

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE  
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION  
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<b>Subject:</b> Approval of a Trustee Area Map for the Sacramento City Unified School District	<b>Agenda Item No.:</b> VI.A. <b>Enclosures:</b> 4
<b>Reason:</b> Approve a Trustee Area Map for the Citizens' Petition to Establish Trustee Areas in the Sacramento City Unified School District	<b>From:</b> David W. Gordon <b>Prepared by:</b> Bob Carlson <b>Board Meeting Date:</b> 8/10/05

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 20, 2004, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) received a citizens' petition to establish seven trustee areas in the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD). Each trustee would be elected from a trustee area by the voters residing in that trustee area. The petition was deemed "sufficient and signed as required by law" (Ed. Code §35704) by David Meaney, former County Superintendent, and submitted to the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization and the State Board of Education in May.

The County Committee held three public hearings on the petition on March 9 (Kennedy High School), April 9 (Hiram Johnson High School), and May 11 (Rosemont High School). At the three public hearings, the County Committee received community input in relation to three questions:

1. Should trustee areas be established in the SCUSD?
2. If trustee areas are established, what should be the method of election of each trustee: (a) at-large election by all voters in the district, or (b) trustee-area election by voters who reside in the trustee area?
3. If trustee areas are established, what should their boundaries be?

At the conclusion of the May 11 public hearing, the County Committee approved the petition, which calls for the establishment of seven trustee areas in the SCUSD and the election of trustees from the trustee areas by the voters residing in each trustee area. The proposal to establish trustee areas and elect governing board members by trustee area will be placed on the ballot in November 2006. If the district's voters support the proposal, it would go into effect for the November 2008 school board election in accordance with a trustee area map adopted by the County Committee.

Joaquin Avila has been contracted to develop trustee area maps for the County Committee's consideration. He developed two maps (Maps 1 and 2) and presented them at the public hearings. During the public hearings, concern was expressed that the neighborhoods of Hollywood Park and Oak Park were each being split into two

trustee areas. Taking these concerns into consideration, as well as the various legal requirements for trustee areas, Mr. Avila has developed a third map (Map 3) for the Committee's consideration.

Enclosed with this item are the following materials developed by Mr. Avila, who will present them at the meeting:

Enclosure A: The Development of Alternative Trustee Area Maps for the Sacramento City Unified School District: A Report to the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization by Joaquin G. Avila, July 25, 2005. (This is an updated version of his previously submitted February 17, 2005, report.)

Enclosure B: Proposed Map 1, which includes:

- a map showing all seven trustee areas
- a separate map for each trustee area
- a description of the trustee area boundaries
- a table with population information for each trustee area

Enclosure C: Proposed Map 2, which includes:

- a map showing all seven trustee areas
- a separate map for each trustee area
- a description of the trustee area boundaries
- a table with population information for each trustee area

Enclosure D: Proposed Map 3, which includes:

- a map showing all seven trustee areas
- a separate map for each trustee area
- a description of the trustee area boundaries
- a table with population information for each trustee area

Maps 1 and 2 and their accompanying documents are the same as what has been presented to the County Committee during the public hearings. Map 3 is a new map, and Mr. Avila's report has been updated to include Map 3.

### **Superintendent's Recommendation**

Because it meets all applicable constitutional and statutory voting rights standards, and because it keeps the neighborhoods of Hollywood Park and Oak Park intact, I recommend that the County Committee adopt Map 3.