elections, according to the election sequence described in Paragraph 3 above.
7. The County Superintendent of Schools is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the office of the Registrar of Voters in a timely manner to provide for implementation of by-trustee area elections in the Soquel Union Elementary School District, in accordance with Paragraph 6, above.
8. The County Superintendent of Schools is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Superintendent and Governing Board of the Soquel Union Elementary School District.
9. The County Superintendent of Schools and staff are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to facilitate the implementation of the paragraphs above.

Resolution #21-01 Approving Trustee Areas For Implementation Of By-Trustee Area Elections For The Governing Board Of
The Soquel Union Elementary School District In Accordance With The Trustee Area Map Selected By The District's
Governing Board
Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization
February 17, 2022

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization,
County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of February 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMITTEE



Rose Filicetti, CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE



by:

Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Schools

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EXHIBIT A

(Trustee Plan Map #1 and Supporting Documentation)

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 7-2019-20**

**Resolution to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with
the 2022 Governing Board Election**

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's Governing Board, to change the method of election of governing board members in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") disfavors the use of an "at-large" election system for governing board members of a school district if "at-large" elections may impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election;

WHEREAS, board members of the Soquel Union Elementary School District ("District") are currently elected using an "at-large" election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the Governing Board);

WHEREAS, the considered view of the Board that the public interest will be better served by election of its board members using a "by-trustee area" election system (i.e., elections in which one candidate residing in each trustee area is elected by only the registered voters in that particular trustee area);

WHEREAS, because the data from the 2020 decennial federal census will not be released until 2021, after the 2020 election, if the District were to transition to "by-trustee" area elections in time for the 2020 election, it would be relying on data from the 2010 decennial federal census as a basis for drawing trustee area maps, which would not provide the most updated and reliable data about the demographics of the District;

WHEREAS, implementing the change to "by-trustee area" voting in 2022 instead of 2020 will eliminate the cost of some demographic services and the time and expense of two districting processes in two years, one for November 2020 using 2010 census data and a new process for November 2022 after the decennial 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of its need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing board members in a cost effective and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. Trustee area boundary lines shall be developed based on the most updated federal decennial census data following its release in 2021 to provide for "by-trustee areas" elections to be implemented in the 2022 and 2024 election cycles;

3. By this resolution and pursuant to Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law, the Board directs District staff to transmit this resolution to the County Committee to apply to have the County Committee adopt a change in the method of electing members of the Board from "at-large" elections to "by-trustee area" elections commencing with the 2022 Board elections;
4. Before submitting a final proposal to the County Committee for trustee area maps using the federal census data, multiple public hearings held in accordance with Elections Code section 10010 shall be scheduled to obtain public input on the draft proposals;
5. The Board shall apply to the County Committee for establishment of trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 5019 in a timely manner to have the 2022 elections for the Board conducted within the new trustee areas;
6. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner, and to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education of the election requirement imposed by Education Code section 5020;
7. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and
8. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on October 16, 2019, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Amanda Jackson Miller, Ted Donnelly, Phil Rodriguez, Carolyn Freedman and Jennifer Izant Gonzales

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Scott Turnbull, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Amanda Jackson Miller, President
Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 10-2021-22**

**Resolution to Re-Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing
with the 2022 Governing Board Election**

WHEREAS, trustees of the Soquel Union Elementary School District's ("District") Board of Education ("Board") are currently elected using on "at-large" election system, where trustees may reside anywhere within the District's boundaries, and registered voters within the District vote for all seats on the Board;

WHEREAS, trustees are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next election for two trustees is scheduled for November 2022, with the remaining three trustees scheduled for election in November 2024;

WHEREAS, under the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"), at-large elections are impermissible if they result in racially polarized voting. Racially polarized voting is defined as "voting in which there is a difference...in the choice of candidates or other electoral choices that are preferred by voters in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates and electoral choices that are preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate."

WHEREAS, a transition from at-large to "by-trustee area" elections, where each trustee must reside within a designated trustee area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area, minimizes the potential for litigation against the District under the CVRA;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to promote meaningful voter involvement in the election of trustees and increase the ability of candidates to seek elected office;

WHEREAS the Board desires to ensure fair representation and has determined that transitioning to by-trustee elections is in the best interest of the District and its community;

WHEREAS, the boundaries for trustee areas in a by-trustee area election system are established based on population counts and demographics from the most recent United States' census;

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution #7-2019-20, a Resolution to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board Elections;

WHEREAS, the United States' census count occurs every ten (10) years with the last census count occurring in 2020 ("2020 Census");

WHEREAS, as provided in Resolution 7-2019-20, the Board intended to wait until the release of the 2020 Census data, and then immediately begin the transition process, to ensure that it was using the most up to date demographic data to create the trustee areas;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 pandemic-related delays, the release of the 2020 Census data was delayed from March 31, 2021 to September 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, now that the 2020 Census data has been released, the District Board will immediately begin the public hearing and map development process, with an aim to transition to by-trustee area elections in time for the November 2022 elections;

WHEREAS, the Board will hold a minimum of two public hearings prior to developing proposed trustee-area boundary maps;

WHEREAS, the District will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed with assistance from a demographer;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”), upon application of the District Board, to change the method of election of the Board from at-large to by-trustee area;

WHEREAS, the District will hold an additional public hearing before adopting a trustee-area map and submitting it to the County Committee for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of its need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing trustees in a cost effective and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. The Superintendent and/or designee shall commence the process of transitioning to by-trustee area elections, in full compliance with all appropriate procedures and policies provided in law;
3. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner to develop proposed trustee area boundaries, and to seek all necessary approval;
4. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel and demographer to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and
5. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on October 6, 2021, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Ted Donnelly, Carolyn Freedman, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Amanda Jackson
Miller and Phil Rodriguez

NOES: None

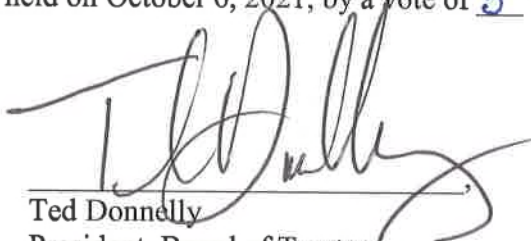
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

I, Scott Turnbull, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Soquel Union Elementary School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called meeting held on October 6, 2021, by a vote of 5 to 0.



Scott Turnbull
Clerk, Board of Trustees



Ted Donnelly
President, Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 12-2021-22**

**RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-TRUSTEE AREA
ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, trustees of the Soquel Union Elementary School District's ("District") Board of Education ("Board") are currently elected using an "at-large" election system, where trustees may reside anywhere within the District's boundaries, and registered voters within the District vote for all seats on the Board;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, on October 16, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution No. 7-2019-20, signaling its intent to transition from at-large to by-trustee area Board elections, where each Board member must reside within the designated trustee area boundary and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area (**Exhibit A**);

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution Number 10-2021-22, re-declaring its intent to transition from at-large to by-trustee area Board elections (**Exhibit B**);

WHEREAS, Cooperative Strategies ("Demographer") was retained to prepare by-trustee area election map options for the Board and public's consideration;

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, the Board held a public hearing to gather public input regarding potential trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010;

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2021, the Board held a second public hearing to gather community input regarding potential trustee area boundaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the District published four trustee area maps and potential elections sequencing on November 10, 2021, and held a public hearing on November 17, 2021 to gather public input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the District published revised trustee area maps and potential election sequencing for the public's review;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), on December 15, 2021, the Board held the second of two statutorily required public hearings on the proposed by-trustee area maps to gather input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, throughout this process, the District conducted expansive outreach to the community, including public notices, social media postings, postings on the District's website, and two online Zoom community meetings to allow members of the community to review the proposed maps and provide additional feedback. Community members participated in the meetings and

provided feedback via the Zoom online meetings. The community meetings were advertised throughout the District via postings, emails, and on the district's website, where the information was provided in the languages of English and Spanish;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law authorize the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application from a school district's governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020, as amended by Senate Bill 442, allows the County Committee to approve a district's proposal to change to by-trustee area elections, without the need to seek voter approval, so long as the County Committee adopts a resolution indicating that the change in the method of electing members of the district's governing board is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act 2001.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, after a public hearing on the matter, the Board of Education of the Soquel Union Elementary School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board hereby approves, and recommends that the County Committee approve, the adoption of by-trustee area elections and the trustee area map set forth in **Exhibit C**, which has been designated as Trustee Areas-Conceptual Scenario # 1.
3. The Board hereby approves, and recommends that the County Committee approve, the following sequencing of elections:
 - a. Upon giving special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act, and after taking into account the preferences expressed by members of the district, the board hereby proposes that:
 1. Trustee areas 3 and 4 be scheduled for election in 2022; and
 2. Trustee areas 1, 2, and 5 be scheduled for election in 2024.
4. The Board hereby recommends that the County Committee, in accordance with Education Code section 5020, include language in any Resolution approving the District's proposal, declaring that the change in method of election is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.
5. The District superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee, and to work with the County Committee and the County Clerk-Recorder's Office to conduct any acts necessary to effectuate the purposes

of this Resolution and to ensure that by-trustee area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2022 and 2024.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on January 19, 2022, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Amanda Jackson Miller, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Phil Rodriguez, Ted Donnelly, and Carolyn Freedman


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None


Amanda Jackson Miller, President
Board of Trustees of the Soquel Union
Elementary School District

Attest:


Scott Turnbull, Superintendent and Secretary
Board of Trustees of the Soquel Union
Elementary School District

I, Scott Turnbull, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Soquel Union Elementary School District, **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called meeting held on January 19, 2022, by a vote of 5 to 0.

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 7-2019-20**

**Resolution to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with
the 2022 Governing Board Election**

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's Governing Board, to change the method of election of governing board members in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") disfavors the use of an "at-large" election system for governing board members of a school district if "at-large" elections may impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election;

WHEREAS, board members of the Soquel Union Elementary School District ("District") are currently elected using an "at-large" election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the Governing Board);

WHEREAS, the considered view of the Board that the public interest will be better served by election of its board members using a "by-trustee area" election system (i.e., elections in which one candidate residing in each trustee area is elected by only the registered voters in that particular trustee area);

WHEREAS, because the data from the 2020 decennial federal census will not be released until 2021, after the 2020 election, if the District were to transition to "by-trustee" area elections in time for the 2020 election, it would be relying on data from the 2010 decennial federal census as a basis for drawing trustee area maps, which would not provide the most updated and reliable data about the demographics of the District;

WHEREAS, implementing the change to "by-trustee area" voting in 2022 instead of 2020 will eliminate the cost of some demographic services and the time and expense of two districting processes in two years, one for November 2020 using 2010 census data and a new process for November 2022 after the decennial 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of its need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing board members in a cost effective and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. Trustee area boundary lines shall be developed based on the most updated federal decennial census data following its release in 2021 to provide for "by-trustee areas" elections to be implemented in the 2022 and 2024 election cycles;

3. By this resolution and pursuant to Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law, the Board directs District staff to transmit this resolution to the County Committee to apply to have the County Committee adopt a change in the method of electing members of the Board from "at-large" elections to "by-trustee area" elections commencing with the 2022 Board elections;
4. Before submitting a final proposal to the County Committee for trustee area maps using the federal census data, multiple public hearings held in accordance with Elections Code section 10010 shall be scheduled to obtain public input on the draft proposals;
5. The Board shall apply to the County Committee for establishment of trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 5019 in a timely manner to have the 2022 elections for the Board conducted within the new trustee areas;
6. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner, and to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education of the election requirement imposed by Education Code section 5020;
7. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and
8. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on October 16, 2019, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Amanda Jackson Miller, Ted Donnelly, Phil Rodriguez, Carolyn Freedman and Jennifer Izant Gonzales

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Scott Turnbull, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Amanda Jackson Miller, President
Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 10-2021-22**

**Resolution to Re-Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing
with the 2022 Governing Board Election**

WHEREAS, trustees of the Soquel Union Elementary School District's ("District") Board of Education ("Board") are currently elected using on "at-large" election system, where trustees may reside anywhere within the District's boundaries, and registered voters within the District vote for all seats on the Board;

WHEREAS, trustees are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next election for two trustees is scheduled for November 2022, with the remaining three trustees scheduled for election in November 2024;

WHEREAS, under the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"), at-large elections are impermissible if they result in racially polarized voting. Racially polarized voting is defined as "voting in which there is a difference...in the choice of candidates or other electoral choices that are preferred by voters in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates and electoral choices that are preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate."

WHEREAS, a transition from at-large to "by-trustee area" elections, where each trustee must reside within a designated trustee area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area, minimizes the potential for litigation against the District under the CVRA;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to promote meaningful voter involvement in the election of trustees and increase the ability of candidates to seek elected office;

WHEREAS the Board desires to ensure fair representation and has determined that transitioning to by-trustee elections is in the best interest of the District and its community;

WHEREAS, the boundaries for trustee areas in a by-trustee area election system are established based on population counts and demographics from the most recent United States' census;

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution #7-2019-20, a Resolution to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board Elections;

WHEREAS, the United States' census count occurs every ten (10) years with the last census count occurring in 2020 ("2020 Census");

WHEREAS, as provided in Resolution 7-2019-20, the Board intended to wait until the release of the 2020 Census data, and then immediately begin the transition process, to ensure that it was using the most up to date demographic data to create the trustee areas;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 pandemic-related delays, the release of the 2020 Census data was delayed from March 31, 2021 to September 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, now that the 2020 Census data has been released, the District Board will immediately begin the public hearing and map development process, with an aim to transition to by-trustee area elections in time for the November 2022 elections;

WHEREAS, the Board will hold a minimum of two public hearings prior to developing proposed trustee-area boundary maps;

WHEREAS, the District will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed with assistance from a demographer;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”), upon application of the District Board, to change the method of election of the Board from at-large to by-trustee area;

WHEREAS, the District will hold an additional public hearing before adopting a trustee-area map and submitting it to the County Committee for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of its need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing trustees in a cost effective and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. The Superintendent and/or designee shall commence the process of transitioning to by-trustee area elections, in full compliance with all appropriate procedures and policies provided in law;
3. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner to develop proposed trustee area boundaries, and to seek all necessary approval;
4. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel and demographer to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and
5. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on October 6, 2021, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Ted Donnelly, Carolyn Freedman, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Amanda Jackson
Miller and Phil Rodriguez

NOES: None

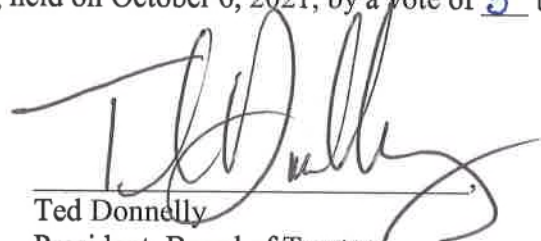
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

I, Scott Turnbull, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Soquel Union Elementary School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called meeting held on October 6, 2021, by a vote of 5 to 0.



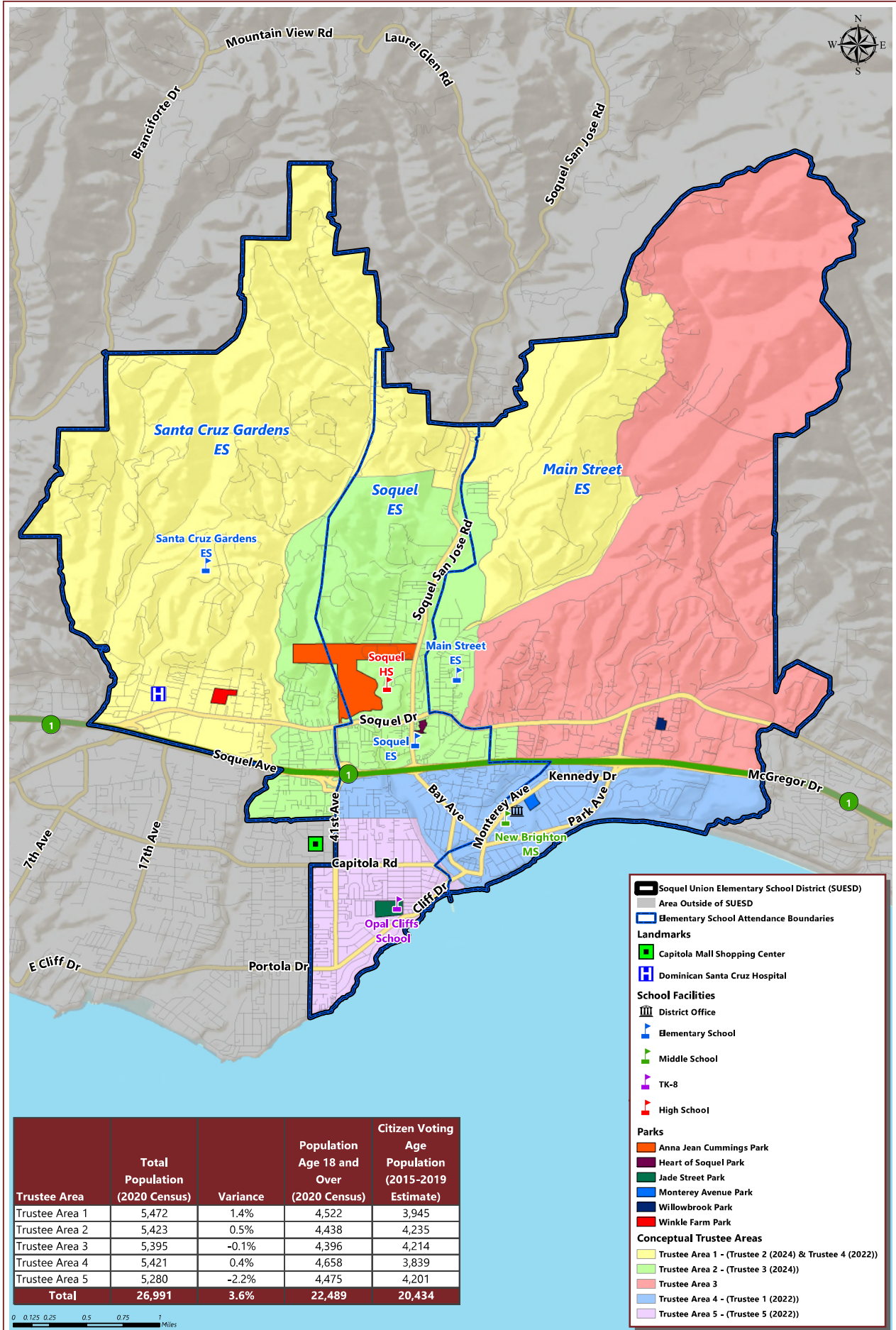
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SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

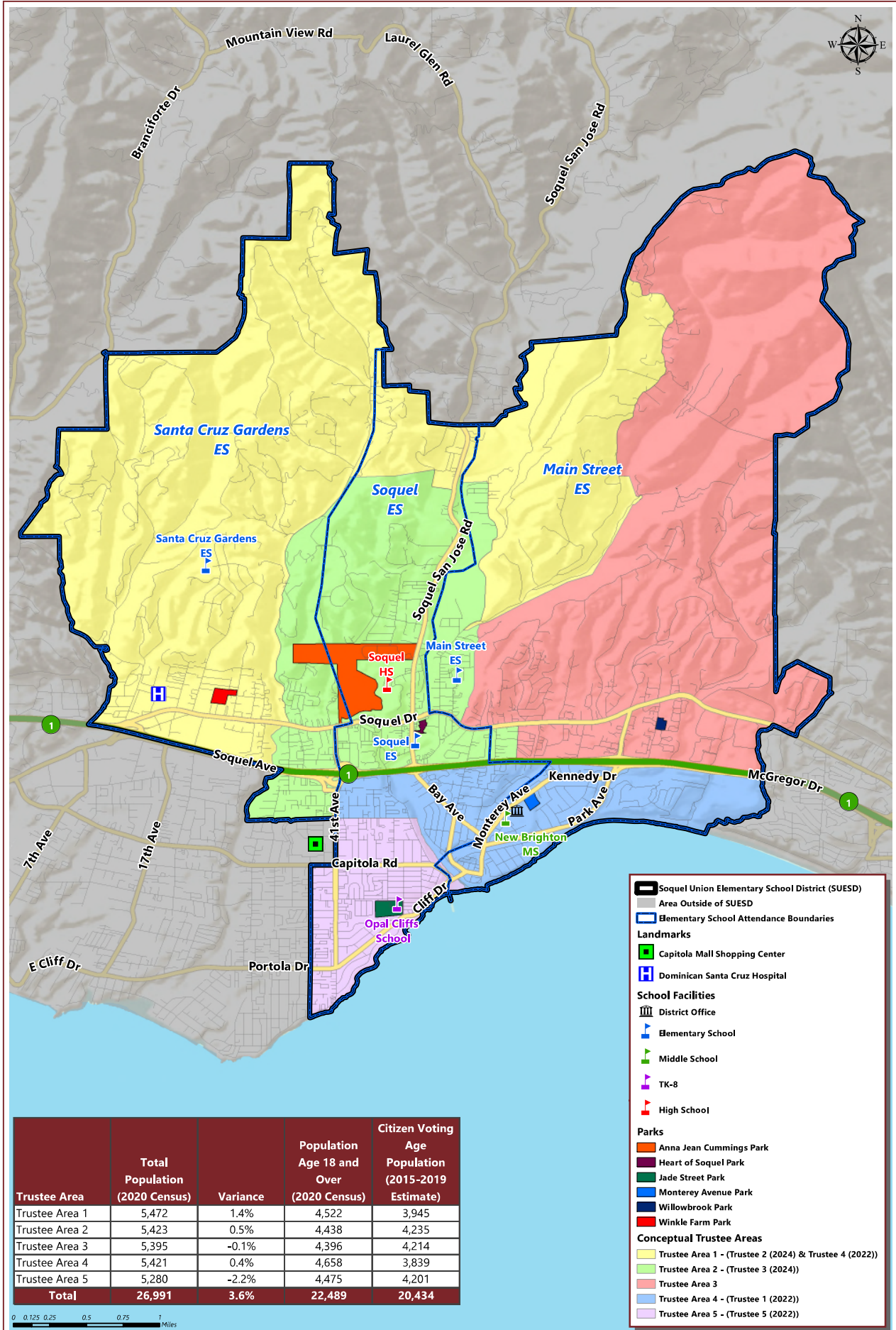
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December 2021

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