

NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 11-30

IN THE MATTER OF: Resolution to Commission a Study Related to the Conversion to a Trustee Area Method of Election

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Natomas Unified School District, at a regular meeting held on the 27th Day of September 2011, by the following roll call vote:

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| B. Teri Burns | _____ |
| Susan Heredia | _____ |
| Lisa Kaplan | _____ |
| Bruce Roberts | _____ |
| Jules Tran | _____ |

Signed and approved by me after its passage:

Bruce Roberts, President

Attest:

Susan Heredia, Clerk

WHEREAS members of the Board of Trustees (“Board”) are currently elected at-large; and

WHEREAS the Board wants to ensure compliance with the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”), and afford groups an opportunity to become members of the Board; and

WHEREAS the Board currently enjoys diverse representation including gender, religious, and national origin diversity; and

WHEREAS the Board seeks to ascertain whether the election of its Trustees in “at-large” elections in which Trustees reside in a designated trustee area and are elected by registered voters of the entire District is in the District’s best interest; and

WHEREAS the Board would like to commission a demographic analysis to study this issue in historical perspective and determine if the public interest is well served by electing Trustees in “by trustee area” elections; and

WHEREAS the Board received data from the 2010 census in approximately April of 2011; and

WHEREAS if the Board undertakes the process to change the manner of election of board members from an “at-large” system to a “by trustee area” system, this would require the Board, under applicable provisions of law, to establish the District’s trustee area boundaries following review of data from the 2010 census; and

WHEREAS the Board, cognizant of its reduced operating revenues and need for fiscal conservancy, desires to determine if any change should be made to its manner of electing Trustees in the most cost effective and efficient manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves as follows:

1. During the 2011-2012 school year, commission a demographic study and expert analysis to determine whether the public interest is served by changing the method of electing Trustees; and

2. If an expert analysis reveals that such a change to the election process in the District serves the public interests, then by this resolution, the Board commits itself to take action at the appropriate time to adopt a change in the method of electing members of the District’s Board of Trustees from “at-large elections” (Cal. Educ. Code § 5030(c)) to “by trustee elections” (Cal. Elec. Code § 5030(b)) so that the change can be implemented using the 2010 census data; and

3. The District Superintendent and his designee are hereby authorized and directed to retain counsel to commission a demographic study in accordance with the intent of this resolution and to take steps to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and

4. The District Superintendent and his designee are hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.