

1 **RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT**
2 **ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS,**
3 **CHANGE TO THE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION**
4 **PROCESS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEQUENCE OF ELECTION IN THE**
5 **SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

6 **WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2021, the Santa Ana Unified School District (“SAUSD”)
7 submitted a proposal to the Orange County Committee on School District Organization (“County
8 Committee”) to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area
9 election process.

10 **WHEREAS**, Education Code section 5019 provides that a proposal to establish trustee
11 areas or to change its method of electing governing board members as specified in Education
12 Code section 5030 may be initiated by resolution of the governing board of a school district; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Education Code section 5030 authorizes alternative methods of electing
14 school district governing board members, including at-large, hybrid, and by-trustee area
15 elections; and

16 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution #21/22-3340, the Board of Education of the Santa Ana
17 Unified School District adopted a by-trustee area electoral system for consideration by the
18 County Committee; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, as required by Education Code section 5019, and
20 after having complied with all notice requirements, the County Committee met within the
21 boundaries of the SAUSD, to conduct a public hearing to consider the proposal to establish
22 trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Santa
23 Ana Unified School District; and

24 **WHEREAS**, SAUSD’s proposal, supporting materials, and presentation demonstrate that
25 SAUSD initiated its proposed change to by-trustee-area elections in furtherance of the California
26 Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the
27 Elections Code) (CVRA), and the County Committee declares that SAUSD’s change in election
28 method is being made in furtherance of the of the purposes of the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, having considered the proposal of the Board of Education of the Santa Ana
Unified School District to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-

1 trustee area election process as set forth in its Resolution #21/22-3340 as well as public
2 comments, the County Committee recommends approval of the proposal of the Board of
3 Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:**

- 5 1. The recitals set forth above are correct and true.
- 6 2. The Orange County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves the
7 Santa Ana Unified School District's proposal to:
- 8 a. Adopt by-trustee area elections, implementing SAUSD'S trustee area boundaries
9 map identified as Map Scenario 4.
- 10 b. Assign the sequence of elections for SAUSD's five trustee areas as follows:
- 11 i. Trustee Areas 4 and 5 scheduled for election in 2022; and
12 ii. Trustee Area 1, 2, and 3 scheduled for election in 2024.
- 13 3. Pursuant to Education Code section 5020(a)(2), SAUSD's change to by-trustee area
14 method of elections need not be submitted to the electors of SAUSD for approval. This
15 resolution shall take effect upon adoption and shall govern all elections for governing
16 board members occurring at least 125 days after adoption of this resolution.
- 17 4. SAUSD shall submit the change in method of electing governing board members, trustee
18 area boundary map, sequence of elections, and any other required information to the
19 appropriate county elections officials, and to all other necessary parties by all required
20 deadlines.
- 21 5. The Orange County Committee on School District Organization hereby authorizes the
22 Secretary to the County Committee to take any other actions needed to effectuate the
23 purposes of this resolution.

24 **ADOPTED this _____ day of February 2022**

25 Motion made by:

26 Second made by:

27 AYES:

28 NOES:

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ABSENT:

I, Howard Marinier, Secretary to the Orange County Committee on School District Organization, hereby certify, in the County of Orange, State of California, that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said County Committee at a special meeting thereof held on the ____ day of February, 2022, and passed by a vote of ___ to ___ in favor of said Committee Members present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of February 2022.

Howard Marinier
Secretary to the Orange County Committee
on School District Organization

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EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #21/22-3340**

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