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TO: Superintendents and Presidents  
Chief Business Officials  
Governing Board Members  
Los Angeles County School and Community College Districts

FROM: Octavio Castelo, Director  
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SUBJECT: Census Redistricting and the California Voting Rights Act

On August 12, 2021, and on October 8, 2021, the United States Census Bureau released data on the results of the 2020 census. If your school district or community college district has trustee areas which govern its elections, California Education Code (EC) §5019.5 specifies that the district's governing board must examine, and, if necessary, adjust its trustee area boundaries based upon the census population results.

Each district with trustee areas must make the adjustments before March 1, 2022, otherwise, the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) has been designated by the state legislature to do so before April 30, 2022. For districts with trustee areas, it is important that our office receives notification of your district's compliance with EC §5019.5 before March 1, 2022, so that the County Committee does not commence post-census redistricting studies which have already been done. ***All districts that currently have trustee areas are strongly encouraged to reach out to County Committee staff for assistance with timelines, and to report changes that their districts have made.***

In order to educate districts about redistricting and the implementation of trustee areas and trustee area voting in order to comply with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), an online forum was held by our office and the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA). The forum was held on Monday, June 21, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and it was designed for school and community college district staff and governing board members. The goal was to provide a place for informed dialogue with stakeholders from around the county and the state to discuss these important issues.

Recent legislation and statutory changes that affect elections, redistricting, and the CVRA, contributed to the value of the forum, with the goal of providing guidance and information for districts to consider. The recording of the event can be accessed at the link below, as well as documents related to the topics which the panelists discussed.

[Redistricting and CVRA 2021 LACSTA Forum](#)

For further information you may contact Dr. Allison Deegan at LACOE, via [Deegan\\_Allison@lacoed.edu](mailto:Deegan_Allison@lacoed.edu) or by calling (562) 922-6336.

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