

**LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INTENTION TO TRANSITION GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS  
FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-19-21**

**WHEREAS**, the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District (“District”) is governed by a five member Board of Trustees (“Board”);

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board are elected “at large,” in which each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District;

**WHEREAS**, upon application to the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization, the election of Board members may be transitioned from “at large” to “by-trustee area” elections:

**WHEREAS**, the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code, §§ 14025 et seq.)(“CVRA”) prohibits the use of “at large” elections where their use impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice, or its ability to influence the outcome of elections;

**WHEREAS**, the CVRA allows a plaintiff to file suit over violation of the CVRA and recover his or her attorneys’ fees, if successful;

**WHEREAS**, to date, no local agency has successfully defended against a CVRA challenge;

**WHEREAS**, many school districts and other local agencies in San Diego County have recently changed, or are in the process of changing, their elections in light of the CVRA and the threat of litigation;

**WHEREAS**, the District will retain an experienced demographer to work with its legal counsel and staff to develop proposed trustee area boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, the transition to by-trustee area elections will not affect the terms of any Board members.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Governing Board of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District hereby resolves, determines, and finds the following:

**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are true.

**Section 2.** This Resolution indicates the Board’s intention to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

**Section 3.** The Board seeks public input on the trustee area boundaries and will employ the following steps and estimated timeline to facilitate this transition:

May – June 2019

Pre-Map Public Hearings

June – August 2019

Develop Trustee Area Maps with Public Input & Associated Public Hearings

August 2019

Final Public Hearing & Adoption of Trustee Area Maps

This estimated timeline may be augmented or adjusted by the District as necessary. These steps will be followed by submittal of the proposed transition for final approval by the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization.

**Section 4.** District staff is authorized to work with the demographer retained by the District and its legal counsel and execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a meeting of the Governing Board on May 7, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:     -4-    

NOES:     -0-    

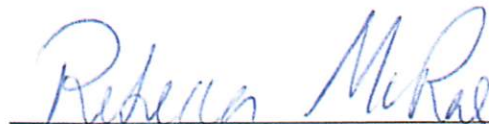
ABSTAIN:     -0-    

ABSENT:     -1-    

Date:     May 7, 2019    

  
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David Feliciano, Superintendent

Date:     May 7, 2019    

  
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Rebecca McRae, Clerk of the Board