

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

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4 **RESOLUTION #26-_____ OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL**
5 **DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE**
6 **AREAS, THE CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA**
7 **ELECTION PROCESS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEQUENCE OF ELECTIONS IN**
8 **THE OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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

17 **WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2025, the County Committee received a proposal from
18 Ocean View School District (“OVSD”) requesting approval to establish (1) trustee areas in
19 accordance with Map Scenario 2; (2) the adoption of a by-trustee area method of election; and (3)
20 a sequence of elections for the by-trustee area election system, as set forth in OVSD Resolution
21 No. 08:2526, which includes Map Scenario 2, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as
22 Exhibit A (“OVSD Resolution”); and

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

26 **WHEREAS**, the County Committee’s approval of the proposal set forth in the OVSD
27 Resolution would constitute an order of election on the proposal, unless the County Committee
28 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 OVSD Resolution declares that the OVSD Board of Trustees' decision
4 to transition to by-trustee area method of election was undertaken in furtherance of the purposes
5 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 OVSD at its
8 meeting on February 18, 2026, to consider the proposal set forth in the OVSD 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 OVSD Resolution, the
13 administrative record, and the testimony received at the public hearing, hereby finds that action on
14 OVSD'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 Ocean View School District and adoption of
19 a by-trustee area method of election are approved consistent with this resolution.
- 20 3. OVSD's Map Scenario 2 is approved and adopted as the trustee area boundary map for
21 Ocean View School District.
- 22 4. The sequence of election for members of the Board of Trustees of the Ocean View
23 School District, under the by-trustee area election system, is approved as follows:
 - 24 a. Trustee Areas 2, 4, and 5 scheduled for election in 2026; and
 - 25 b. Trustee Areas 1 and 3 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 Ocean View School District are in furtherance of the
4 purposes of the California Voting Rights Act; and therefore:

- 5 1. OVSD's change to a by-trustee area method of election need not be submitted to the
6 electors of OVSD for approval.
- 7 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption and shall govern all elections for OVSD
8 governing board members occurring at least 125 days after adoption of this resolution;
9 and
- 10 3. The OVSD 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 **ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2026**

18 Motion made by:

19 Second made by:

20 AYES:

21 NOES:

22 ABSENT:

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24 I, Howard Marinier, Secretary to the Orange County Committee on School District
25 Organization, hereby certify, in the County of Orange, State of California, that the above and
26 foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said County Committee at a special
27 meeting thereof held on the ____ day of February, 2026, and passed by a vote of ____ to ____ in
28 favor of said Committee Members present.

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2 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of February 2026.
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6 Howard Marinier
7 Secretary to the Orange County Committee
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EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 08:2526**

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RESOLUTION NO. 08:2526

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY RECOMMENDING
THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS
FROM WHICH THE OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED
IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Ocean View School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing members of its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, At-large electoral systems such as the Districts are subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, codified at Sections 14025 - 14032 of the California Elections Code ("CVRA"); and

WHEREAS, By-trustee area electoral systems are not vulnerable to challenge under the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, In a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") must reside within a specific geographic subarea of the District called a "trustee area" and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

WHEREAS, One method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by-trustee area electoral system is for the Board to petition the local county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code Section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Committee on School District Organization ("Committee") has indicated that it will initiate this process on behalf of the District at the District's request, and will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

WHEREAS, as part of the process, District administration met with various stakeholders, including representatives of Ocean View Teachers Association, California School Employees Association and its Local Chapter No. 375, and other District committees, to discuss the waiver of the election that is ordered by the Committee pursuant to Education Code Section 5020(a)(1) upon the Committee's approval of the District's plan to transition to by-trustee area elections; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, the Board held a public hearing on the waiver of the election requirement; and

WHEREAS, SB 442, passed in July 2021, amended Education Code Section 5020 to add Section (a)(2) which authorizes the Committee to, "by resolution, approve a proposal to establish trustee areas and to elect governing board members using district-based elections, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 14026 of the Elections Code, without being required to submit the resolution to the electors of the district for approval."; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's resolution required by Education Code Section 5020 must "include a declaration that the change in the method of electing members of the governing body is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001."

WHEREAS, District staff and consultants have conducted public hearings on January 28, 2025, and February 25, 2025, for pre-map input as required by law, prepared proposed trustee area plans and recommendations (the "Plans") that were first presented to the public at the District's Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2025, and thereafter posted the Plans and further updated Plans on the District's website for further input; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding the proposed trustee area plans on March 25, 2025, April 8, 2025, and May 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board also held an additional public hearing on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all public input and comment on the Plans; and

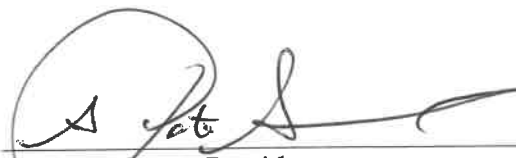
WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Plan 2 and hereby recommends Plan 2 to the Committee for its consideration based upon the findings, analysis and recommendations contained in the report attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A."

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Ocean View School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That beginning in November 2026, the District shall use a by-trustee area method of election to elect the District's Trustees.
3. That the Board has adopted Plan 2 and recommends Plan 2 to the Committee for consideration and adoption.
4. That at the District's next election in 2026, seats in trustee areas 2, 4, and 5 will be up for election, and in November 2028, seats in trustee areas 1, 3, and X will be up for election.
5. That the District's transition to by-trustee area election was a decision made by the Board of Trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.
6. That the Board requests the Committee to "by resolution, approve a proposal to establish trustee areas and to elect governing board members using district-based elections, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 14026 of the Elections Code, without being required to submit the resolution to the electors of the district for approval."
7. That the Board requests the Committee's resolution "include a declaration that the change in the method of electing members of the governing body is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001."

8. That the Superintendent and/or her designee take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October, 2025.



Patricia Singer, President
Board of Trustees
Ocean View School District of Orange County

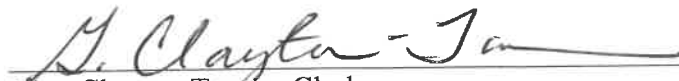
I, Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Ocean View School District of Orange County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 14 day of October, 2025, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: CLAYTON-TARVIN, GORSAGE, SINGER, SODERS

NOES: WESTMORELAND

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Ocean View School District of Orange County

EXHIBIT “A”

APPROVED TRUSTEE AREA MAP

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Conceptual Trustee Areas

Scenario 2

