

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 1085

**RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE MONTEREY COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF
BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Pacific Grove Unified School District (“District”) are currently elected using an “at-large” election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the Board;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, on April 22, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 1069, declaring its intent to initiate a transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections, commencing in 2022, where each Board member must reside within the designated trustee area boundary and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area (**Exhibit A**);

WHEREAS, National Demographics Corporation was retained to prepare by-trustee area election map options for the Board’s and public’s consideration;

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, the Board held a statutorily required public hearing to gather public input regarding potential trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(1);

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Board held the second of two statutorily required public hearings to gather community input regarding potential trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(1);

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, the Board held an additional town hall meeting to allow members of the community to provide input and dialogue regarding what the Board should consider in creating trustee area boundary maps;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2022, the District timely published four trustee area maps and potential election sequencing on its website for consideration by the Board and the community;

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the Board held a statutorily required public hearing to gather public input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(2);

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2022, the District timely published three new proposed trustee area maps and potential election sequencing on its website for consideration by the Board and the community;

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, the Board held the second of two statutorily required public hearings to gather input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(2);

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, the Board held a final public hearing on the matter before consideration of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, throughout this process, the District conducted expansive outreach to the community, including public notices, newsletters, and postings on a dedicated webpage;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019, 5030, and other applicable provisions of law authorize the Monterey County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”), upon application from the Board, to change the method of electing Board members; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020, as amended by Senate Bill 442, allows the County Committee to approve the Board’s proposal to change to by-trustee area elections, without the need to seek voter approval, so long as the County Committee adopts a resolution indicating that the change in the method of electing members is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Board of Trustees hereby finds, determines and resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board hereby approves, and requests that the County Committee approve, the adoption of by-trustee area elections and the trustee area map set forth in **Exhibit B**, which has been designated as the **Teal** Map.
3. Upon giving special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, and after taking into account the preferences expressed by members of the District, the Board hereby approves, and requests that the County Committee approve, the following sequencing of elections:
 - a. Trustee areas 1, 3, and 5 be scheduled for election in 2022; and
 - b. Trustee areas 2, and 4 be scheduled for election in 2024.
4. The Board hereby requests that the County Committee, in accordance with Education Code section 5020, include language in any resolution approving the Board’s proposal, declaring that the change in method of election is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.
5. The District Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and requested to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee, and to work with the County Committee and the Elections Office to conduct any acts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including making any minor

modifications to the map as necessary, and to ensure that by-trustee area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2022 and 2024.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Pacific Grove Unified School District this 3rd day of March 2022, by the following vote:

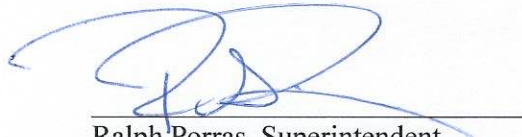
AYES: 4

NOES: 1

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0


Cristy Dawson, President
Board of Education


Ralph Porras, Superintendent
Secretary Board of Education