AGENDA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
(COUNTY COMMITTEE)

Regular Meeting

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Board Room
September 4, 2013
9:30 a.m.

I, Information
D, Discussion
A, Action
* Sent to Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Mr. AJ Willmer

II. FLAG SALUTE – Mr. Willmer

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Committee, held on June 5, 2013, will be submitted for approval.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – Secretary Mr. Keith D. Crafton

Newspaper Articles

- A July 25, 2013, article from the L.A. Times-“A judge decides that Palmdale’s voting system has illegally impaired minorities’ ability to win office.” (Attachment 1)

- A July 27, 2013, article from the Press Telegram-“All-Cerritos school board: Lawsuit claims ABC Unified violates California Voting Rights Act.” (Attachment 2)
• A July 29, 2013, article from the Santa Clarita Valley Signal—“League of California Cities reviews Voting Rights Act lawsuits.” (Attachment 3)

• An August 5, 2013, article from the San Diego Union-Tribune—“Election lawsuits spreading across state-2002 voting rights law forcing switch from at-large elections to voting districts.” (Attachment 4)

• An August 5, 2013, article from the Whittier Daily News—“Suit filed challenging at-large voting in Whittier city elections: Latino coalition says no more waiting.” (Attachment 5)

• An August 7, 2013, article from the Santa Clarita Valley Signal—“Lancaster weighs voting options at town hall.” (Attachment 6)

• An August 7, 2013, article from the Santa Clarita Valley Signal—“Lawyer in Voting Rights Act cases seeks to stop Palmdale election.” (Attachment 7)

• An August 7, 2013, article from the La Canada Valley Sun—“LCUSD passes final budget and resolution to include Sagebrush area.” (Attachment 8)

• An August 10, 2013, article from the Long Beach Press Telegram—“Six area school board races taking shape for November election.” (Attachment 9)

V. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any persons present desiring to address the County Committee on any proper matter may do so at this time. (Form must be completed and submitted to the Secretary.)

VI. UPDATE ON THE PETITION PROPOSING TO FORM A WISEBURN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (USD)

The Secretary will update the County Committee on the petition to form a Wiseburn USD.

VII. UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (CVRA) AND TRUSTEE AREA ISSUES

The Secretary will discuss recent developments related to the CVRA and trustee area issues in Los Angeles County.
VIII. UPDATE ON COUNTY COMMITTEE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary will discuss the development of a LACOE-hosted website for the County Committee.

IX. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an overview of proposed legislation related to school district organization. The County Committee may take action to support or oppose the legislation or provide comments to the authors. (Attachment 10)

X. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY USD REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting the Los Angeles USD. (Attachment: "Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals") (Attachment 11)

XI. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS EXCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE LOS ANGELES USD

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting Los Angeles County school districts other than the Los Angeles USD. (Attachment: “Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals [excluding those affecting the Los Angeles USD]”) (Attachment 12)

XII. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONCERNS, OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

XIII. ADJOURNMENT