

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE BONSCALL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 19-01-01**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A FINAL TRUSTEE AREA PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT'S TRANSITION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION SYSTEM; A PLAN OF ELECTION FROM THOSE AREAS; AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION SYSTEM AND ADOPTED TRUSTEE VOTING AREA PLAN

A. On October 11, 2018, the Bonsall Unified School District Governing Board ("Board") passed Resolution No. 18-10-02 initiating the process for the Bonsall Unified School District ("District") to transition from an "at-large" election system to a "by-trustee area" election system commencing with the 2020 Board elections.

B. In approving Resolution No. 18-10-02, the Board expressed its view that a transition to a by-trustee area election system will reduce the District's risk of costly litigation, especially since a successful plaintiff under the California Voting Rights Act (Elections Code §14025 *et seq.*) ("CVRA") is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees, creating great financial risk to any jurisdiction sued.

C. The District utilized the services of Cooperative Strategies ("Consultant") to prepare proposed trustee area boundary plans for consideration by the District, Board, and community. The Consultant has extensive experience working with school districts and local jurisdictions regarding electoral demographics, taking into consideration the CVRA, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and related election system choices.

D. All of the proposed trustee area boundary plans prepared by Consultant were drawn with all applicable laws and regulations in mind, including the CVRA and federal election law.

E. The District conducted public hearings at Board meetings on October 25, 2018 and November 8, 2018 to solicit feedback in advance of map preparation. The map options were released to the public and available for public review and comment on the District's website from mid-November 2018 until final adoption on January 8, 2019. During that time, the District conducted public hearings at Board meetings on December 6, 2018, December 13, 2018, and January 8, 2019. The District also hosted a community meeting on December 10, 2018 to solicit feedback and input regarding the map options.

F. With thoughtful consideration of all public input received on the draft trustee area plans and applicable state and federal legal criteria, the Board desires to adopt the trustee area plan and demographic information described as the "Trustee Plan **SCENARIO NUMBER 1**" (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") as the final trustee area plan establishing the boundaries for the new trustee areas, and to request timely approval from the County Committee of the trustee area plan and the District's transition to a by-trustee area election system commencing with the 2020 Governing Board election.