

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 18-19-30**

**Resolution of Intention to Initiate Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System**

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Valley Unified School District's Board of Education ("Board") is keenly aware of the importance of maintaining a fair election system, and the Board has always strived to listen to all voices in the community and represent all of our community;

**WHEREAS**, the Board reaffirms our mission to educate all of our students and provide a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students, teachers, and staff;

**WHEREAS**, the California Voting Rights Act (Elections Code §§ 14025 *et seq.*) ("CVRA") prohibits the use of an "at-large" election system for governing board members of a school district if the "at-large" elections impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice, or its ability to influence the outcome of an election;

**WHEREAS**, Board Members of the Silver Valley Unified School District ("District") are currently elected using an "at-large" election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the governing board);

**WHEREAS**, the Board to ensure compliance with the CVRA hereby intends to initiate the process to establish "by-trustee areas" pursuant to Government Elections Code section 10010(e)(3);

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the importance of utilizing and analyzing the most up-to-date demographic data as permissible by law during this transition process;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5, following the decennial 2020 federal census, the Board is required to review and adjust the boundaries of any or all of the trustee areas of the District to ensure that each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as the ratio that the number of governing board members elected from the area bears to the total number of members of the governing board and the same proportion of the total population of the district as each of the other area;

**WHEREAS**, the District's demographics have shifted considerably since the 2010 federal census and the 2010 federal census will not accurately reflect the District's demographics;

**WHEREAS**, for the sake of costs, efficiency, and to create trustee area maps that most accurately represent our community, the 2020 federal census will be used;

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 federal census day, April 1, 2020, is less than a year away;

**WHEREAS**, the results of the 2020 federal census should be available by May 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Board will complete the transition to by-trustee areas by December 31, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Board of the Silver Valley Unified School District does hereby resolve, order and determine as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby determines that the trustee area boundary lines shall be developed based on the most up-to-date data to provide for "by-trustee area" elections following the decennial 2020 federal census,
3. The Board hereby determines that the transition to by-trustee area elections will be completed by December 31, 2021;
4. Staff is directed to prepare for all relevant processes and procedures including, but not limited to: creation of relevant maps, information, notices, agendas, other materials regarding "by-trustee area" elections, and to establish means of communication to answer questions from the public.
5. The Board intends to comply with the timelines required pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, which includes 5 public hearings.
6. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare any other additional Board resolutions to implement the applicable legal requirements in a timely manner.
7. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to resolve all legal issues necessary to give effect to this resolution.
8. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board on May 07, 2019, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Mark Staggs, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Silver Valley Unified School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held on May 07, 2019, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 7th day of May, 2019.

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Clerk of the Governing Board  
Silver Valley Unified School District