

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28

**RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE  
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION #26-02 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL  
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE  
AREAS, THE CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA  
ELECTION PROCESS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEQUENCE OF ELECTIONS IN  
THE LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code section 5019, the Orange County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee") has the authority to establish trustee areas and to adopt an alternative method of election for governing board members as specified in Education Code section 5030 for the school districts of Orange County; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2026, the County Committee received a proposal from the Board of Education of the La Habra City School District ("LHCSD") requesting approval to establish (1) trustee areas in accordance with Map Option 2; (2) the adoption of a by-trustee area method of election; and (3) a sequence of elections for the by-trustee area election system, as set forth in LHCSD Resolution No. 14-2025, which includes Map Option 2 and proposed sequence of elections, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A ("LHCSD Resolution"); and

**WHEREAS**, the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 ("CVRA") prohibits the use of an at-large election method that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or influence the outcome of an election; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Committee's approval of the proposal set forth in the LHCSD Resolution would constitute an order of election on the proposal, unless the County Committee approves, by resolution, the proposal to establish a by-trustee area method of election and includes a declaration that the change in the method of electing members of the governing body is being

1 made in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA, in accordance with Education Code section  
2 5020(a)(2); and

3 **WHEREAS**, the materials submitted by LHCS D to the County Committee in support of  
4 the LHCS D Resolution demonstrate that the decision to transition to by-trustee area method of  
5 election was undertaken in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA; and

6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c), the County Committee gave  
7 public notice for, held, and conducted a public hearing within the boundaries of LHCS D at its  
8 meeting on April 29, 2026, to consider the proposal set forth in the LHCS D Resolution; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Education Code section 5019(e) requires trustee areas to comply with the  
10 requirement and criteria of Elections Code section 21130, as established by the Fair and Inclusive  
11 Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions Act (“FAIR MAPS Act”); and

12 **WHEREAS**, the County Committee, having considered the LHCS D Resolution, the  
13 administrative record, and the testimony received at the public hearing, hereby finds that action on  
14 LHCS D’s proposal is appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Committee on**  
16 **School District Organization hereby resolves, determines and declares as follows:**

- 17 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
- 18 2. The establishment of trustee areas for the La Habra City School District and adoption  
19 of a by-trustee area method of election are approved consistent with this Resolution.
- 20 3. LHCS D’s Map Option 2 is approved and adopted as the trustee area boundary map for  
21 the La Habra City School District.
- 22 4. The sequence of election for members of the Board of Education of the La Habra City  
23 School District, under the by-trustee area election system, is approved as follows:
  - 24 a. Trustee Areas 2, 3, and 4 scheduled for election in 2026; and
  - 25 b. Trustee Areas 1 and 5 scheduled for election in 2028.
- 26 5. The trustee areas approved herein comply with the requirements of Education Code  
27 section 5019(e) and the requirements and criteria set forth in Elections Code section  
28 21130.

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Committee on School District  
2 Organization further finds and declares that the establishment of trustee areas and the adoption of  
3 a by-trustee area method of election for the La Habra City School District are in furtherance of the  
4 purposes of the California Voting Rights Act; and therefore:

- 5           1. LHCS D's change to a by-trustee area method of election need not be submitted to the  
6           electors of LHCS D for approval;
- 7           2. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption and shall govern all elections for  
8           LHCS D governing board members occurring at least 125 days after adoption of this  
9           Resolution; and
- 10          3. The LHCS D Superintendent, or designee, shall submit the change in method of electing  
11          governing board members, trustee area boundary map, sequence of elections, and any  
12          other required information to the appropriate county officials, including the Orange  
13          County Registrar of Voters, and to all other necessary parties by all required deadlines.

14           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Orange County Committee on School District  
15 Organization hereby authorizes the Secretary to the County Committee to take any other actions  
16 needed to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

17  
18           **ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District  
19 Organization held on April 29, 2026:

20           **Motion** made by: Member Lauren Brooks

21           **Seconded** by: Member Marilyn Buchi

22  
23           **AYES:** Chair Suzie Swartz, Members: Lauren Brooks, Marilyn Buchi, Paulette Chaffee, Jackie  
24           Filbeck, Kathleen Heard, Kathy Moffat, Randy Reta

25           **NOES:** Vice Chair David Johnson

26           **ABSENT:** Members: Sheila Benecke, Karin Freeman

27  
28           I, Howard Marinier, Secretary to the Orange County Committee on School District  
Organization, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the

1 County Committee at a special meeting held on the 29th day of April 2026, in the County of  
2 Orange, State of California, by a vote of 8 to 1 in favor by the Committee Members present.

3 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of April 2026.

4  
5  
6 

7 \_\_\_\_\_  
8 Howard Marinier  
9 Secretary to the Orange County Committee on  
10 School District Organization  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28

**EXHIBIT A**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025**

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2025**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING A TRUSTEE  
AREA MAP AND INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT BY-  
TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board of Education of the La Habra City School District (“School District” or “District”) are currently elected in “at-large” elections, i.e., elections in which “each governing board member [is] elected by the registered voters of the entire school district” in accordance with the provisions of Education Code section 5030(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board members are elected in even numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms such that the next election for three Board members is scheduled for 2026, with the remaining board members scheduled for election in 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2024, the Board adopted its Resolution and took action to move from an at large election system to a by-trustee area election system for District Board members; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Elections Code section 10010(a)(1), on June 13, 2024, and June 27, 2024, the Superintendent, on behalf of the District, held public hearings to review and solicit input on the composition of the maps and the sequence of elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Elections Code section 10010(a)(2) on September 11, 2025 and October 9, 2025, the Board held public hearings to review and solicit input on the different map options; and

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code §§ 5019 and 5030 authorize the Orange 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the La Habra City School District as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby approves the by-trustee area map(s) set forth in Exhibit A.


3. The Board hereby recommends that the proposed sequence of elections shall be the same as the current sequence of elections so that trustee areas 2, 3 and 4 as identified in Exhibit B be assigned for election in 2026, with the remaining trustee areas be assigned for election in 2028.

4. The District Superintendent/designee are hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, including submission of the required application to the County Committee.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LA HABRA  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:   
President

By:   
Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Justin Rodgers Clerk of the Board of Education of the La Habra City School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting place thereof on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Education had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present; and that at said meeting said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

An agenda of said meeting was posted at least 72 hours before said meeting at La Habra, California, a location freely accessible to members of the public, and a brief general description of said resolution appeared on said agenda.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in my office; that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said Board meeting and entered in said minutes; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

Dated: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



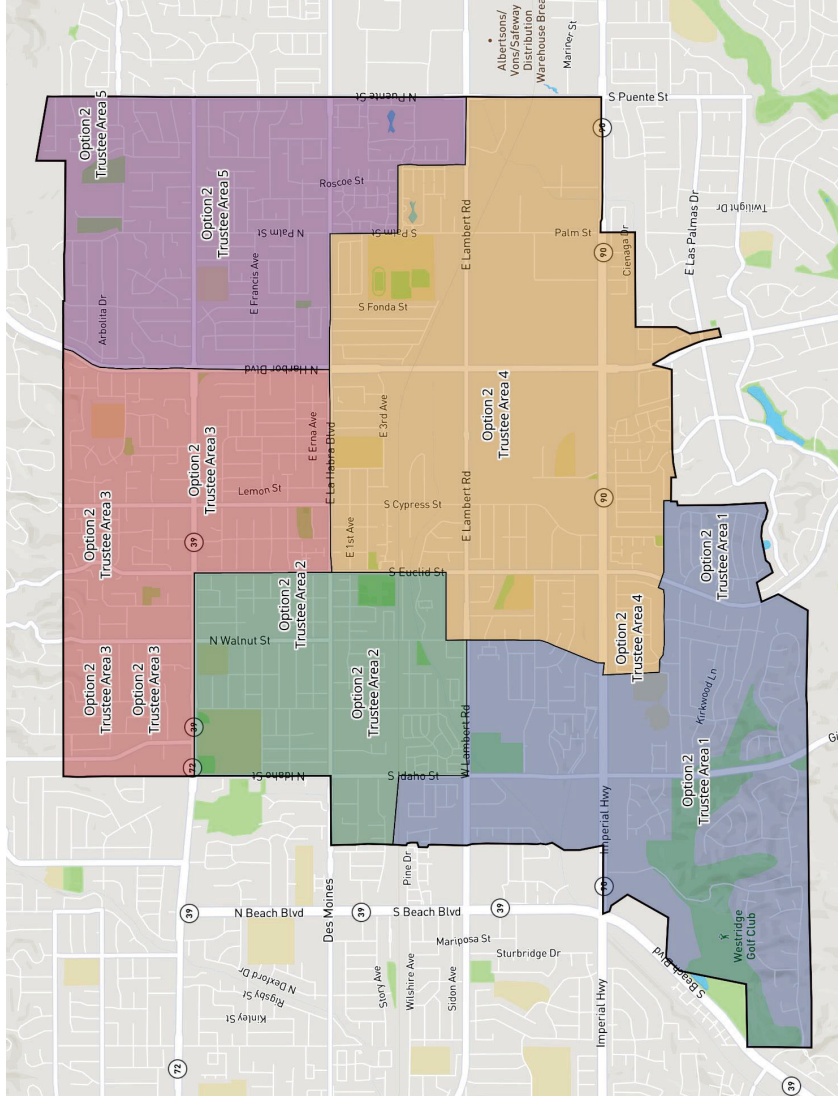
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of Education of  
The La Habra City School District

EXHIBIT A

(The approved Map will be inserted as Exhibit A after Board approval)



# La Habra City School District Trustee Area Map Option 2



Sequence of Elections:

Trustee Area 2 (Green)	November 2026
Trustee Area 3 (Red)	November 2026
Trustee Area 4 (Yellow)	November 2026
Trustee Area 5 (Purple)	November 2028
Trustee Area 1 (Blue)	November 2028

## EXHIBIT B

Under proposed Exhibit A boundary maps, the sequence of elections is that following 3 trustee areas will be assigned for election in 2026

Trustee Area 2

Trustee Area 3

Trustee Area 4

The remaining trustee areas will be assigned for election in 2028.