October 20, 2017

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

FROM: Keith D. Crafton, Secretary

SUBJECT: November 1, 2017, Regular Meeting of the County Committee

The next regular meeting of the County Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

The following is an update of relevant information as of October 16, 2017.

Staff Activities

Staff is guiding districts who are in the early stages of their trustee area and trustee area voting proposals related to the CVRA.

At the end of the month, staff is expecting responses to its Request for Proposals (RFP) sent to CEQA consultants in relation to the territory transfer proposal involving the Glendale Unified School District (USD) and the La Canada USD.

October 30, 2017, is the annual County Committee election, at which two of the seats are up: Ms. Maria Calix, and Mr. AJ Willmer.

On October 6, 2017, the statewide Secretaries to County Committees convened in Downey for its annual summit.

Legislative Updates

There is no pending legislation to report on.
School District Organization Proposals

Updated versions of the following two documents are provided for your information:

- “Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals.” (Attachment 1)

- Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals.” (excluding those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District) (Attachment 2)

If you have questions, please call me at (562) 922-6131.

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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
November 1, 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 September 6, 2017, will be submitted for approval. (Enclosure)

IV. 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)

V. COMMUNICATIONS – Secretary Crafton  I, D, A

The Secretary may apprise the Committee of any pertinent informational correspondence or newspaper articles.
VI. PETITION TO FORM A MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (USD) FROM TERRITORY WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU USD - Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will introduce a petition in the form of a resolution received from the City of Malibu to form a Malibu USD out of territory currently in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD.

VII. PETITION TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING, WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (HSD) – Secretary Crafton

The Secretary will provide an update on a petition to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting within the Antelope Valley Joint Union HSD.

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

The Chairperson will request a report from the County Committee policy review subcommittee.

IX. 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.

X. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Secretary Crafton

There are no current bills to report.

XI. 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)
XII. 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)

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m., by Chairperson Frank Ogaz.

### Members Present
- Susan Andriacchi
- Frank Bostrom
- Maria Calix
- Owen Griffith
- John Nunez
- Frank Ogaz
- Joel Peterson
- Suzan Solomon
- AJ Willmer

### Members Absent
- Ted Edmiston
- Nicole Kluft

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

Mr. Frank Ogaz Solomon called the meeting to order.

Ms. Solomon led the flag salute.
It was **MOVED** by Mr. Frank Bostrom and **SECONDED** by Mr. Owen Griffith that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 7, 2017 be approved. Motion carried. Votes are:

- Ms. Susan Andriacchi  Yes
- Mr. Frank Bostrom  Yes
- Ms. Maria Calix  Yes
- Mr. Owen Griffith  Yes
- Mr. John Nunez  Yes
- Mr. Frank Ogaz  Yes
- Mr. Joel Peterson  Abstained
- Ms. Suzan T. Solomon  Yes
- Mr. AJ Willmer  Yes

The minutes from the May 3, 2017, had a typographic error, and a motion was made to readopt the corrected minutes from the May 3, 2017, meeting. Condition 1 should read as follows: “The reorganized districts will be adequate in terms of number of pupils.” Frank Bostrom made a motion to readopt the minutes, John Nunez seconded, motion carried, votes are as follows:

- Ms. Susan Andriacchi  Yes
- Mr. Frank Bostrom  Yes
- Ms. Maria Calix  Abstained
- Mr. Owen Griffith  Yes
- Mr. John Nunez  Yes
- Mr. Frank Ogaz  Yes
- Mr. Joel Peterson  Yes
- Ms. Suzan T. Solomon  Yes
- Mr. AJ Willmer  Yes

Secretary Keith Crafton recommended that the presenters speak on the item that they are here for is addressed.

Secretary Crafton directed the Committee to the folder that contains articles relating to school district organization issues, and CVRA.

Secretary Crafton stated that on July 5, 2017, we received a petition submitted by the Antelope Valley Union High School District, to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district.

Secretary Crafton also stated the next step is to set a public hearing within the next 60 day. That hearing will be followed by a feasibility study and a final review of the petition and the district’s trustee area map at a later meeting of the County Committee.

AJ Willmer reported that he continues to work with LACOE General Counsel on the policies.

Secretary Crafton reported that CVRA activity continues in Los Angeles County. Secretary Crafton also stated that the advent of AB 350 limits the damages if districts move to trustee areas within a very brief time. We expect continued CVRA activity.

Secretary Crafton reported there are no current bills to report, however, communication with Senator Ben Allen’s office will be revisited.
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Secretary Crafton stated that the Committee will receive information regarding the event. There will be two seats on the Committee up for election, in the Second Supervisorial District, and in the Third Supervisorial District. Ballots have been released. In the Second, we have two candidates, and in the Third, we have one.

A bulletin announcing the election results as soon as they are available, and the elected, or reelected, members of the Committee will take their oaths at the annual organizational meeting in January.

Secretary Crafton stated that we have a van pool to Antelope Valley for those wanting to van pool.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals

November 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 October 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)

November 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 October 16, 2017.

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

On September 1, 2017, LACOE received a petition in the form of a 2015 resolution from the City of Malibu to form a separate Malibu USD from territory within the boundaries of the existing Santa Monica-Malibu USD. After the introduction of the petition at the November 1, 2017 regular County Committee meeting, at least one public hearing will be scheduled in the district.

*Status: Public hearing to be scheduled
Status Date: October 16, 2017

PETITION TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (HSD)

On July 5, 2017, the Antelope Valley Joint Union HSD submitted a petition to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting. The petition was presented to the County Committee on September 6, 2017, a public hearing was held in the district on October 11, 2017, and staff is now commencing a feasibility study to be presented to the committee at a later date.

*Status: Feasibility study underway
Status Date: October 16, 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, but as of mid-April, were not able to resolve issues. A feasibility study was presented to the County Committee at the May 3, 2017 meeting, after which the Committee gave a preliminary approval to the proposal.

Status: CEQA study commencing
*Status Date: May 4, 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.
committee appointed by both the district and the City of Malibu has released a study addressing the implications of this petition. Staff is reviewing this study.

Status: Petitioners in negotiation.
Status Date: March 18, 2016

**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

Formation Proposals/Last Activity Date

- *Malibu USD (Santa Monica-Malibu USD)/October 2017

Trustee Areas and Governing Board Size/Last Activity Date

- *Antelope Valley CCD / September 2017
- *Covina Valley USD / September 2017
- El Monte City SD / August 2017
- El Monte Union HSD / March 2016
- *Lowell Joint SD / October 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.