October 22, 2010

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

FROM: Daniel G. Villanueva, Secretary
       County Committee

SUBJECT: Regular Meeting of the County Committee-
         Wednesday, November 3, 2010

The next regular meeting of the County Committee will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, in the Board Room of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, located at 9300 Imperial Highway in Downey. Reserved parking spaces will be available on the east side of the building just south of the main entrance.

Attached is the agenda for the meeting of November 3, 2010.

If you have any questions, please call me at (562) 922-6144.

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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 3, 2010
9:30 a.m.

I  Information
D  Discussion
A  Action
*  Sent to Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER—Chairperson Mr. Owen Griffith

II. FLAG SALUTE—Mr. Griffith

III. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION
OF MEMBERS CONDUCTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2010—Secretary
Mr. Danny Villanueva

The Secretary will provide the results of the annual election of members to
the County Committee that was conducted at the fall meeting of the
Los Angeles County School Trustees Association on October 21, 2010.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE—Mr. Griffith and/or Vice
Chairperson Mr. John Nunez

Mr. Griffith and/or Mr. Nunez will administer the oath of office to the re-
elected County Committee members for the vacancies in the First and
Fourth Supervisorial Districts.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Committee, held on
June 2, 2010, will be submitted for approval.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS-Mr. Villanueva

Newspaper Articles

• A September 22, 2010, article from The Beach Reporter—“District’s future
  on the table.” (Attachment 1)

• A September 28, 2010, article from the Daily Breeze—“Wiseburn district
  voters to decide on new high school.” (Attachment 2)
• An October 4, 2010, article from the Pasadena Star News—“More than 7,000 signatures on petition to create Altadena school district.” (Attachment 3)

• An October 12, 2010, article from the Pasadena Star News—“Altadena secession effort reaches PUSD school board.” (Attachment 4)

Informational Correspondence

• September 30, 2010, Local Agency Formation Commission Notice to Interested Agencies concerning the following (Attachments 5):
  • Annexation No. 352 to County Sanitation District No. 14; and,
  • Annexation No. 401 to County Sanitation District No. 14.

VII. 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.)

VIII. DISCUSSION OF THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (CVRA) AND TRUSTEE AREA ISSUES

Mr. Villanueva will discuss a recent meeting of the Secretaries to County Committees on School District Organization group on managing the CVRA and trustee area issues that have arisen around the state.

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.

X. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR NEW OFFICERS

Mr. Griffith will appoint a Nominating Committee to recommend candidates to fill the positions of chairperson and vice chairperson for the 2011 year. The Nominating Committee will present its report at the January 2011 regular meeting, at which time the County Committee will vote on the recommendations provided.
XI. EVALUATION OF THE SECRETARY AND STAFF TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Each member of the County Committee will be requested to complete a performance evaluation form concerning the secretary and staff to the County Committee. Mr. Griffith will appoint a three-person Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will receive the completed evaluation forms from the members and consolidate the information into an evaluation report. This report will be presented to the County Committee for discussion/approval at a regular meeting to be designated by the chairperson.

XII. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES 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”)

XIII. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY SD 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 Unified School District]”)

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Regular Meeting
November 3, 2010

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Chairperson Mr. Owen Griffith, who called on Ms. Suzan Soloman to lead the flag salute.

**Members Present**
- Lloyd de Llamas
- Owen Griffith
- Joan Jakubowski
- Maurice Kunkel
- John Nunez
- Frank Ogaz
- Suzan Solomon
- AJ Willmer

**Members Absent**
- Frank Bostrom
- Maria Calix

**Staff Present**
- Danny Villanueva, Secretary
- Matt Spies, Staff
- Allison Deegan, Staff
- Mary Bracamontes, Recording Secretary

Mr. Villanueva announced that the two incumbents, Mr. Ogaz (First Supervisory District) and Mr. Griffith (Fourth Supervisory District), had been re-elected to serve another term through October 2014. He congratulated the two incumbents and stated that the administration of the oath of office could take place.

Mr. Nunez administered the oath of office to Mr. Ogaz (First Supervisory District) and Mr. Griffith (Fourth Supervisory District).

It was MOVED by Ms. Jakubowski and SECONDED by Mr. Nunez that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 2, 2010, be approved. The motion CARRIED with Mr. Ogaz and Ms. Solomon abstaining because they were not at the June meeting.

Mr. Villanueva reviewed and discussed correspondence contained in the County Committee agenda packets and member folders.

There were no members of the public to address the County Committee.
Mr. Villanueva provided an update on the status of the role and responsibility of the County Committee to initiate action for school districts to look into developing trustee areas in order to comply with the CVRA. He stated that staff had researched the information requested by the County Committee but was directed to hold the information prior to the change in administration. Mr. Villanueva also provided an overview of the case against the Madera County Office of Education (COE) and the Madera County Committee, stating that the court found in favor of the COE and the County Committee and agreed that neither had the responsibility of directing schools to develop trustee areas. He stated that this case was a local court ruling that is still subject to appeal, but at this time there has been no movement by the Lawyers Committee to appeal the case. Mr. Villanueva stated that staff had a teleconference meeting with the Secretaries to County Committees group to discuss CVRA and trustee area issues around the state.

Mr. Nunez inquired about charter school districts and how the trustee area issue would be handled since it would have to be decided by the voters.

Mr. Villanueva responded that if this type of situation were to take place, the Lawyers Committee has said that they will sue the city to amend its charter to comply if the voters vote the issue down.

Mr. Villanueva stated that staff would keep the County Committee apprised of any issues concerning the subject.

Mr. Villanueva provided an overview of proposed legislation related to school district organization.

Mr. Griffith appointed a nominating committee consisting of Ms. Solomon (Chair), Ms. Jakubowski, and Mr. Kunkel, to recommend candidates to fill the positions of chairperson and vice chairperson for the 2011 year. He stated that the nominating committee would present its report at the January 2011 meeting.

Mr. Griffith appointed an evaluation committee consisting of Mr. Ogaz (Chair), Mr. Willmer, and Mr. Nunez, to consolidate the completed evaluation forms into an evaluation report. He stated that the evaluation committee would present its report at the next regular meeting of the County Committee for discussion/approval.

Mr. Villanueva stated that there were no updates on Los Angeles Unified School District (USD) reorganization proposals.
Mr. Villanueva provided an update on school district reorganization proposals excluding those affecting the Los Angeles USD. He stated that the county superintendent had hosted a meeting with the four feeder districts to Centinela Valley Union High SD to discuss issues pertaining to the proposed unification of the Wiseburn SD.

Mr. Villanueva stated that the next regular meeting in January would be the annual organizational meeting with a luncheon. He reminded members that the meeting would start at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Villanueva stated that he would look into having a guest speaker for the luncheon. He also stated that an informational bulletin regarding the annual Los Angeles County Regionalized Business Services Corporation’s finance seminar would be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.
LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (LACOE)
DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
(COUNTY COMMITTEE)
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW-NOVEMBER 2010

| BILL NUMBER/AUTHOR: Senate Bill 1135/Cox | INTRODUCTION DATE: 02/18/10 | LAST ACTIVITY/DATE: 03/22/10: Set, second hearing. Hearing cancelled at the request of author. |

DESCRIPTION OF BILL
This bill would repeal Education Code (EC) §§35555, 35556, and 45121, related to the rights of school employees in a school district reorganization.

Existing law protects the rights of non-certificated employees during a reorganization. During a unification, salaries, leaves, and other benefits must remain equivalent to the pre-reorganization status for all non-certificated employees for up to two years. Employees of any school district whose territory is part of a unification reorganization are protected under these provisions of the Education Code. This bill would remove those protections.

POTENTIAL IMPACT OF BILL ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE, SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION PROCESS AND/OR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
This bill could present obstacles to school district reorganization petitions. If school districts, labor organizations, community groups or other advocates want to protect the employment rights of non-certificated employees, they may oppose reorganization petitions regardless of the petitioners’ motivations or goals. Sources at the California Department of Education indicate that strong support for this bill is not anticipated at this time.

RECOMMENDED POSITION
Staff recommends the following position:

☒ Watch Bill should be monitored by County Committee staff, but no action should be taken at this time.
☐ Approve The County Committee supports the bill’s concept, but will not actively work for passage.
☐ Support The County Committee actively supports the bill.
☐ Oppose The County Committee actively opposes the bill.
☐ Disapprove The County Committee disapproves of the bill’s concept, but will not actively oppose passage.

AMENDMENTS REQUIRED
If staff’s recommended position is based on the need for amendments to the bill language, suggested alternative language is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRED
If staff’s recommended position is based on the need for correspondence to the bill’s author, the Governor or other governmental officials, a draft of suggested language is attached.

Please direct all comments to Daniel Villanueva, Secretary to the County Committee, at (562) 922-6144.
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BILL NUMBER/AUTHOR:  
Assembly Bill 2330/Arambula  

INTRODUCTION DATE:  
02/19/10  

LAST ACTIVITY/DATE:  
05/04/10: In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

DESCRIPTION OF BILL

According to the Legislative Counsel’s Digest, “the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA), prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election. The CVRA provides that a voter who is a member of a protected class may bring an action in superior court to enforce the provisions of the CVRA, and, if the voter prevails in the case, he or she may be awarded reasonable litigation costs and attorney’s fees.” The district would then be required to develop trustee areas and adopt a trustee area voting methodology.

The Legislative Counsel’s Digest opined further that: “This bill would require a voter to file a written claim with a county office of education, a school district, or a community college district prior to filing an action in superior court seeking enforcement of the CVRA against those entities. The county office of education, school district, or community college district, would be required to respond to the claim within 30 days or the claimant would be allowed to file an action. The bill would provide that the county office of education, school district, or community college district would not be liable for a claimant’s litigation costs or attorney’s fees if the claim is accepted by the county office of education, school district, or community college district or if the claimant accepts alternative relief proposed by the county office of education, school district, or community college district. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.” [emphasis added]

POTENTIAL IMPACT OF BILL ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE, SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION PROCESS AND/OR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

This bill could provide relief to LACOE and/or the County Committee from claims for attorneys’ fees (and expert witness fees) for actions stemming from a school district’s presumed violation of the CVRA (based on such district maintaining at-large voting methodologies), provided LACOE and/or the County Committee responds to relevant claims within 30 days and the claimant accepts the relief offered. It provides a brief window (30 days) within which LACOE and/or the County Committee could respond to such claims. It is not clear how much time would be provided for LACOE and/or the County Committee to take pro-active action to develop countywide plans, provide technical assistance to districts in analyzing or changing their voting methodologies, and other actions that may mitigate any potential violations of the CVRA.

RECOMMENDED POSITION

Staff recommends the following position:

☐ Watch  Bill should be monitored by County Committee staff, but no action should be taken at this time.
☐ Approve  The County Committee supports the bill’s concept, but will not actively work for passage.
☐ Support  The County Committee actively supports the bill.
☐ Oppose  The County Committee actively opposes the bill.
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Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals

November 2010

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 21, 2010.

PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE COMPTON USD TO THE LOS ANGELES USD

Status: Final petition submission pending.

Status Date: June 26, 2007

OTHER INQUIRIES REGARDING REORGANIZATION (within the last six months)

Formation Proposals/Last Activity Date

None

Transfer of Territory Proposals/Last Activity Date

None

* Indicates update from previous summary.
Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals
(Excluding those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District)

November 2010

The following is a summary of school district reorganization proposals (exclusive of those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District [USD]) that were at various stages in the school district reorganization process as of October 21, 2010.

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

On January 17, 2006, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (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 Education Code (EC) 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 the Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel (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 Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Registrar-Recorder) for verification that the description of the proposed boundaries of the Altadena USD was sufficiently clear (so that 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 will need to collect approximately 7,000 valid signatures in order 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. Upon notification by the Registrar-Recorder of a sufficient number of valid signatures, staff will present the petition to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) at the next regular meeting.

* Indicates update from previous summary.
*Status: Petitions under review by the Registrar-Recorder.*

**Status Date:** September 27, 2010

**FORMATION—WISEBURN USD (CURRENTLY LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SD)**

On May 16, 2001, LACOE received a request from the Citizens for a Wiseburn Unified School District organization to prepare a petition (25 percent of the registered voters) proposing to form a Wiseburn USD from existing territory of the Wiseburn SD. The proposed formation territory currently lies within the boundaries of the Centinela Valley Union High SD. The petition was provided to the chief petitioners on June 20, 2001.

On November 9, 2001, the chief petitioners submitted a signed petition to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) to determine if the petition was sufficient and signed as required by law pursuant to EC §35700(a). In accordance with EC §35704, the County Superintendent found the petition to be sufficient and signed as required by law on December 4, 2001. On December 5, 2001, the petition was presented to the County Committee at its regular meeting and transmitted to the State Board of Education (SBE). Pursuant to EC §35705, a public hearing was conducted within the Wiseburn SD and Centinela Valley Union High SD on January 23, 2002, at Richard Henry Dana Middle School in the Wiseburn SD.

At its regular meeting on March 6, 2002, the County Committee was presented with a preliminary feasibility report concerning this proposal. The final feasibility report was presented to the County Committee at its regular meeting on May 1, 2002. At that meeting, the County Committee recommended approval and took action to recommend approval of the proposal to the SBE to form a Wiseburn USD from the existing boundaries of the Wiseburn SD within the Centinela Valley Union High SD. The County Committee further recommended that the election area be the entire Centinela Valley Union High SD.

The County Committee's plans and recommendations were transmitted to the SBE and the California Department of Education (CDE) on June 18, 2002. On June 19, 2003, the CDE requested additional statistical information from the impacted districts and notified LACOE staff that the petition would be heard in November 2003.

On September 2, 2003, the CDE notified LACOE that the petition hearing before the SBE would be delayed until January 7-8, 2004. The CDE cited budget constraints and staff cutbacks as reasons for the hearing delay. On December 1, 2003, the CDE notified LACOE of a second delay for the petition hearing before the SBE, postponing it until March 10-11, 2004. The CDE cited current state fiscal circumstances as the reason for the further delay. On January 21, 2004, the CDE notified LACOE of a third delay for the petition hearing before the SBE, postponing it until May 12-13, 2004. On April 16, 2004, the CDE notified LACOE that the petition hearing would be held on May 13, 2004.

* Indicates update from previous summary.
On April 27, 2004, LACOE received a copy of the CDE’s final feasibility study. On April 29, 2004, LACOE received notice from the CDE that the petition hearing had been delayed indefinitely at the request of the Wiseburn SD. Subsequently, the Wiseburn SD requested that the SBE hear the petition, along with its request for two waivers. A hearing was scheduled for July 7, 2004. On July 7, 2004, staff was notified by the CDE that Centinela Valley Union High SD requested a delay in review by the SBE. Wiseburn SD agreed to withdraw its petition for consideration before the SBE to accommodate additional review requested by Centinela Valley Union High SD. Subsequent to granting this delay, legal counsel to Wiseburn SD and Centinela Valley Union High SD presented additional information (at the CDE’s request) regarding the legality of Wiseburn SD residents maintaining responsibility to pay Centinela Valley Union High SD tax obligations following any unification of a Wiseburn USD.

On August 31, 2004, staff received notice that Ms. Karen Steentoft, Chief Counsel for the SBE, recommended that certain waivers submitted with the Wiseburn USD petition could be determined by the SBE at the time of the hearing. Subsequently, the CDE rescheduled the petition to be heard before the SBE on September 9, 2004.

On September 9, 2004, staff attended the SBE hearing. CDE staff recommended that the SBE adopt the proposal approving the petition to form a Wiseburn USD and to set the election area as the area of the Wiseburn SD only on the condition that the property owners within the Wiseburn SD retain current levels of responsibility for repayment of existing bonded indebtedness of the Centinela Valley Union High SD upon successful formation of a Wiseburn USD. The SBE voted unanimously to approve the proposal and established that territory within the Wiseburn SD be the area of election. Statutory requirements provide that, following approval by the SBE, an election shall be called on the next available regular election date (March 8, 2005) in the territory determined by the SBE.

On October 19, 2004, at the direction of the SBE, the County Superintendent forwarded an order for special election to the Registrar-Recorder office, to be held in conjunction with the March 8, 2005, regular election. A ballot measure to approve or disapprove the formation of a Wiseburn USD and to elect a governing board will be placed before the electorate. The election will be held within the boundaries of the proposed Wiseburn USD. Should the electorate approve the proposal, the new district could become effective July 1, 2006.

On November 1, 2004, staff received a copy of a lawsuit filed by the Centinela Valley Union High SD against the SBE, seeking to vacate approval of Wiseburn SD’s petition to unify based on lack of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations. On November 18, 2004, staff received a copy of a second lawsuit filed in this matter, citing flaws in the legality of the SBE’s decisions and naming additional parties, including the County Committee as defendants. The Centinela Valley Union High SD, Wiseburn SD, and SBE began negotiations to delay the election in order to revisit the issues underlying the petition and subsequent lawsuits. The SBE requested that the County Superintendent delay the election to allow for this negotiation process to run its course. Staff consulted with County Counsel and was advised that neither the County Superintendent nor the SBE could order a delay of the election.

* Indicates update from previous summary.
On Friday, December 10, 2004, in the case of Centinela Valley Union High SD (Petitioners) vs. the SBE, the Los Angeles Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction barring the conduct of the election regarding the formation of the Wiseburn USD on March 8, 2005. The Petitioners also contacted the court and requested that the Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Injunction) scheduled for December 13, 2004, vs. the County Committee and County Superintendent, be taken off the calendar. The Petitioners will consult with the court's clerk to re-schedule. This was done because the Petitioners received the Injunction that day. A hearing on the motion was scheduled for March 30, 2005. Staff received notice from County Counsel that both the County Committee and the County Superintendent were dropped as parties to the lawsuit in which they were named.

On January 6, 2005, County Counsel met with the County Committee in closed session to discuss the lawsuit. Later at the same meeting, Dr. Don Brann, then Superintendent of Wiseburn SD, appeared before the County Committee to inform them that the SBE would withdraw its approval of the petition, pending a negotiation with petitioners and attorneys for Centinela Valley Union High SD. On January 13, 2005, the CDE withdrew its approval of the Wiseburn USD petition and its request that an election be ordered. Staff at the CDE has informed us that they intend to redo the review process related to CEQA and to return the petition to the SBE for action (not to the County Committee).

On March 13, 2007, the California Department of General Services issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), under CEQA. The CDE held a CEQA scoping hearing on March 28, 2007, within the Wiseburn SD. Staff attended this meeting. A comment period was set by the SBE for March 13, 2007, to April 12, 2007. On April 24, 2007, staff was notified by the SBE that the CEQA comment period had been extended to May 15, 2007, due to a request made at the scoping hearing.

On July 7, 2008, staff received a copy of the draft EIR from Terry A. Hayes Associates LLC, on behalf of the CDE. A comment period for the draft EIR was opened from July 7, 2008, to August 21, 2008. A public hearing was held on July 22, 2008. Staff will keep the County Committee apprised of any additional developments.

On April 15, 2009, staff provided follow-up information to the CDE regarding the financial status of the Centinela Valley Union High SD.

On October 22, 2009, the CDE notified LACOE that the petition hearing before the SBE would not be heard until January 7-8, 2010. On December 8, 2009, the CDE notified LACOE that the petition hearing before the SBE would not be heard until March 11, 2010. On January 6, 2010, the CDE notified LACOE that the petition would not be heard until July 2010.

On March 25, 2010, the CDE notified LACOE that the petition would be heard at the May 12-13, 2010, meeting of the SBE. On April 30, 2010, the CDE issued its feasibility study of the Wiseburn unification petition. On May 3, 2010, the Wiseburn SD requested that the SBE remove the item from the May 2010 agenda. Presently, there is no date set for this petition to be reviewed by the SBE.

* Indicates update from previous summary.
On July 23, 2010, Superintendents from the Wiseburn, Hawthorne, Lennox and Lawndale SDs submitted a request to the County Superintendent to meet and discuss a local solution to the school district organization issues within the area. That meeting took place on August 19, 2010, with representatives from the districts in attendance with the County Superintendent and LACOE staff.

On September 16, 2010, LACOE was notified of a change in the chief petitioner for this petition. Mr. Daniel Juarez was replaced by Ms. Shavonda Webber Christmas as the chief petitioner for this petition.

On October 5, 2010, the Superintendent for the Wiseburn SD contacted LACOE to request additional assistance to facilitate a meeting among all of the impacted school districts (the Centinela Valley Union High SD, Hawthorne SD, Lawndale SD, Lennox SD, and Wiseburn SD). Discussions are underway to plan that meeting.

*Status: Petition on hold.

Status Date: October 5, 2010

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS WITHIN THE POMONA USD

On August 18, 2010, LACOE received a request for a petition pursuant to EC §5019 to increase the number of trustees from five to seven and to establish trustee areas 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 August 27, 2010, County Counsel deemed the petition sufficient. Staff returned the petition to the chief petitioner on August 30, 2010, for circulation.

Please note that this is a separate petition, distinct from the other petitions requested by Mr. Mendoza, and requests some of the same changes within the Pomona USD (the addition of two governing board members and the creation of trustee areas). It was submitted under EC §5019(c) and requires valid signatures from 500 registered voters within the petition area. If valid and certified by the County Committee, this petition would trigger a feasibility study and ultimately a vote by the County Committee.

Status: Petition in circulation.

Status Date: August 30, 2010

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On July 14, 2010, the chief petitioner submitted signed petitions in this matter. On July 15, 2010, the chief petitioner submitted additional signed petitions. The petitions were forwarded to the Registrar-Recorder on July 23, 2010, for signature verification.

On August 12, 2010, the Registrar-Recorder completed its review of the petitions submitted. The chief petitioner submitted 733 signatures. Of that group, 680 signatures were found to be sufficient (complete and signed by registered voters). However, under EC §5019(c)(1), a petition seeking to change the trustee areas of a school district must be signed within 180 days of submission to the County Committee. Staff examined the petitions submitted and found that only 84 signatures submitted were signed within the mandated timeline. Thus, the petition is not sufficient and will not move forward. On August 16, 2010, the chief petitioner was notified of the petition insufficiency.

Status: Petition insufficient; action ended.

Status Date: August 16, 2010

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF TRUSTEE AREA VOTING WITHIN THE MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (CCD)

On February 26, 2010, LACOE received a request for a petition pursuant to EC §5019(a) and (c) to increase the number of trustees from five to seven, to establish trustee areas, and to require trustee area voting, within the Mount San Antonio CCD. The request was submitted by chief petitioner Mr. Mendoza. The petition was forwarded to County Counsel to determine its legal compliance regarding format and content. On March 12, 2010, County Counsel notified staff that the petition was sufficient. On March 12, 2010, the petition was forwarded to the chief petitioner for circulation.

Please note that this is a new, additional petition, separate from other petitions requested by Mr. Mendoza, although it requests the same changes within the Mount San Antonio CCD (the addition of two governing board members and the creation of trustee areas with trustee area voting).

* Indicates update from previous summary.
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Status: Petition in circulation.

Status Date: April 19, 2010

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS WITHIN THE POMONA USD

On July 13, 2009, LACOE received a request for a petition pursuant to EC §5019 and §5020 to increase the number of trustees from five to seven and to establish trustee areas within the Pomona USD. The request was submitted by chief petitioner Mr. Mendoza. The petition was forwarded to County Counsel to determine its legal compliance regarding format and content. On August 7, 2009, County Counsel deemed the petition sufficient. Staff returned the petition to the chief petitioner on August 11, 2009, for circulation.

Please note that this is a separate petition, distinct from the other petitions requested by Mr. Mendoza, and requests some of the same changes within the Pomona USD (the addition of two governing board members and the creation of trustee areas). It was submitted under EC §5019 and §5020 and requires valid signatures from ten percent of the registered voters within the petition area (approximately 7,000 signatures in the case of the Pomona USD). If valid and certified by the County Committee, this petition would trigger a ballot initiative (as opposed to a reference report and vote by the County Committee).

Status: Petition in circulation.

Status Date: August 20, 2009

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

Status: Petition currently in circulation.

Status Date: February 21, 2008

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

Status: Petition in circulation.

Status Date: May 11, 2007

FORMATION—LA MIRADA USD (CURRENTLY LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NORWALK – LA MIRADA USD)

Status: Petition in circulation.

* Indicates update from previous summary.
PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF
TRUSTEE AREA VOTING WITHIN THE MOUNT SAN ANTONIO CCD

Status Date: March 20, 2007

Status: Petition in circulation.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN
WITHIN THE POMONA USD, RETAINING THE AT-LARGE VOTING METHOD

Status Date: January 17, 2007

Status: Petition in circulation.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF
TRUSTEE AREA VOTING WITHIN THE MOUNT SAN ANTONIO CCD

Status Date: October 2, 2006

Status: Petition in circulation.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS WITHIN THE POMONA USD

Status Date: April 11, 2006

Status: Petition in circulation.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF
TRUSTEE AREA VOTING WITHIN THE MOUNT SAN ANTONIO CCD

Status Date: April 11, 2006

Status: Petition in circulation.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN
WITHIN THE MOUNT SAN ANTONIO CCD

Status Date: July 21, 2003

* Indicates update from previous summary.
PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN
WITHIN THE POMONA USD

Status: Petition in circulation.

Status Date: June 16, 2003

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN,
TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS, AND TO REQUIRE THAT EACH GOVERNING
BOARD MEMBER RESIDE IN AND BE ELECTED BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS
OF EACH PARTICULAR TRUSTEE AREA WITHIN THE MOUNT SAN ANTONIO
CCD

Status: Petition in circulation.

Status Date: August 20, 2001

OTHER INQUIRIES REGARDING REORGANIZATION (within the last six months)

Unification Proposals/Last Activity Date

- None

Transfer of Territory Proposals/Last Activity Date

- None

Formation Proposals/Last Activity Date

- None

Trustee Areas and Governing Board Size/Last Activity Date

- None

* Indicates update from previous summary.