

**NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021/2022**

**ADOPTING REVISED TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARY MAP
BASED ON 2020 FEDERAL CENSUS DATA**

WHEREAS, the Novato Unified School District (“District”) is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, starting with the November 2020 election, the District moved from an “at-large” trustee election system to a “by-trustee area” election system, whereby voters now elect District trustees based on the specific area in which the voter lives; and

WHEREAS, when the District transitioned to a by-trustee area election system, it adopted a boundary map for its trustee areas that was based on the census data available at that time; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau recently released data from the 2020 census which, for school districts using by-trustee area elections, triggers the need to examine, and potentially re-draw, the trustee areas based on population changes; and

WHEREAS, specifically, in accordance with Education Code Section 5019.5, the District must adjust its trustee area boundaries, if necessary, based on population changes following each decennial census, such that the population of each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as each of the other areas; and

WHEREAS, the District engaged its demographer, Cooperative Strategies, to examine the existing trustee areas based on population changes within the District as indicated in the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the Board received information from its counsel regarding the redistricting requirement and anticipated process to fulfill the requirement; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, the Board received a presentation from Cooperative Strategies, confirming that it had conducted an analysis of the District’s trustee areas to determine population balance and determined there was a need to revise trustee area maps based on changes in total population; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022 and February 8, 2022, the Board received further presentation from Cooperative Strategies regarding potential revisions to the trustee areas to reduce the variance in population between the areas given the 2020 Census data and, at such meeting, the Board sought public input on, considered options for, and provided direction regarding the revised trustee area boundary maps being considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information presented and desires to take further action to adopt a revised trustee area map, and intends that this resolution be adopted to confirm the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Novato Unified School District hereby resolves, determines, and finds as follows:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. That the Board (i) adopts the revised trustee area boundary map attached hereto as "Exhibit A" (the "Revised Map"), (ii) believes that adoption of the Revised Map would serve the public interest of the District's residents and voters, (iii) confirms that the population of each trustee area within the Revised Map is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as each of the other areas within the Revised Map.

Section 3. That each Board member shall continue to serve their current terms.

Section 4. That the trustee areas shown on the Revised Map from which Board members shall be elected in November 2022, and every four years thereafter, shall continue to be Areas 4, 5, and 6.

Section 5. That the trustee areas shown on the Revised Map from which Board members shall be elected in November 2024, and every four years thereafter, shall continue to be Areas 1, 2, 3, and 7.

Section 6. That the Superintendent and/or the designee(s) of the Superintendent are each hereby directed to take all necessary steps to:

- (1) notify the responsible county officials of the Board's determination and provide whatever assistance may be required to implement the Board's direction for future election of Board members in accordance with the Revised Map; and,
- (2) take any action and/or execute any documents which are necessary to carry out, give effect to, and comply with the terms and intent of this resolution.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Novato Unified School District this 8th day of February 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 

President, NUSD Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By: 

Vice President/Clerk, NUSD Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

REVISED TRUSTEE AREA MAP

