

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
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Subject: Adoption of Resolution Number CC-05-01 Ordering an Election on the Establishment of Trustee Areas in the Sacramento City Unified School District	Agenda Item No.: VI.B. Enclosures: 1
Reason: Adopt Resolution Required to Order an Election on the Establishment of Trustee Areas in the Sacramento City Unified School District	From: David W. Gordon Prepared by: Bob Carlson Board Meeting Date: 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 next step is to get the proposal placed on the ballot for the November 2006 election. To do this, the County Committee needs to adopt a resolution ordering the election. A resolution for the committee's consideration begins on the next page.

Superintendent's Recommendation

I recommend that the County Committee adopt the following resolution.

Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization

Resolution No. CC-05-01

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH SEVEN TRUSTEE AREAS AND AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF ELECTING THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006

RESOLVED by the Members of the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization, County of Sacramento, State of California:

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization, the matter of establishing seven trustee areas and an alternative method of electing members of the governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District, specifically that one trustee would be elected from each trustee area by the voters who reside in that trustee area, shall be placed before the electorate of the District; and

WHEREAS, each member of the seven-member governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District is currently elected by the registered voters of the entire district; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2004, a citizens' petition proposing the establishment of seven trustee areas and an alternative method of electing the members of the governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District was received by the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2004, the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters confirmed that the petition contained a sufficient number of valid signatures; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, April 9, and May 11, 2005, the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization held public hearings, as prescribed by *Education Code* section 5019, on the citizens' petition to establish seven trustee areas and an alternative method of election for the governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization met on May 11, 2005, and, as authorized by *Education Code* section 5019, approved the citizens' proposal to establish seven trustee areas and an alternative method of election for the governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2005, the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization adopted a trustee area map (Map 3 in the County Committee agenda materials for August 10, 2005) for the governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District should the voters approve the establishment of trustee areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves the proposal to establish seven trustee areas for the governing board of the Sacramento City Unified School District and the method of election whereby one trustee would be elected from each trustee area by the voters who reside in that trustee area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby transmits this resolution to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, who shall order an election, and that the proposal be presented to the electors of the Sacramento City Unified School District not later than the next succeeding election for the members of the governing board, which is set for November 7, 2006.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on August 10, 2005, at a duly noticed meeting of the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Sylvia J. Ruiz, President

ATTEST:

David W. Gordon

Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools and Secretary to the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization