RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS, CHANGE TO THE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEQUENCE OF ELECTION IN THE SAVANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2022, the Savanna Elementary School District submitted a proposal to the Orange County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process.

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5019 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, Education Code section 5030 authorizes alternative methods of electing school district governing board members, including at-large, hybrid, and by-trustee area elections; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020 provides that the County Committee may, by resolution, approve a proposal to establish trustee areas and to elect governing board members using district-based elections, without being required to submit the resolution to the electors of the school district for approval.

WHEREAS, by Resolution #2021/22-06, the Board of Education of the Savanna Elementary School District adopted a by-trustee area electoral system for consideration by the County Committee; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, as required by Education Code section 5019, and after having complied with all notice requirements, the County Committee met within the boundaries of the Savanna Elementary School District, to conduct a public hearing to consider the proposal to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Savanna Elementary School District; and

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

WHEREAS, having considered the proposal of the Board of Education of the Savanna Elementary School District to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process as set forth in its Resolution #2021/22-06 as well as public comments, the County Committee recommends approval of the proposal of the Board of Education of the Savanna Elementary School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth above are correct and true.

2. The Orange County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves the Savanna Elementary School District’s proposal to:

   a. Adopt by-trustee area elections, implementing Savanna Elementary School District’s trustee area boundaries map identified as Map Plan 3.

   b. Assign the sequence of elections for Savanna Elementary School District’s five trustee areas as follows:

      i. Trustee Areas 1, 2, and 3 scheduled for election in 2022; and

      ii. Trustee Area 4 and 5 scheduled for election in 2024.

3. Pursuant to Education Code section 5020(a)(2), Savanna Elementary School District’s change to by-trustee area method of elections need not be submitted to the electors of Savanna Elementary School District for approval. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption and shall govern all elections for governing board members occurring at least 125 days after adoption of this resolution.

4. Savanna Elementary School District shall submit the change in method of electing governing board members, trustee area boundary map, sequence of elections, and any other required information to the appropriate county elections officials, and to all other necessary parties by all required deadlines.
5. The Orange County Committee on School District Organization hereby authorizes the Secretary to the County Committee to take any other actions needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day of April 2022

Motion made by:
Second made by:
AYES:
NOES:
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 April, 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 April 2022.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAVANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #2021/22-06