February 24, 2017

TO: Members of the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee)  

FROM: Keith D. Crafton, Secretary of the County Committee  

SUBJECT: Regular Meeting of the County Committee—Wednesday, March 8, 2017

The next regular meeting of the County Committee will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**, in the Board Room of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, at 9300 Imperial Highway in Downey. Please note, this meeting date differs from the County Committee’s usual date of the first Wednesday of the month. Reserved parking spaces will be available on the east side of the building for County Committee members.

Attached is the agenda for the meeting of March 8, 2017.

If you have questions, please call me at (562) 922-6110.

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Attachments
AGENDA

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

Regular Meeting

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Board Room
March 8, 2017
9:30 a.m.

I  Information
D  Discussion
A  Action

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Mr. Frank Ogaz

II. FLAG SALUTE – Mr. Ogaz

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Ogaz  I, D, A

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Committee, held on January 4, 2017, will be submitted for approval. (Enclosure)

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE – Mr. Ogaz  I, D, A

The Chairperson will administer the oath of office to the re-elected County Committee member for the Fifth supervisorial district, Mr. Joel Peterson.

V. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Secretary  I, D, A

Mr. Keith Crafton

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

VI. COMMUNICATIONS – Secretary Crafton  I, D, A
VII. PETITION TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING, WITHIN THE CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (SD) – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will update the committee on the petition for the Castaic Union SD’s process to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting.

VIII. PETITION TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE LAWNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (SD) – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary and staff will present an update on the petition to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting within the Lawndale SD.

IX. PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM THE GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (USD) TO THE LA CANADA USD – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will update the committee on the petition to transfer territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD.

X. UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (CVRA), TRUSTEE AREA AND ELECTION ISSUES – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will provide an update on CVRA activities and election changes in Los Angeles County.

XI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Secretary Crafton

There are no current bills to report.

XII. UPDATE ON COUNTY COMMITTEE WEBSITE – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will provide an update on the County Committee website.

XIII. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF COUNTY COMMITTEE POLICIES – Mr. Ogaz

The Chairperson will request a report from the County Committee policy review subcommittee.
XIV. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES USD REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will provide an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting the Los Angeles USD. (“Summary of Los Angeles USD Reorganization Proposals”). (Attachment 1)

XV. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS, EXCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE LOS ANGELES USD – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will provide an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting Los Angeles County school and community college districts, other than the Los Angeles USD. (“Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals [excluding those affecting the Los Angeles USD]”). (Attachment 2)

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT
The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m., by Ms. Susan Solomon.

**Members Present**

Susan Andriacchi  
Frank Bostrom  
Nicole Kluft  
Maria Calix  
Ted Edmiston  
Owen Griffith  
John Nunez  
Frank Ogaz  
Suzan Solomon  
AJ Willmer

**Members Absent**

Joel Peterson

**Staff Present**

Keith D. Crafton, Secretary  
Allison Deegan, Staff  
Eric Hass, Staff  
Anna Heredia, Staff  
Diane Tayag, Staff  
Norma Paniagua, Staff

Ms. Susan Solomon called the meeting to order.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Solomon led the flag salute.

**Flag Salute**

It was **MOVED** by Mr. Frank Bostrom and **SECONDED** by Mr. John Nunez that the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 5, 2016 be approved. Motion carried. Votes are:

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Mr. Bostrom, the Chair of the Nominating Committee for New Officers, reported that Mr. Ogaz is the new Chairman and Dr. Edmiston is the Vice-Chairman. Votes are as follows:

Ms. Susan Andriacchi  Yes  Dr. Owen Griffith  Yes
Mr. Frank Bostrom  Yes  Mr. John Nunez  Yes
Ms. Maria Calix  Yes  Mr. Frank Ogaz  Yes
Ms. Nicole Kluft  Yes  Ms. Suzan Solomon  Yes
Mr. Ted Edmiston  Yes  Mr. AJ Willmer  Yes

Secretary Keith Crafton reported that the following members were reelected to new four year terms, and will serve until 2020.

Mr. Nunez, in the First Supervisorial District
Mr. Frank Bostrom, in the Fourth Supervisorial District; and
Mr. Joel Peterson, in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Chairperson Ogaz administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Nunez and Mr. Bostrom.

Members of the public presented on the Petition to Transfer Territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD.

Secretary directed the Committee to the folder that contains articles and a brochure regarding the services that Business Advisory Services provide.

Secretary Crafton reported that we have received a petition to add trustee areas to the Lawndale School District. The petition contains a suggested trustee area map and a recounting of the public process that the district went through. We will now set a public hearing within the district and will be polling committee members about their availability in the next few weeks.

Secretary Crafton stated that the only update is that the petition was submitted on appeal to the State Board of Education, by the Lawndale School District and that the Committee will be updated on any new developments.

Secretary Crafton reported that the district is currently conducting public hearings to develop their trustee area map and that it might be presented at the next County Committee meeting.

Secretary Crafton reported that the Committee attended two public hearings, and staff is now working on a feasibility study related to this petition. He also reported that the petition is expected to be heard at a future meeting.
Secretary Crafton reported that there are a number of districts that are looking at trustee areas. The Committee will be kept updated on any districts that move into a formal process and trigger the need for petitions and public hearings.

Secretary Crafton stated the legislative update is in the agenda package relating to a bill that was being tracked.

Secretary Crafton introduced Ms. Pamela Gibbs, the Director of LACOE’s Government Relations Office in Sacramento. Ms. Gibbs gave a power point presentation on the legislative advocacy process.

Mr. Frank Bostrom made a motion to assemble and ADHOC Committee to work with County Counsel on legislative issues. Ms. Maria Calix seconded. The votes were as follows:

Ms. Susan Andriacchi Yes Dr. Owen Griffith Yes
Mr. Frank Bostrom Yes Mr. John Nunez Yes
Ms. Maria Calix Yes Mr. Frank Ogaz Yes
Ms. Nicole Kluft Yes Ms. Suzan Solomon Yes
Mr. Ted Edmiston Yes Mr. AJ Willmer Yes

The ADHOC Committee Members are as follows:
Mr. Willmer, Mr. Bostrom and Ms. Maria Calix.

Secretary Crafton stated that the website continues to be updated.

Mr. Willmer stated that Ms. Vibiana Andrade has been reviewing by-laws and policies from other County Committees. Progress is being made, more information will be provided at the next meeting.

Secretary Crafton stated there are no updates to report.

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Secretary Crafton introduced Ms. Norma Paniagua as the new Senior Division Secretary, Ms. Paniagua works directly with Secretary Crafton and will be assisting as needed with County Committee issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.
Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals

March 2017

The following is a summary of school district reorganization proposals affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District (USD) that were at various stages in the school district organization process as of February 16, 2017.

RECENT INQUIRIES REGARDING REORGANIZATION (within the last two years)

Formation Proposals/Last Activity Date

- Inner City USD / January 2016

Transfer of Territory Proposals/Last Activity Date

- None
Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals
(Excluding those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District)

March 2017

The following is a summary of school district reorganization proposals [exclusive of those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District (USD)] that are at various stages in the school district reorganization process as of February 22, 2017.

PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING, WITHIN THE CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (SD)

The Castaic Union SD submitted a preliminary petition on March 10, 2016, to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting. It was presented to the County Committee on May 4, 2016. The district completed its public hearings and map development process, and voted on a final map on February 16, 2017. The County Committee will schedule a public hearing in the district, and a feasibility study will be conducted which will be presented to the County Committee at a later date.

Status: Petition being presented March 8, 2017; public hearing to be scheduled
*Status Date: February 22, 2017

PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING, WITHIN THE LAWNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (SD)

The Lawndale SD submitted a petition on December 13, 2016, to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting. It was presented to the County Committee on January 4, 2017. The County Committee held a public hearing in the district on February 15, 2017, and a feasibility study will be presented to the County Committee upon completion.

Status: Public hearing held, feasibility study underway
*Status Date: February 22, 2017
PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM THE GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (USD) TO THE LA CANADA USD

On November 23, 2015, LACOE received a request for a petition pursuant to EC §35700, to transfer certain territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD. The request was submitted by chief petitioners Ms. Nalini Lasiewicz, Mr. Thomas G. Smith, and Mr. Nick P. Karapetian. The petition was forwarded to County Counsel to determine its legal compliance regarding format and content. On January 13, 2016, County Counsel deemed the petition sufficient. Staff returned the petition to the chief petitioners on January 15, 2016.

On June 29, 2016, the chief petitioners submitted signed petitions for review. On June 30, 2016, staff conveyed the signed petitions to the Registrar-Recorder for signature verification. On July 18, 2016, staff received notice from the Registrar-Recorder that there were sufficient signatures to move the petition forward. Chief Petitioner Smith subsequently resigned from his role.

The petition was presented to the County Committee on September 7, 2016. The County Committee held two public hearings (October 26, 2016, in the La Canada USD, and November 2, 2016, in the Glendale USD). In mid-February, 2017, the two districts resumed negotiations in an attempt to find amicable solutions.

Status: Public hearings have been conducted in both districts, districts in negotiations
*Status Date: February 22, 2017

PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM THE CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (HSD) AND LAWNDALE SD TO THE WISEBURN USD

On May 15, 2014, LACOE received a request for a petition pursuant to EC §35700, to transfer territory from the Centinela Valley Union HSD and the Lawndale SD to the Wiseburn USD. The request was submitted by chief petitioners Ms. Shavonda Webber-Christmas and Mr. Bill Magoon. The petition was forwarded to County Counsel to determine its legal compliance regarding format and content. On June 20, 2014, County Counsel deemed the petition sufficient. Staff returned the petition to the chief petitioners on June 23, 2014.

On October 15, 2014, the chief petitioners submitted signed petitions for review. On October 15, 2014, staff conveyed the signed petitions to the Registrar-Recorder for signature verification. On November 6, 2014, staff received notice from the Registrar-Recorder there were insufficient signatures to move the petition forward. Staff notified the chief petitioners, who elected to gather additional signatures. On December 4, 2014, the chief petitioners submitted additional signatures, which were submitted to the Registrar-Recorder on
December 5, 2014 for signature verification. On December 22, 2014, the Registrar Recorder notified staff that the additional signatures were validated, and the petition had sufficient signatures to move forward.

The petition was presented to the County Committee on January 7, 2015. Two public hearings were held March 2, 2015, one in each of the affected districts. A feasibility study was presented on July 8, 2015, at which time the County Committee preliminarily approved the transfer, pending further collection and review of additional fiscal data, and an environmental review. Supplemental requests for information were sent to the affected districts and to the chief petitioners, with replies received from all parties. The supplemental information, and the results of a CEQA consultant’s review of the petition’s environmental impact was presented to the County Committee on May 4, 2016. Additional information brought forward on May 4, 2016, resulted in additional questions and further information gathering, after which the proposal was reexamined at the County Committee meeting on September 7, 2016. At that meeting, the proposal’s preliminary approval was affirmed, and the petition area was selected to be the voting area.

On October 5, 2016, the Lawndale SD filed a Notice of Appeal with the County Committee, and on October 18, 2016, submitted their rationale and evidence for the appeal of the County Committee’s decision. Staff has forwarded the administrative record and oral recordings of the proceedings to the California Department of Education, who will prepare the matter to go before the California State Board of Education at a future meeting.

Status: Future ballot measure preparations suspended until appeal process concludes
Status Date: November 18, 2016

FORMATION—MALIBU USD (CURRENTLY LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU USD)

On July 23, 2015, LACOE received a request for a petition from chief petitioner Mr. Seth Jacobson, a community member who is a Malibu resident. Mr. Jacobson, along with two other chief petitioners, wants to form a separate Malibu USD from territory within the boundaries of the existing Santa Monica-Malibu USD.

Staff reviewed the request and forwarded a draft petition to County Counsel on July 27, 2015, for a legal compliance review regarding format and content. We received notification on July 30, 2015, from County Counsel informing us that the draft petition was legally acceptable. The petition was mailed to the chief petitioner on July 31, 2015, for circulation within the petition area. Staff is informed that signatures have been gathered, but not yet presented for signature verification, as the petitioners negotiate with the district. Staff is informed that a joint committee appointed by both the district and the City of Malibu is studying the implications of this petition.
PETITION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN WITHIN THE POMONA USD

On April 8, 2015, LACOE received a request for a petition pursuant to EC §5020 to increase the number of trustees from five to seven within the Pomona USD. The request was submitted by chief petitioner Mr. John Mendoza. The petition was forwarded to County Counsel to determine its legal compliance regarding format and content. On April 27, 2015, County Counsel deemed the petition sufficient. Staff returned the petition to the chief petitioner on April 29, 2015, for circulation.

This is a separate petition, distinct from the other petitions requested by Mr. Mendoza, and requests some of the same changes within the Pomona Unified School District (the addition of two governing board members). It was submitted under EC §5020(c) and, based on the number of registered voters in the Pomona USD, requires valid signatures from at least 10% of the registered voters within the petition area. If valid and certified by the County Committee, this petition would trigger a vote within the district, before which the County Committee may hold one or more public hearings on the proposal.

Status: Petitioner is gathering signatures.
Status Date: May 26, 2015

FORMATION—ALTADENA USD (CURRENTLY LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PASADENA USD)

On January 17, 2006, LACOE received a request for a petition from chief petitioners Ms. Maurice Morse, Ms. Shirlee Smith, and Mr. Bruce Wasson, three community members who are residents of the area known as Altadena. The chief petitioners want to form an Altadena USD from territory within the boundaries of the Pasadena USD. The petition request was returned to the chief petitioners on January 20, 2006, because it lacked an adequate description of the area pursuant to EC §35700.3.

On February 10, 2006, LACOE received a revised request for a petition. Staff reviewed the request and forwarded a draft petition to County Counsel on February 22, 2006, for a legal compliance review regarding format and content. We received notification on March 6, 2006, from County Counsel informing us that the draft petition was legally acceptable.
On March 7, 2006, staff forwarded the draft petition to the Registrar-Recorder for verification that the description of the proposed boundaries of the Altadena USD was sufficiently clear (so registered voters residing within the proposed petition area could be identified with specificity). The Registrar-Recorder confirmed that the description was sufficient on March 10, 2006.

The petition was mailed to the chief petitioners on March 14, 2006, for circulation within the petition area. The Registrar-Recorder estimated the chief petitioners must collect approximately 7,000 valid signatures to meet the criteria set forth in EC §35700(a).

On September 23, 2010, chief petitioners delivered signed petitions to LACOE. Staff submitted the petitions to the Registrar-Recorder on September 27, 2010, for signature verification. On October 22, 2010, the Registrar-Recorder notified staff there were insufficient valid signatures (less than the required 25 percent of the registered voters within the petition area). Staff notified the chief petitioners of the insufficiency, and at Mr. Wasson’s request, returned the petitions to the Registrar-Recorder for a signature audit. Staff also advised the chief petitioner regarding the collection of additional signatures. Upon notification by the Registrar-Recorder of a sufficient number of valid signatures, staff will present the petition to the County Committee at the next regular meeting.

On January 4, 2011, staff conferred with a representative from the Registrar-Recorder’s office, who informed us that no audit of petition signatures had been done yet, and they clarified the cost of signature verification. On February 15 and March 1, 2011, staff contacted the Registrar-Recorder and were informed that the signature audit had still not been done. On May 12, 2011, staff from the Registrar-Recorder’s office advised LACOE that an audit of the petition’s signatures was underway. On November 28, 2011, the chief petitioner Mr. Wasson notified LACOE of the death of one of the co-chief petitioners, Ms. Morse. Mr. Wasson stated that another chief petitioner would not be named.

In August of 2014, staff confirmed that petitioner is still interested in collecting additional signatures.

Status: Petition insufficient; chief petitioners may gather additional signatures.
Status Date: December 5, 2011

**FORMATION—MALIBU USD (CURRENTLY LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU USD)**

Status: Petition in circulation.
Status Date: February 21, 2008
FORMATION—LA MIRADA USD (CURRENTLY LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NORWALK – LA MIRADA USD)

Status: Petition in circulation.
Status Date: March 20, 2007

Unification Proposals/Last Activity Date

- None

Transfer of Territory Proposals/Last Activity Date

- Azusa USD to Glendora USD/October 2016
- Monrovia USD to Arcadia USD/September 2015
- Pasadena USD to La Canada USD/April 2013
- Temple City USD to Arcadia USD/March 2012

Formation Proposals/Last Activity Date

- Malibu USD (Santa Monica-Malibu USD)/August 2015

Trustee Areas and Governing Board Size/Last Activity Date

- El Monte Union HSD / March 2016
- Pomona USD / June 2015
- Snowline Joint USD / January 2017
- Walnut USD / May 2016
- Whittier Union HSD / January 2017

* = indicates activity since last meeting

This document was prepared by staff to the County Committee.