



**Los Angeles County Committee on
School District Organization**
c/o Los Angeles County Office of Education
9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242-2890

2022

County Committee Members

February 28, 2022

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Frank Ogaz, *Chairperson*

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Charles Davis

Third Supervisorial District

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Fourth Supervisorial District

Donald LaPlante
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Octavio Castelo
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TO: Members of the Los Angeles County Committee
on School District Organization (County Committee)

FROM: Octavio Castelo, Secretary
County Committee

SUBJECT: Regular Meeting of the County Committee-
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Committee will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This meeting will be held completely online.** Connection information will be emailed to you in advance of the meeting.

Attached is the agenda for the meeting of March 2, 2022.

If you have questions, please call Dr. Allison Deegan at (562) 922-6336.

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Attachments



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Agenda No. 3 – Calendar Year 2022

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- Correspondence received shall become part of the administrative record.

**County Committee on School District Organization
Remote Participation - Regular Meeting
March 2, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

*I Information
D Discussion
A Action*

Speaker	Item	Notes
Mr. Ogaz	I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 A.M.	
Mr. Ogaz	II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
Mr. Ogaz	III. ROLL CALL	
Mr. Ogaz	IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM	

Speaker	Item	Notes
Mr. Ogaz	V. ORDERING OF THE AGENDA	
Mr. Ogaz	VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES A. February 2, 2022. Enclosure 1	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Ms. Cervera	VII. COUNTY COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS The Chair will request that County Counsel address Communications.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON OPEN SESSION ITEMS Access for members of the public to observe and offer public comment: Connection information was provided to the Public for those who wish to remotely attend the County Committee meeting as a listener or to make public comment. Public comment received by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the meeting (one week before the meeting date) becomes part of the administrative record.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo	IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo	X. CORRESPONDENCE	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XI. PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS / COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XII. CONSENT CALENDAR	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XIII. PRESENTATIONS	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XIV. HEARINGS	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XV. REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan Ms. Cervera	A. Policies Subcommittee: The Chairperson will provide an update. B. The Committee may also discuss other issues related to the County Committee policies.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XVI. RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>I, D, A</i>

Speaker	Item	Notes
Mr. Ogaz	XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	A. UPDATE ON A PROPOSAL TO FORM A MALIBU USD FROM TERRITORY WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (SMMUSD). Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update to the County Committee on the status of the petition.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan Mr. Hass	B. UPDATE ON REVIEW FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICTS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE TRUSTEE AREAS FOLLOWING THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update on the review of trustee areas in all districts that currently have them, following the release of the 2020 U.S. Census.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan Mr. Hass	C. UPDATE ON PENDING PETITIONS TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN VARIOUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICTS Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update on the scheduling of public hearings for trustee area petitions previously submitted. There will likely be additional districts submitting their materials in the coming days.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	D. A PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE DUARTE USD Secretary Castelo will introduce a new petition from the Duarte USD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting.	<i>I, D, A</i>

Speaker	Item	Notes
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	E. A PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE EL MONTE UNION HSD Secretary Castelo will introduce a new petition from the El Monte Union HSD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	F. A PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE GARVEY SD Secretary Castelo will introduce a new petition from the Garvey SD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	G. A PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE BONITA USD Secretary Castelo will introduce a new petition from the Bonita USD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan Mr. Hass	H. CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (CVRA). Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update to the County Committee on activities locally and statewide related to the CVRA. The update will include discussion of a recent bulletin regarding U.S. Census data and timelines for filing changes and new trustee area, and scheduling issues for upcoming trustee area petition public hearings and meetings.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan Mr. Hass	I. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Enclosure 2 Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update to the County Committee on legislation that may impact the school district organization process.	<i>I, D, A</i>

Speaker	Item	Notes
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	J. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES USD (LAUSD) REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS. Enclosure 3 Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update to the County Committee on recent activity related to school district organization proposals pertaining to the LAUSD.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	K. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS EXCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE LAUSD. Enclosure 4 Secretary Castelo will request that staff provide an update to the County Committee on recent activity related to school district organization proposals pertaining to districts other than those listed in the agenda enclosures.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz Mr. Castelo Dr. Deegan	I. COUNTY COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS, MEETING SCHEDULE, ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING TIMES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, FOLLOW UP. The Chair will provide a reminder about the County Committee's next meeting and other matters.	<i>I, D, A</i>
Mr. Ogaz	XVIII. ADJOURNMENT	

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
Virtual Meeting
February 2, 2022**

*County
Committee Meeting
December 8, 2021*

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Mr. Frank Ogaz.

Members Present

Estefany Castaneda
Charles Davis
Martha Deutsch
Donald LaPlante
Ralph Mechur
Cherise Moore
John Nunez
Frank Ogaz
John Quintanilla
Barry Snell

Members Absent

Suzan T. Solomon

Staff Present

Octavio Castelo, Secretary
Dr. Allison Deegan, Staff
Eric Hass, Staff
Mayra Chavez, Staff

Item	Description
<i>Call to Order</i>	Chairperson Frank Ogaz called the County Committee meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	Mr. Quintanilla led the flag salute
<i>Roll Call</i>	Chairperson Ogaz called attendance of Committee Members
<i>Establishment of Quorum</i>	A Quorum was established.
<i>Ordering of the Agenda</i>	The ordering of the agenda stands. No recommendations to reorder the agenda were received.

Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2022	It was MOVED by Mr. Charles Davis and SECONDED by Mr. John Nunez that the minutes of January 12, 2022 be approved. Motion carried, votes are:			
	Ms. Estefany Castaneda	Yes	Dr. Cherise Moore	Yes
	Mr. Charles Davis	Yes	Mr. John Nunez	Yes
	Ms. Martha Deutsch	Yes	Mr. Frank Ogaz	Yes
	Mr. Donald LaPlante	Yes	Mr. John Quintanilla	Yes
	Mr. Ralph Mechur	Yes	Mr. Barry Snell	Yes
County Committee Communications	County Counsel Michelle Cervera addressed the Committee and introduced herself, she also welcomed the new members. She stated and reminded the members that any topic of concern must be brought to the Chairperson who will be the voice of the Committee. Secondly, she reminded the Committee to conduct themselves with the utmost transparency.			
Public Comments on Open Session Items	Mr. Eric Hass stated that correspondence that was timely received has been sent to the Committee. He also stated that the comments received after the deadline were also sent to the Committee.			
Announcements	Mr. Octavio Castelo announced that information pertaining to the Santa Monica-Malibu USD petition would be distributed to the new County Committee members, Estefany Castaneda and Ralph Mechur.			
Correspondence	Mr. Hass addressed the correspondence agenda topic during the public comments.			
Public Interest Items/Committee Member Announcements	Dr. Cherise Moore stated that LACSTA will be hosting a diversity event on February 7, 2022. Mr. Hass announced the African American Heritage event sponsored by LACOE and will be sending out information to the Committee. County Counsel Ms. Cervera stated that she is working on obtaining information with regards to the conflict of interest issue.			
Consent Calendar	None at this time.			
Presentations	None at this time.			
Hearings	None at this time.			
Reports/Study Topics	Chairperson Ogaz appointed Mr. Donald LaPlante, Estefany Castaneda and Ms. Suzan Solomon as the new members of the Policies Subcommittee. Ms. Solomon will be the new Chairperson. They will set up a meeting to continue working on the Policies.			

<i>Recommendations</i>	None at this time.
<i>Informational Items</i> A. Update on a Proposal to Form a Malibu USD from Territory within the Santa Monica-Malibu USD	A. Dr. Deegan gave an update that the next step would be to present the feasibility study and the report from School Services of California at the March meeting. Several members of the public spoke on this matter. A request was made by the City of Malibu to extend the deadline to April due to the City of Malibu's pending negotiations with the Santa Monica-Malibu USD. Meetings are in the process of being scheduled. Discussion occurred within the Committee and a consensus was reached that the extension would be granted.
<i>Informational Items</i> B. A Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD	B. Secretary Castelo introduced a petition presented by two residents in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting.
<i>Informational Items</i> C. A Petition to Increase from Five to Seven the Number of Board Members in the Pomona USD	C. Secretary Castelo introduced a new petition presented by a Chief Petitioner in the Pomona USD to increase the size of the governing board from five to seven. Mr. Castelo stated that this petition was filed by a resident petitioner, and following this introduction, the process will next include a public hearing and a study. The petitioner and the impacted district will be alerted to the timelines as they are set.
<i>Informational Items</i> D. A Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the Azusa USD	D. Secretary Castelo introduced a petition from the Azusa USD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting. Secretary Castelo stated that this petition was filed by the Azusa USD via board action, and following this introduction, the process will next include a public hearing and a study. The petitioners and the impacted district will be alerted to the timelines as they are set.
<i>Informational Items</i> E. A Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the South Pasadena USD	E. Secretary Castelo introduced a petition from the South Pasadena USD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting. Secretary Castelo stated that this petition was filed by the South Pasadena USD via board action and following this introduction, the process will next include a public hearing and a study. The petitioners and the impacted district will be alerted to the timelines as they are set.

<i>Informational Items</i> <i>F.A Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the Charter Oak USD</i>	F. Secretary Castelo introduced a petition from the Charter Oak USD to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting. Secretary Castelo stated that this petition was filed by the Charter Oak USD via board action and following this introduction, the process will next include a public hearing and a study. The petitioners and the impacted district will be alerted to the timelines as they are set.
<i>Informational Items</i> <i>G. California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)</i>	G. Mr. Hass stated that we have now seen many petitions being introduced and many to come as well. His update included discussion of a recent bulletin regarding U.S. Census data and timelines for filing changes for trustee area, and scheduling issues for upcoming trustee area petition public hearings and meetings. Mr. Hass screen shared a list of districts with trustee areas that have completed or are in process of reviewing and updating their trustee areas. An updated list may be presented to the County Committee at the March meeting.
<i>Informational Items</i> <i>H. Legislative Update</i>	H. Mr. Hass stated that AB 1418, legislation that staff was following, has been deactivated. The most relevant SDO-related issues being considered currently are regarding remote meetings and hybrid meetings.
<i>Informational Items</i> <i>I. Update on Los Angeles USD Reorganizational Proposals</i>	I. None at this time.
<i>Informational Items</i> <i>J. Update on Los Angeles County Reorganization Proposals Excluding Those Affecting the LAUSD</i>	J. None at this time.
<i>Informational Items</i> <i>County Committee Communications, Meeting Schedules, Establishment of Meeting Times , Future Agenda Items, Follow up</i>	K. Chairperson Ogaz began a discussion regarding a timeline of receiving correspondence so that the Committee may have ample time to review. He stated that our next County Committee will be held on March 2, 2022, and the deadline for receiving input and correspondence will be Friday, February 25, 2022. Discussion also occurred with reference to the many public hearings coming up, and ideas to expedite the public hearings and obtain more public participation.

<i>Adjournment</i>	It was MOVED by Mr. Charles Davis and SECONDED by Ms. Estafany Castaneda to adjourn meeting at 11:45 a.m. Votes are as follows:		
	Ms. Estefany Castaneda	Yes	Dr. Cherise Moore
	Mr. Charles Davis	Yes	Mr. John Nunez
	Ms. Martha Deutsch	Yes	Mr. Frank Ogaz
	Mr. Donald LaPlante	Yes	Mr. John Quintanilla
	Mr. Ralph Mechur	Yes	Mr. Barry Snell



Enclosure 2

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION (COUNTY COMMITTEE)
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW – MARCH 2022**

BILL NUMBER/AUTHOR: Assembly Bill 1295 / Muratsuchi	INTRODUCTION DATE: 02/19/21	LAST ACTIVITY/DATE: 02/01/22: Bill deactivated.
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DESCRIPTION OF BILL

This bill would prohibit a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located in a very high fire risk area. It would also apply to charter cities and charter counties.

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

School districts who are approached by developers will need to ascertain whether part of their district is in a city or county that has a very high fire risk area.

RECOMMENDED POSITION

Staff recommends the following position:

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

BILL NUMBER/AUTHOR: Assembly Bill 1733 / Quirk	INTRODUCTION DATE: 01/31/22	LAST ACTIVITY/DATE: 02/01/22: Assembly Rules Committee hearing tentatively scheduled for 03/03/22.
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DESCRIPTION OF BILL

This bill would require all state bodies to provide telephonic or audio / visual electronic access for the public to hear, or hear and observe, and remotely address the body in all meetings, as well as provide a physical location to remotely address the body. The notice must list the address where the public may remotely address the body, but no members need to be physically at the location to be deemed in attendance. This bill would prohibit the notice and agenda from disclosing the location of the body's members who are participating remotely, and would require members to disclose if there are other individuals at the remote location who are 18 years of age or older, and the nature of their relationship. If the means of remote participation fail during a meeting and cannot be restored, the meeting must end or adjourn, and the body's website must indicate when the meeting will reconvene, and the phone number and/or connection information for the public to rejoin the meeting. This bill would require that when state bodies give notice at least 48 hours before a special meeting, that upon commencement of the special meeting, the body must set forth the specific facts that necessitated foregoing 10 day notice, and that 2/3 of the body in attendance must adopt the findings. If less than 2/3 of the members are present, then by unanimous vote of the members present. Failure to adopt the findings terminates the meeting. This bill would take effect immediately as an urgency statute by a 2/3 vote of the state legislature.

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

This bill would require the County Committee to cancel meetings for which teleconferencing access for the public cannot occur or cannot be restored after failure. It would also require a physical location be availed the public with remote access to the meeting.

RECOMMENDED POSITION

Staff recommends the following position:

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

BILL NUMBER/AUTHOR: Senate Bill 55 / Stern and Allen	INTRODUCTION DATE: 12/07/20	LAST ACTIVITY/DATE: 02/01/22: Bill deactivated.
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DESCRIPTION OF BILL

This bill would, in furtherance of specified state housing production, sustainability communities strategies, greenhouse gas reduction, and wildfire mitigation goals, prohibit the creation or approval of a new development in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area, unless there is substantial evidence that the local agency has adopted a comprehensive, necessary, and appropriate wildfire prevention and community hardening strategy to mitigate significant risks of loss, injury, or death.

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

This bill, like AB 1295, would prohibit a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located in a very high fire risk area. However, this bill provides for the possibility of mitigation measures being adopted in order to secure possible approval.

RECOMMENDED POSITION

Staff recommends the following position:

- ☒ **Watch** Bill should be monitored by County Committee staff, but no action taken at this time.
- ☐ **Approve** County Committee supports the bill's concept, but will not actively work for passage.
- ☐ **Support** County Committee actively supports the bill.
- ☐ **Oppose** County Committee actively opposes the bill.
- ☐ **Disapprove** 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 Mr. Octavio Castelo, Secretary to the County Committee at (562) 922-6110.



Enclosure 3

Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals

March 2022

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 14, 2022.

PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM THE LOS ANGELES USD (LAUSD) TO THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD (PVPUSD)

On July 10, 2019, Chadmar/Colfin Rolling Hills, LLC., submitted an owner petition to transfer five parcels of uninhabited territory from LAUSD to PVPUSD. At the September 4, 2019, regularly scheduled County Committee meeting, the petition was to be introduced to the County Committee. However, Chadmar's new counsel, David Soldani, addressed the County Committee and requested that the petition be withdrawn at that time. At the County Committee's regular meeting on March 3, 2021, Mr. Soldani provided the update that only four parcels may need to be transferred, and that the revised petition would likely be resubmitted within the next few months.

Status: Petition temporarily withdrawn, to be resubmitted
Status Date: March 3, 2021

RECENT INQUIRIES REGARDING REORGANIZATION (within the last two years)

Formation Proposals/Last Activity Date

- Inner City USD / September 2021

Transfer of Territory Proposals/Last Activity Date

- LAUSD to Palos Verdes Peninsula USD / March 2021

* = indicates activity since last meeting

This document was prepared by staff to the County Committee.



Enclosure 4

**Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals
(Excluding those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District)**

March 2022

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 20, 2022.

**PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN
THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU USD**

On January 6, 2022, Chief Petitioners who are residents in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition with the requisite number of signatures, and a map, was introduced to the County Committee on February 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Public hearing to be scheduled
Status Date: February 3, 2022

**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. In December

2021, Mr. Mendoza delivered the signatures to LACOE which were subsequently validated by the County Registrar of Voters. This petition would trigger a vote within the district, before which the County Committee may hold a public hearing on the proposal.

Status: Public hearing to be scheduled.

Status Date: February 3, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE AZUSA USD

On January 11, 2022, the Azusa USD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, was introduced to the County Committee on February 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Public hearing to be scheduled.

Status Date: February 3, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE SOUTH PASADENA USD

On January 13, 2022, the South Pasadena USD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, was introduced to the County Committee on February 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Public hearing to be scheduled.

Status Date: February 3, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREAS AND TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE CHARTER OAK USD

On January 25, 2022, the Charter Oak USD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, was introduced to the County Committee on February 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Public hearing to be scheduled.

Status Date: February 3, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE ALHAMBRA USD

On February 19, 2022, the Alhambra USD submitted a petition to implement trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and the district's trustee area map, may be introduced to the County Committee on March 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Petition to be introduced

Status Date: *February 20, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE BONITA USD

On February 11, 2022, the Bonita USD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, may be introduced to the County Committee on March 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Petition to be introduced

Status Date: *February 14, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE DUARTE USD

On January 21, 2022, the Duarte USD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, may be introduced to the County Committee on March 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Petition to be introduced

Status Date: *February 14, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE EL MONTE UNION HSD

On February 3, 2022, the El Monte Union HSD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, may be introduced to the County Committee on March 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Petition to be introduced

Status Date: *February 14, 2022

PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TRUSTEE AREA VOTING IN THE GARVEY SD

On February 2, 2022, the Garvey SD submitted a petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the district. The petition, in the form of a board resolution and an adopted trustee area map, may be introduced to the County Committee on March 2, 2022, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Status: Petition to be introduced
Status Date: *February 14, 2022

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. The petition was introduced at the November 1, 2017 regular County Committee meeting, and at least one public hearing will be scheduled. After this local agency petition was introduced, however, the City of Malibu sent a letter requesting that the County Committee postpone the scheduling of its preliminary hearing to allow the stakeholders more time to discuss further options and details regarding the petition. On February 28, 2018, however, the City of Malibu apprised the committee of their interest in pursuing the preliminary public hearing. Then, in April 2018, the City resolved to further investigate options before asking the County Committee to proceed. At its May 2, 2018 regular meeting, the County Committee voted to delay scheduling the preliminary public hearing until after getting an update on negotiations at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 5, 2018. On September 5, 2018, representatives from the City of Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu USD apprised the County Committee of their negotiations, and again at the March 6, 2019 meeting. On May 10, 2019, staff met with the district to ascertain the status of its ongoing study and analyses. The parties to the petition returned to the committee on September 4, 2019, October 2, 2019, November 6, 2019, January 8, 2020, and March 4, 2020 to provide updates on their studies, and on August 5, 2020, the school district's attorney apprised the committee that the impacts of the COVID-19 public health crisis on the school district- and on the city- had put a pause on their negotiations. On October 7, 2020, counsel for the City of Malibu said the pursuit of a legislative solution on the splitting of the parcel tax had stalled, and that on October 12, 2020, the City of Malibu would be considering hiring a third consultant to provide a new fiscal review on the petition. On October 29, 2020, the city manager sent the city council's request that the petition be reactivated and that the County Committee's process move forward. At the County Committee's regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2020, the initial preliminary public hearing was scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, pending

public health concerns about the viability at that time of having an in-person public hearing. On March 3, 2021, the County Committee voted to conduct a virtual preliminary public hearing on April 17, 2021. That event was held and attended by more than 300 people. The County Committee heard testimony from the City of Malibu, the Santa Monica-Malibu USD, and both proponents and opponents of the petition. The County Committee concluded the preliminary public hearing on September 18, 2021, after which it approved moving the petition into the regular County Committee petition review process. The County Committee held a virtual public hearing on November 10, 2021, and staff is preparing a feasibility study to be presented at a future regular meeting. At the County Committee's regular meeting on February 2, 2022, the City of Malibu requested that the County Committee delay further review of the petition in consideration of pending negotiations with the SMMUSD in March.

Status: Parties negotiating while feasibility study continues.

Status Date: *February 3, 2022

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.

In the fall 2017, staff concluded the Request For Proposal (RFP) process, evaluated vendors, and selected an environmental consultant, for whom a contract was agreed upon. The environmental analysis concluded with the report's comment period spanning August 30 – September 18, 2018. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Hearing

convened on October 3, 2018, at the County Committee's regular scheduled meeting. The County Committee continued to review the petition.

In February 2019, Dr. Kelly King, Interim Superintendent of the Glendale USD, requested a delay in the final review of the petition so that she could become familiar with the relevant issues following her recent appointment. Also in February 2019, the chief petitioners requested that the final review of the petition not take place at the April 3, 2019 meeting, because that date would fall during spring break and may impact participation by the public. In April 2019, the chief petitioners requested the June meeting date be changed due to coinciding with the school year ending, which could prevent some parents from attending the meeting.

At the October 2, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting, the County Committee voted to accept the CEQA findings, and conducted a final vote to approve the petition, but did not approve the election area, pending the review of different election area scenarios. At the November 6, 2019, regularly scheduled meeting, the County Committee further discussed election area factors and requested additional election area maps to be reviewed at the January 8, 2020 meeting.

Before the County Committee could finalize the election area at the January meeting, however, Glendale USD appealed the petition's approval to the State Board of Education (SBE), and commenced litigation about the sufficiency of the CEQA process, which halted the County Committee's process. At its May 6, 2020, regular meeting, the County Committee passed a resolution to convey the petition's administrative record to the SBE. The CEQA litigation is ongoing in Los Angeles.

Status: Litigation ongoing.
Status Date: April 23, 2021

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. Prior to the submission of any signed petitions related to this request, the City of Malibu submitted its own petition to form a Malibu USD, which was discussed earlier in this update document.

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 continued to negotiate with the Santa Monica-Malibu USD. A joint committee was appointed by both the district and the City of Malibu, which released a study addressing the implications of this petition. It is not clear if negotiations with this petitioner group are ongoing.

Status: Petitioners may be in negotiation.

Status Date: March 18, 2016

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 that 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 was not yet 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

Trustee Areas and/or Governing Board Size/Last Activity Date

- *Claremont USD / February 2022
- El Monte City SD / August 2017
- *Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union ESD / February 2022
- *San Marino USD / February 2022
- Walnut Valley USD / May 2016
- *Wilsona SD / February 2022

* = indicates activity since last meeting

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