HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - 2023/24

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A MAP OF TRUSTEE AREAS FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED

WHEREAS, the Huntington Beach Union High School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing members of its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the District received written notice from counsel asserting that the method of conducting Board elections may violate the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, California Elections Codes 14025, et seq. ("CVRA"); and

WHEREAS, under the CVRA an at-large method of election may be deemed to weaken the ability of some voters to elect candidates of their choice or to influence the outcome of elections and is subject to challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Board, based on this awareness, initiated a process to change the method of conducting Board elections to trustee areas in order to ensure compliance with the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, in a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the Board must reside within a specific geographic subarea of the District called a "trustee area" and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

WHEREAS, the Board may transition from an at-large system to a by-trustee area system by resolution to the Orange County Committee on School District Organization ("Committee") under California Education Code 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Committee has indicated that it will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

WHEREAS, District staff and consultants conducted public hearings for map input as required by law that were presented to the public at the District's Board Meetings on May 9, 2023, and May 23, 2023, and thereafter posted the Plans on the District's website for further input; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding proposed trustee area maps on August 8, 2023, and September 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all public input and comment on the Plans and proposed maps; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Scenario A and hereby recommends Scenario A to the Committee for its consideration based upon the findings, analysis and recommendations contained in the report attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Beach Union High School District as follows:

- 1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. That the Board has adopted Scenario A and recommends Scenario A to the Committee for consideration and adoption and requests that the Committee waive the election requirement pursuant to Education Code 5020. The sequencing of the election shall be as follows: Trustee Area 1 (2024), Trustee Area 2 (2026), Trustee Area 3 (2024), Trustee Area 4 (2026), and Trustee Area 5 (2026).
- 3. That the Superintendent and/or designee take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2023.

President of the Board of Trustees of the

Huntington Beach Union High School District

I, Susan Henry, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Beach Union High School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 19th day of September, 2023, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

CASTREY, SIMONS, HENRY, DISHNO, CAREY

NOES:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE

Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the

Huntington Beach Union High School District

EXHIBIT "A"

APPROVED TRUSTEE AREA MAP

(See attached Scenario Map A approved by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on September 19, 2023)

CONCEPTUAL TRUSTEE AREAS SCENARIO A

