



ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

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AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING AND TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Meeting Times and Locations

1st Public Hearing

4:00 p.m.
Board Room
Capistrano Unified School District
33122 Valle Road
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

2nd Public Hearing

6:30 p.m.
Board Room
Saddleback Valley Unified School District
25631 Peter A. Hartman Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

SUBJECT: Petition for Proposed Transfer of Territory from Saddleback Valley Unified School District to the Capistrano Unified School District - Lomas Laguna Homeowner Association (“Lomas Laguna HOA”)

The Orange County Committee on School District Organization is an eleven-member committee comprised of two representatives from each supervisorial district and one member at large elected by representatives from local boards of education. The County Committee studies and makes recommendations in the areas of (a) the organization and reorganization of school districts; (b) changes in school district boundaries; and (c) the number of trustees and the manner by which they are elected. For more information on the County Committee, please visit its website at <http://www.ocde.us/CCSDO/Pages/default.aspx>.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. Any person may address the County Committee as a part of tonight’s public meeting under Public Comments.¹ Prior to the opening of the meeting, a Request to Address the County Committee card (located at the back of the room) should be completed and submitted to Melanie Inskip, Orange County Department of Education staff.

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call

¹ Public testimony shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per item with a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker, except as otherwise noted.

4. Adoption of Agenda (ACTION)
5. Acceptance of Minutes – November 2, 2023 (ACTION)
6. Public Comment of Persons Desiring to Address the County Committee on Agenda Items: Not to exceed 3 minutes per person/30 minutes total
7. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING** on the Petition for Proposed Transfer of Territory from Saddleback Valley Unified School District to Capistrano Unified School District - Lomas Laguna HOA
 - A. Staff Report
 - B. Open Public Hearing
 1. Chief Petitioner(s) – 15 minutes
 2. Representative(s) from the Capistrano Unified School District – 15 minutes
 3. Representative(s) from the Saddleback Valley Unified School District – 15 minutes
 4. Public Comments – 30 minutes
 5. Rebuttal from the Chief Petitioner(s) – 5 minutes
 6. Rebuttal from representative(s) from the Capistrano Unified School District – 5 minutes
 7. Rebuttal from representative(s) from the Saddleback Valley Unified School District – 5 minutes
 8. Rebuttal Public Comments – 5 minutes
 9. Close Public Hearing
 - C. Questions from County Committee
8. Public Comment of Persons Desiring to Address the County Committee: Not to exceed 3 minutes per person/ 30 minutes total. *Any persons present desiring to address the County Committee on any proper matter not on the agenda may do so at this time, provided that no action may be taken on any item not on the agenda*
9. Recess meeting for travel to 2nd Public Hearing held at the Saddleback Valley Unified School District
10. Call to Order to Reconvene Meeting
11. Roll Call
12. Public Comment of Persons Desiring to Address the County Committee on Agenda Items: Not to exceed 3 minutes per person/30 minutes total

13. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING** on the Petition for Proposed Transfer of Territory from Saddleback Valley Unified School District to Capistrano Unified School District - Lomas Laguna HOA

A. Staff Report

B. Open Public Hearing

1. Chief Petitioner(s) – 15 minutes
2. Representative(s) from the Saddleback Valley Unified School District – 15 minutes
3. Representative(s) from the Capistrano Unified School District – 15 minutes
4. Public Comments – 30 minutes
5. Rebuttal from the Chief Petitioner(s) – 5 minutes
6. Rebuttal from representative(s) from the Saddleback Valley Unified School District – 5 minutes
7. Rebuttal from representative(s) from the Capistrano Unified School District – 5 minutes
8. Rebuttal Public Comments – 5 minutes
9. Close Public Hearing

C. Questions from County Committee

14. Determination of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Petition for Proposed Transfer of Territory - Lomas Laguna HOA (ACTION)

A. Staff Report

B. Discussion/Questions from County Committee Members

C. Vote on determination of CEQA exemption and authorize filing of Notice of Exemption conditional upon approval of the Petition for Transfer of Territory – Lomas Laguna HOA Petition (ACTION)

15. Discussion/Action on the Petition for Proposed Transfer of Territory from Saddleback Valley Unified School District to Capistrano Unified School District - Lomas Laguna HOA:

A. The County Committee will vote on whether each of the criteria specified in Education Code Section 35753 is substantially met: (Each criterion will be voted on individually) (ACTION)

1. Criterion 1
The reorganized districts will be adequate in terms of number of pupils enrolled. [E.C. §35753(a)(1)]
2. Criterion 2
The school districts are each organized on the basis of a substantial community identity. [E.C. §35753(a)(2)]
3. Criterion 3
The proposal will result in an equitable division of property and facilities of the original district or districts. [E.C. §35753(a)(3)]

4. Criterion 4
The reorganization of the school districts will preserve each affected district's ability to educate pupils in an integrated environment and will not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation. [E.C. §35753(a)(4)]
5. Criterion 5
Any increase in costs to the state as a result of the proposed reorganization will be insignificant and otherwise incidental to the reorganization. [E.C. §35753(a)(5)]
6. Criterion 6
The proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound education performance and will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the affected districts. [E.C. §35753(a)(6)]
7. Criterion 7
Any increase in school facilities costs as a result of the proposed reorganization will be insignificant and otherwise incidental to the reorganization. [E.C. §35753(a)(7)]
8. Criterion 8
The proposed reorganization is primarily designed for purposes other than to significantly increase property values. [E.C. §35753(a)(8)]
9. Criteria 9
The proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound fiscal management and not cause a substantial negative effect on the fiscal status of the affected district. [E.C. §35753(a)(9)]

B. Discussion on Lomas Laguna HOA Petition.

C. Vote on Motion to Approve or Disapprove Petition for Proposed Transfer of Territory from Saddleback Valley Unified School District to Capistrano Unified School District - Lomas Laguna HOA. (ACTION)

D. If the Lomas Laguna HOA Petition is approved, determination of Area of Election.

1. Staff Report
2. Discussion/Questions from County Committee Members
3. Vote on Area of Election (ACTION)

16. Public Comment of Persons Desiring to Address the County Committee: Not to exceed 3 minutes per person/ 30 minutes total. *Any persons present desiring to address the County Committee on any proper matter not on the agenda may do so at this time, provided that no action may be taken on any item not on the agenda.*

17. Next Meeting: To be determined

18. Adjournment

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