



Santa Ana Unified School District

ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND BY- AREA METHOD OF ELECTION

Presentation to the Orange County
Committee on School District Organization
February 24, 2022



About Us

- Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD), founded in 1888 is the second-largest school district in Orange County and is the eleventh largest school district in the state of California with approximately 43,000 students. SAUSD contains 52 schools and is the 2nd largest employer in Santa Ana, providing job opportunities to approximately 5,000 employees.
- School District undertook the transition from at-large method of election to the by-area method of election voluntarily and engaged in an open process to create voting areas that ensured fair representation for all residents

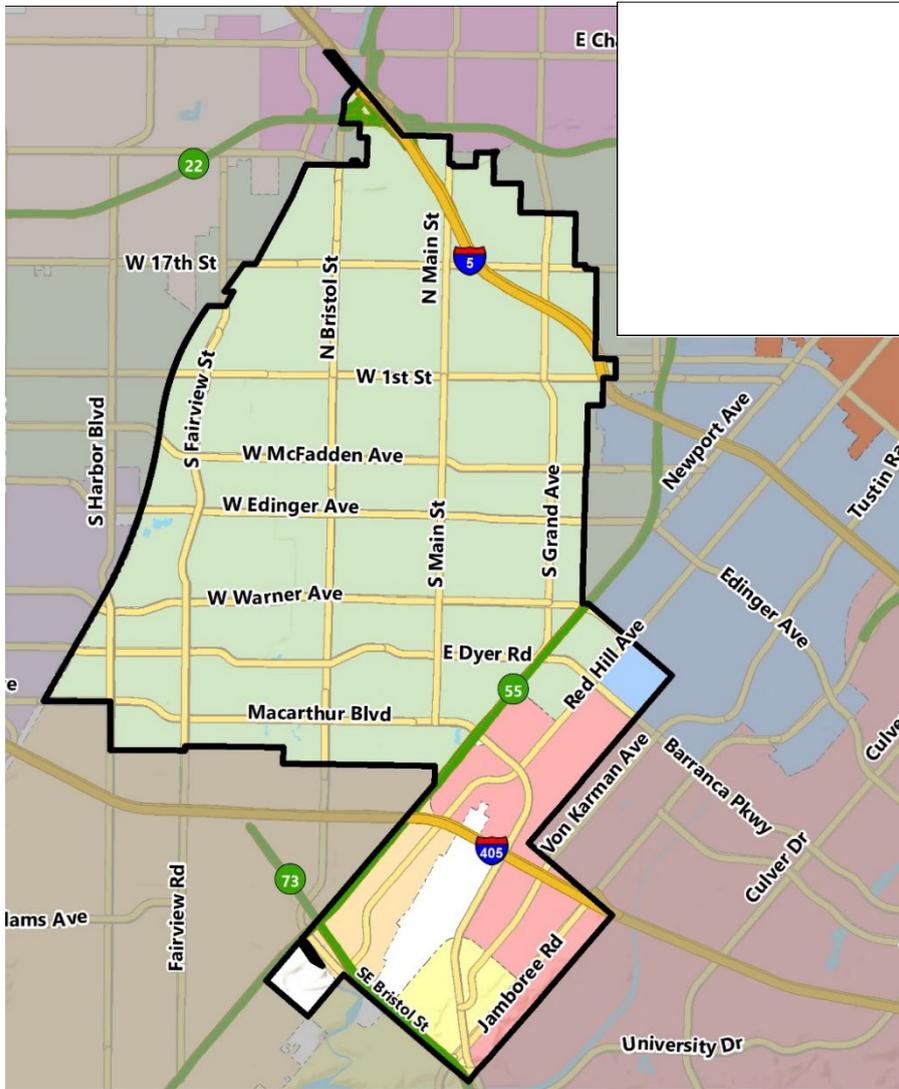


Trustee Area Process

Date	Activity
September 28, 2021	Board Meeting: First Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation
October 18, 2021 6pm to 8pm: Santa Ana High School	Board Meeting: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation Community Input Meeting
October 25, 2021 6pm to 8pm: Godinez Fundamental High School	Board Meeting: Third Pre-Map Public Hearing Community Input Meeting
November 8, 2021 6pm to 8pm: Century High School	Board Meeting: First Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios Community Input Meeting
December 6, 2021 6pm to 8pm: Segerstrom Fundamental High School	Board Meeting: Second Public Hearing on Trustee Area Scenarios Community Input Meeting Board Selection of Trustee Area Map Board Consideration of Change in Election Method
February 24, 2022	County Committee on School District Organization Holds a Public Hearing and Considers Approval of Change in Election Method and Trustee Area Map
November 2022	First Election Held Utilizing Trustee Areas



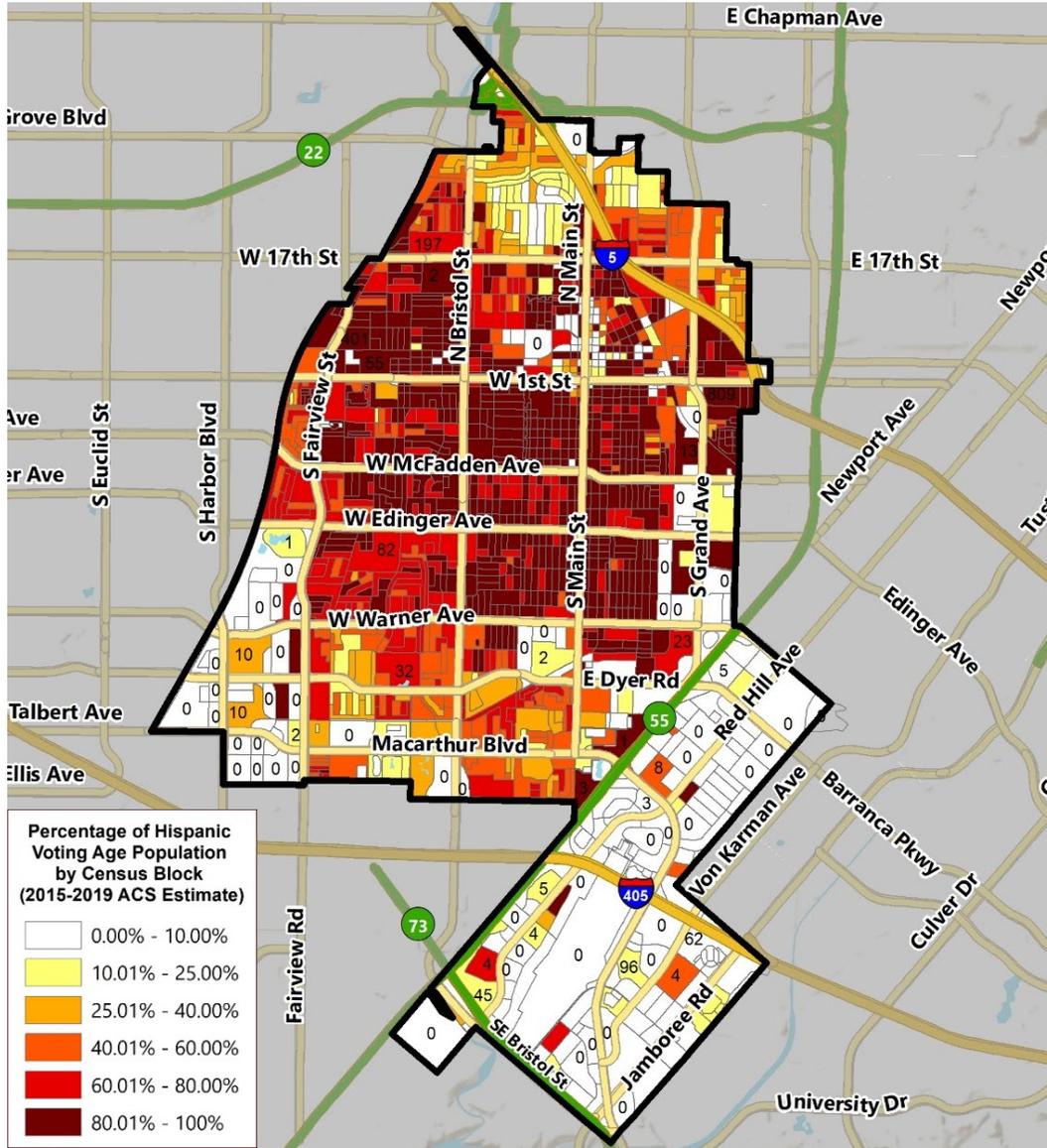
District Demographics – 2020 Census Data



Population	Total Population		Age 18 and over	
	Total	%	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	192,752	79.1%	139,076	75.7%
White	23,566	9.7%	21,359	11.6%
Black/ African American	2,423	1.0%	2,137	1.2%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	406	0.2%	326	0.2%
Asian	20,339	8.3%	17,660	9.6%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	408	0.2%	313	0.2%
Other	3,054	1.3%	2,333	1.3%
Two or More Races	800	0.3%	540	0.3%
Total Population	243,748	100%	183,744	100%



District Demographics – Citizen Voting Age Population Estimates



Population	2015-2019 CVAP	
	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	81,935	66.7%
White	23,227	18.9%
Black/ African American	1,875	1.5%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	314	0.3%
Asian	14,034	11.4%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	427	0.3%
Two or More Races	1,018	0.8%
Total Population	122,830	100%



Compliance with Section 10010 of the Elections Code

“(a) A political subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a district-based election, or that establishes district-based elections, shall do all of the following before a public hearing at which the governing body of the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat an ordinance establishing district-based elections:

(1) Before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts, the political subdivision shall hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than 30 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts. Before these hearings, the political subdivision may conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation.”

The two public hearings occurred on October 18, 2021 and October 25, 2021. All hearings were properly noticed in advance.

“(2) After all draft maps are drawn, the political subdivision shall publish and make available for release at least one draft map and, if members of the governing body of the political subdivision will be elected in their districts at different times to provide for staggered terms of office, the potential sequence of the elections. The political subdivision shall also hold at least two additional hearings over a period of no more than 45 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable. The first version of a draft map shall be published at least seven days before consideration at a hearing. If a draft map is revised at or following a hearing, it shall be published and made available to the public for at least seven days before being adopted.”

The District held two (2) such hearings on November 8, 2021 and December 6, 2021, prior to adopting the final map scenario. All maps were posted at least seven (7) days prior to consideration and all public hearings were properly noticed in advance.



Considerations in Trustee Areas



Each area shall contain nearly equal number of inhabitants



Follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible



Drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act



Respect incumbency, if possible



Compact and contiguous, as much as possible



Other local considerations (i.e., school boundaries, locations of school sites)

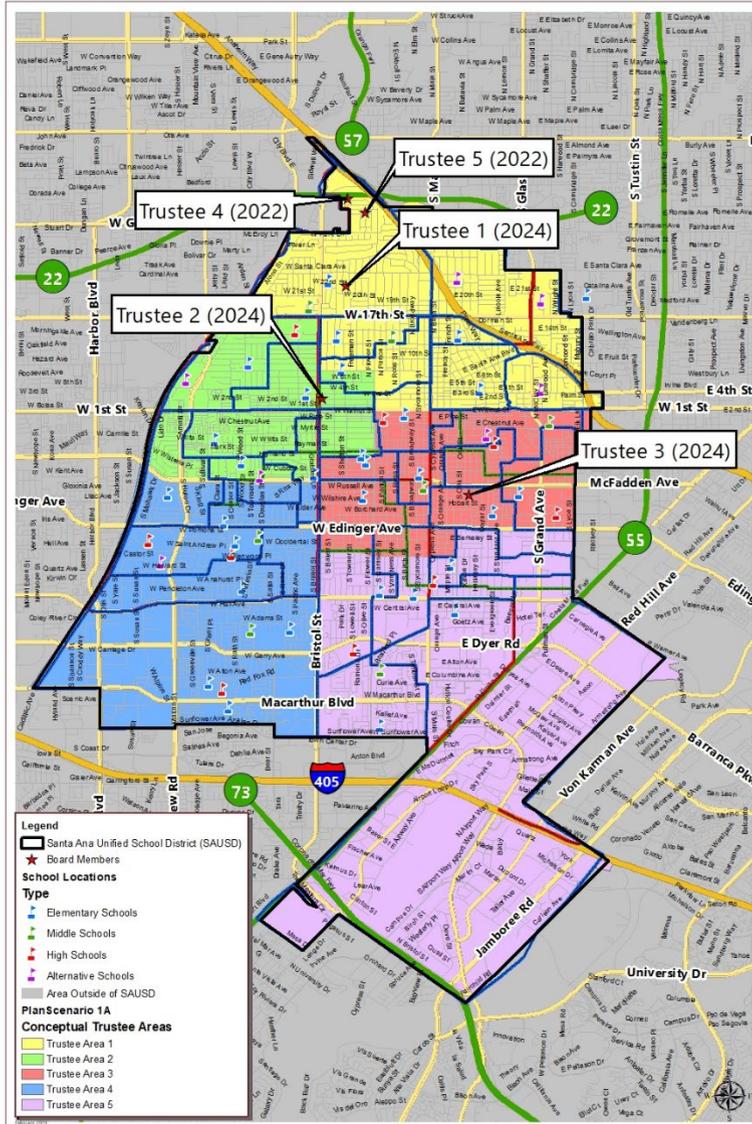


Respect communities of interest, as much as possible

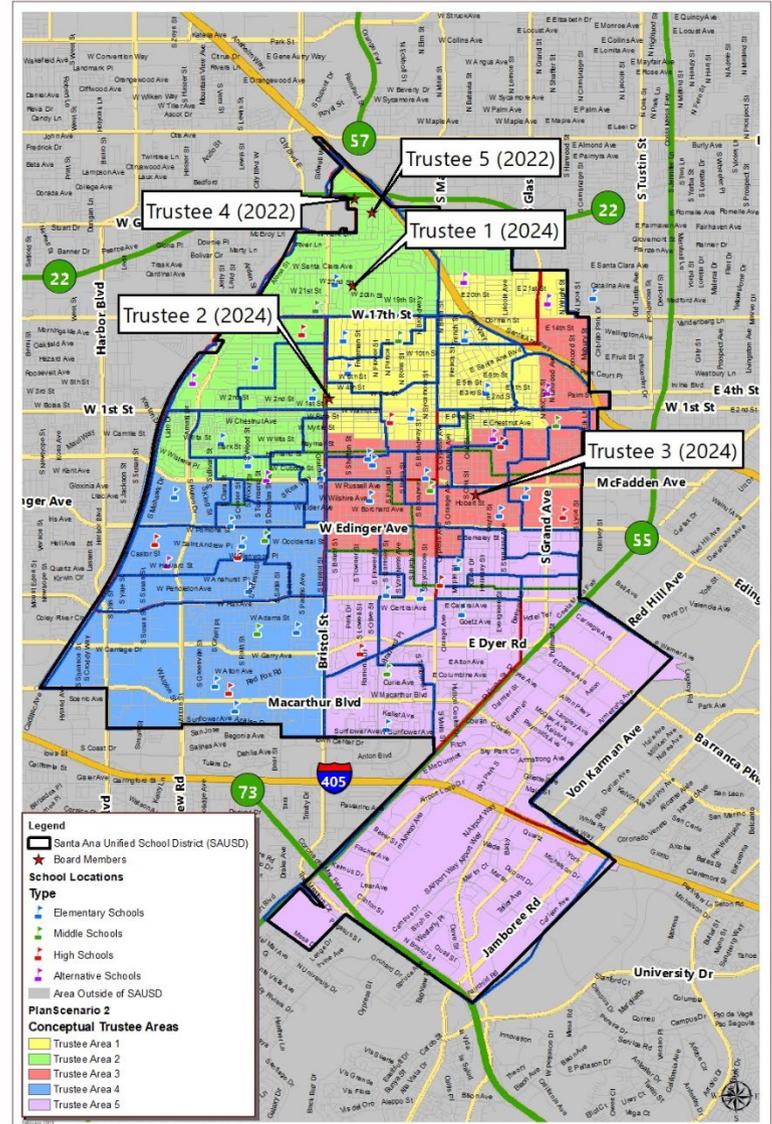


Conceptual Trustee Scenarios - Trustee Area Process

SCENARIO 1A



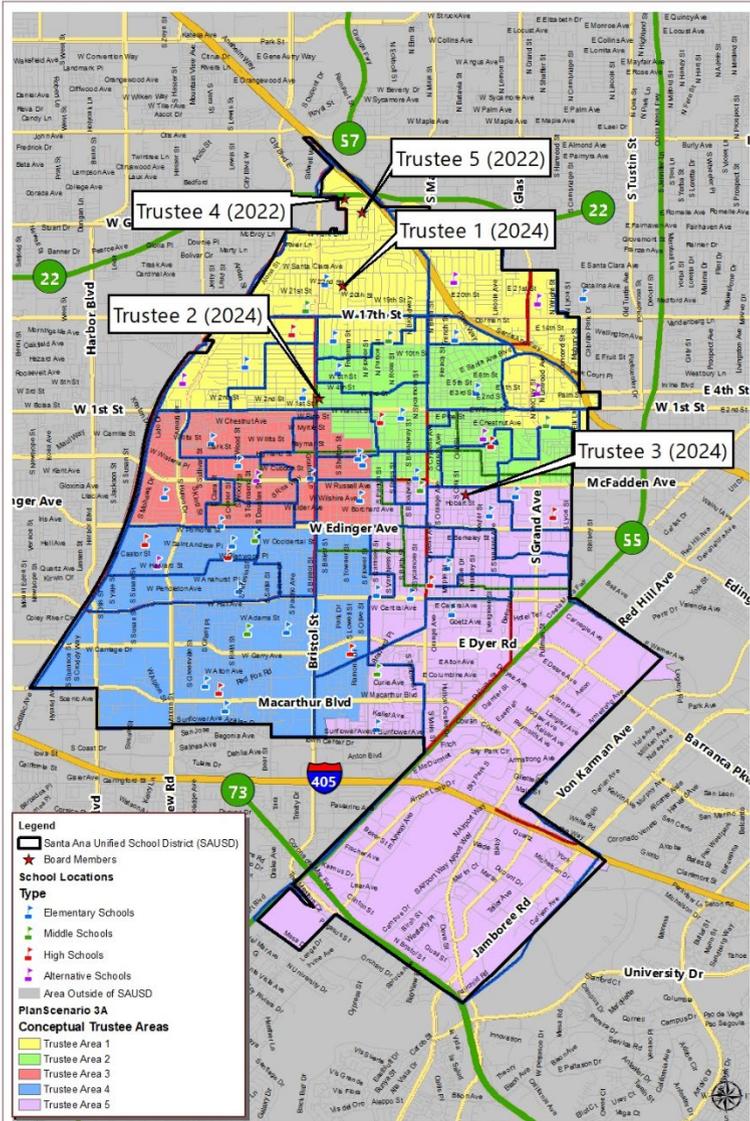
SCENARIO 2A



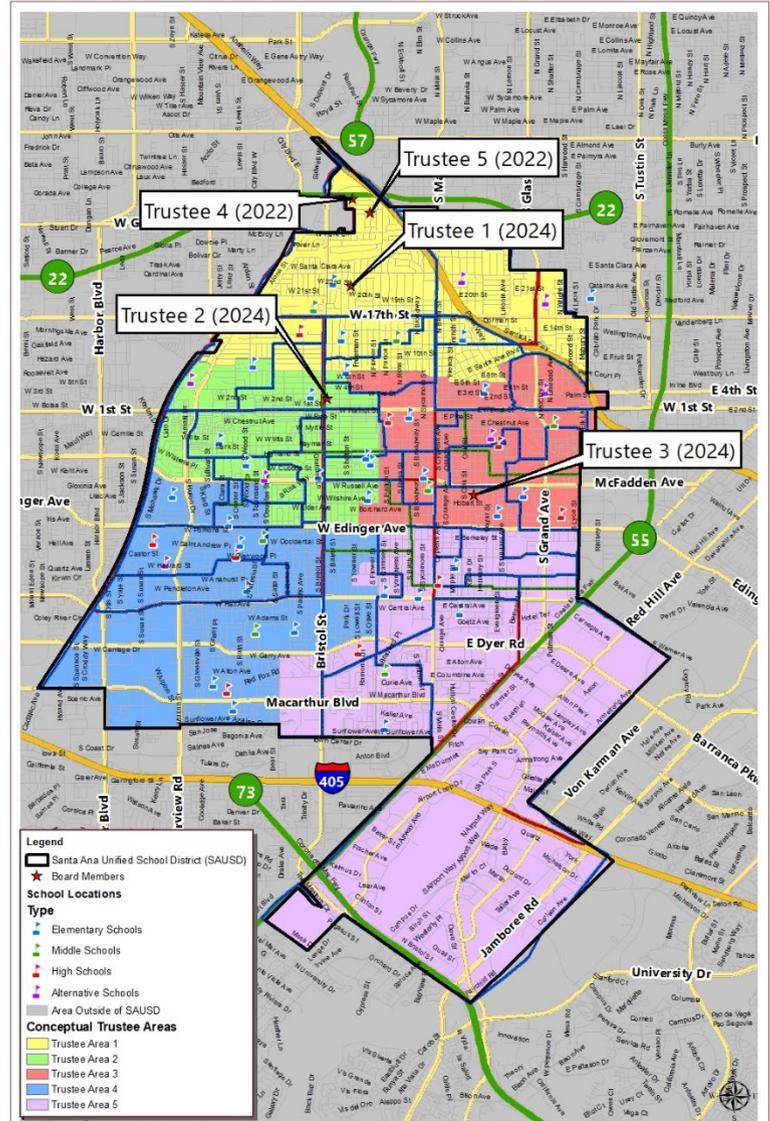


Conceptual Trustee Scenarios - Trustee Area Process

SCENARIO 3A



SCENARIO 4





Community Outreach

Community

- » Information provided to bargaining units and advisory committees
 - DAC/DELAC and Migrant Ed. Parent leaders
 - Special Education Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) parent board
 - Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO)
 - FACE (Family and Community Engagement) workers
 - ASB students
- » Public notices, US Postal Service mail to all SAUSD Residents
- » Community input meetings were held to explain the transition process
- » Opportunities for the community to submit map ideas and dividing lines



Community Outreach

Electronic Communication

- » Promoted on Santa Ana USD website with maps and presentations
- » Stay Connected OC blog
- » The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce
- » Com-Link Santa Ana Neighborhood Associations
- » Weekly notifications of meetings on communication platforms
 - ParentSquare, www.sausd.us, social media, Nextdoor, and eBlast



ELECTIONS BY-TRUSTEE AREAS

About Elections By-Trustee Areas

Notice of Public Hearing: Dec. 6, 2021

Maps - Scenario 1

Maps - Scenario 1A

Maps - Scenario 2

Maps - Scenario 2A

Maps - Scenario 3

Maps - Scenario 3A

Maps - Scenario 4

Notice of Public Hearing: Nov. 8, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing: Sept. 28, 2021

ABOUT ELECTIONS BY-TRUSTEE AREAS

Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) currently elects its Board of Education members through an at-large election system. Under this system, candidates for the Board of Education can reside anywhere in SAUSD's area of service and are elected by the registered voters that reside within SAUSD's area of service.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 21/22-3416 on August 10, 2021, initiating the process of establishing Trustee Areas and elections By-Trustee Areas to take effect commencing with the November 2022 election. Elections By-Trustee Areas are ones in which the district's area of service is divided into Trustee Areas, and voters in each Trustee Area choose their Board of Education representative, who must also live in that Trustee Area.





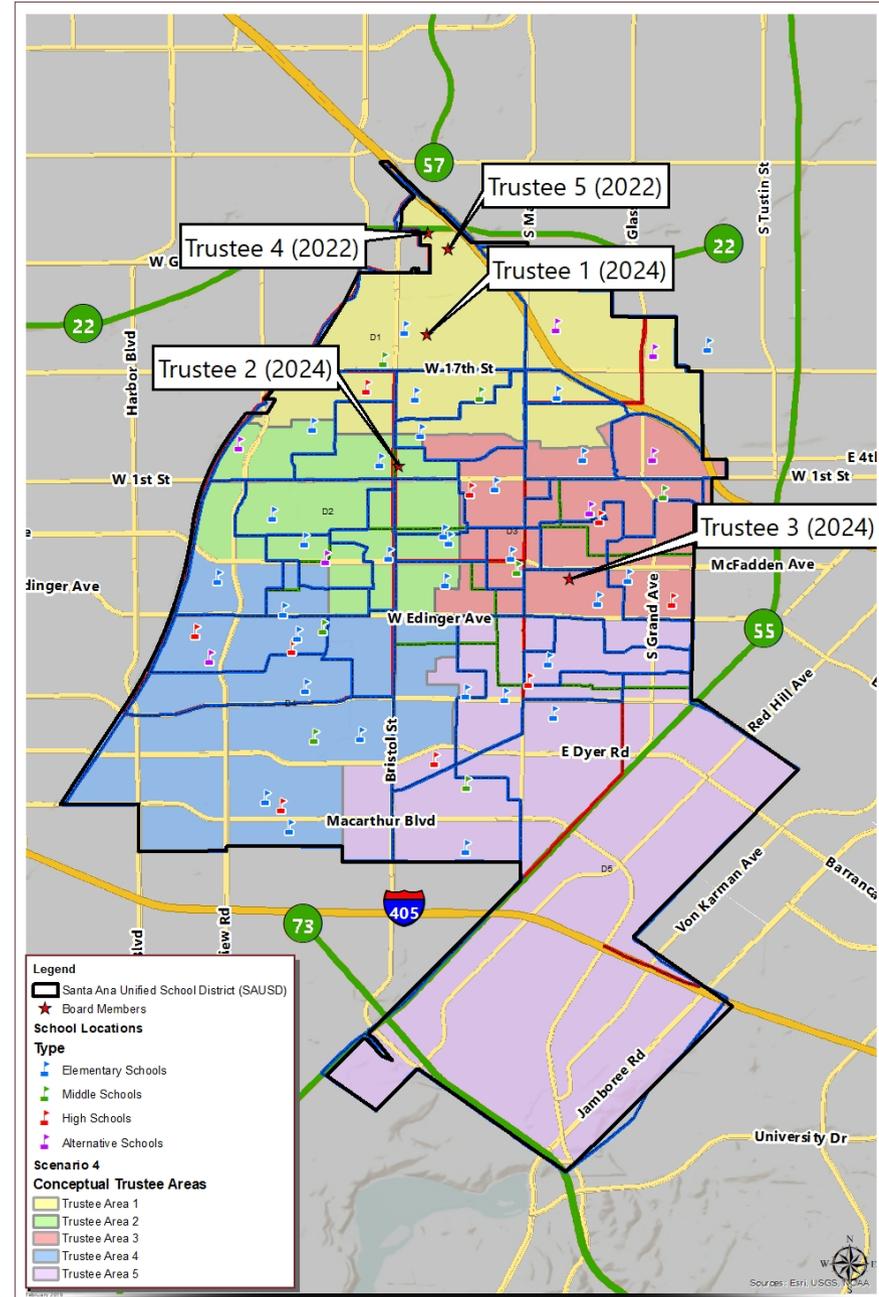
December 6, 2021 Board Meeting

- ✓ Following the required public hearings on the maps and deliberation by the Board members, the Santa Ana Unified School District Board approved the following:
 - Selection of Scenario 4
 - Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-3430 to be forwarded to the County Committee on School District Organization



SCHOOL DISTRICT CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS - SCENARIO 4

Selection of Scenario 4





Proposed Trustee Areas (Scenario 4) - Demographics

Total Population:	243,748	Ideal Trustee Area Size:	48,750	Variance:	6.8%
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TRUSTEE AREA	Trustee Area 1		Trustee Area 2		Trustee Area 3		Trustee Area 4		Trustee Area 5	
	TP	CVAP								
Population	47,503	24,870	50,803	20,612	47,944	20,290	49,312	28,317	48,186	28,741
Population Variance	-2.6%	N/A	4.2%	N/A	-1.7%	N/A	1.2%	N/A	-1.2%	N/A
Hispanic/Latino	78.6%	61.2%	91.1%	83.6%	88.7%	79.9%	75.2%	63.3%	61.3%	53.4%
White	13.3%	27.7%	2.1%	3.6%	5.6%	11.3%	8.4%	17.5%	19.4%	29.1%
Black/African American	0.7%	1.0%	0.8%	2.2%	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.7%	2.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	5.2%	8.6%	4.9%	10.4%	3.7%	6.8%	13.6%	16.8%	14.2%	12.6%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Other	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
Two or More Races	1.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.1%	0.6%	0.3%	1.2%	0.8%	2.6%	1.7%

*TP: Total Population

**CVAP: Citizen Voting Age Population



Summary

- ✓ Board has undertaken a very deliberate and methodical process in considering and adopting the change in election method before you tonight.
- ✓ Board engaged in a transparent process
- ✓ Included opportunities for community input to the process and to the maps considered by the Board
- ✓ Respectfully request that the County Committee approve the Board's resolution seeking to establish trustee boundaries and to permit a by-trustee area voting method



QUESTIONS