

SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Establishment of By-Trustee Area Voting

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Election Systems

1. “At Large”
2. “From Trustee Area” or “Residence” Trustee Area
3. “By Trustee Area”

**The California Voting Rights Act
was written to specifically
encourage by-Trustee Area
elections.**

California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

- ❑ Under the Federal Voting Rights Act (passed in 1965), a jurisdiction must fail 4 factual tests before it is in violation of the law.
- ❑ The California VRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions into “by-district” election systems by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court Gingles tests:
 - ~~❑ Can the protected class constitute the majority of a district?~~
 - ❑ Does the protected class vote as a bloc?
 - ❑ Do the voters who are not in the protected class vote in a bloc to defeat the preferred candidates of the protected class?
 - ~~❑ Do the “totality of circumstances” indicate race is a factor in elections?~~
- ❑ Liability is now established by just the presence of racially polarized voting and dilution of the protected class’s voting strength.

CVRA Impact

- ❑ **Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:**
 - ❑ At least 275 school districts
 - ❑ 36 Community College Districts
 - ❑ 191 cities
 - ❑ 1 County Board of Supervisors
 - ❑ 53 water and other special districts.
- ❑ **Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica fought “on the merits.” All lost.**
 - ❑ Santa Monica: CA Supreme Court referred case back to Court of Appeals
 - ❑ Palmdale spent about \$1.8 million, Santa Clara about \$800,000, and Santa Monica between \$5 and \$8 million, just on their defense.
 - ❑ Santa Monica plaintiffs requested \$22 million
 - ❑ No jurisdiction has won a case.
- ❑ **Key settlements:**
 - ❑ Palmdale: \$4.7 million
 - ❑ Modesto: \$3 million
 - ❑ Highland: \$1.3 million
 - ❑ Anaheim: \$1.1 million
 - ❑ Whittier: \$1 million
 - ❑ Santa Barbara: \$600,000
 - ❑ Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
 - ❑ Camarillo: \$233,000
 - ❑ Compton Unified: \$200,000
 - ❑ Madera Unified: about \$170,000
 - ❑ Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
 - ❑ Merced City: \$42,000
- ❑ **An estimated \$16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.**

Districting Process

Step	Description
Hearings 1 & 2 October 24 & 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held prior to release of draft maps• Education and to solicit input on the composition of Trustee Areas
<i>Draft Maps Posted</i> <i>November 7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be posted on the project website seven (7) days in advance of Hearings 3-5• Public maps must be submitted at least 10 (ten) days in advance
Hearing 3 November 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Board consideration of draft maps
Hearing 4 November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board consideration of draft maps
Hearing 5/Map Adoption December 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public hearing followed by map adoption
County Committee Hearing December 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shasta County Committee on School Organization Public Hearing

Districting Rules and Goals

Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering

Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Communities of interest
- Compact
- Contiguous
- Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- Respect voters' choices / continuity in office
- Planned future growth



Demographic Summary

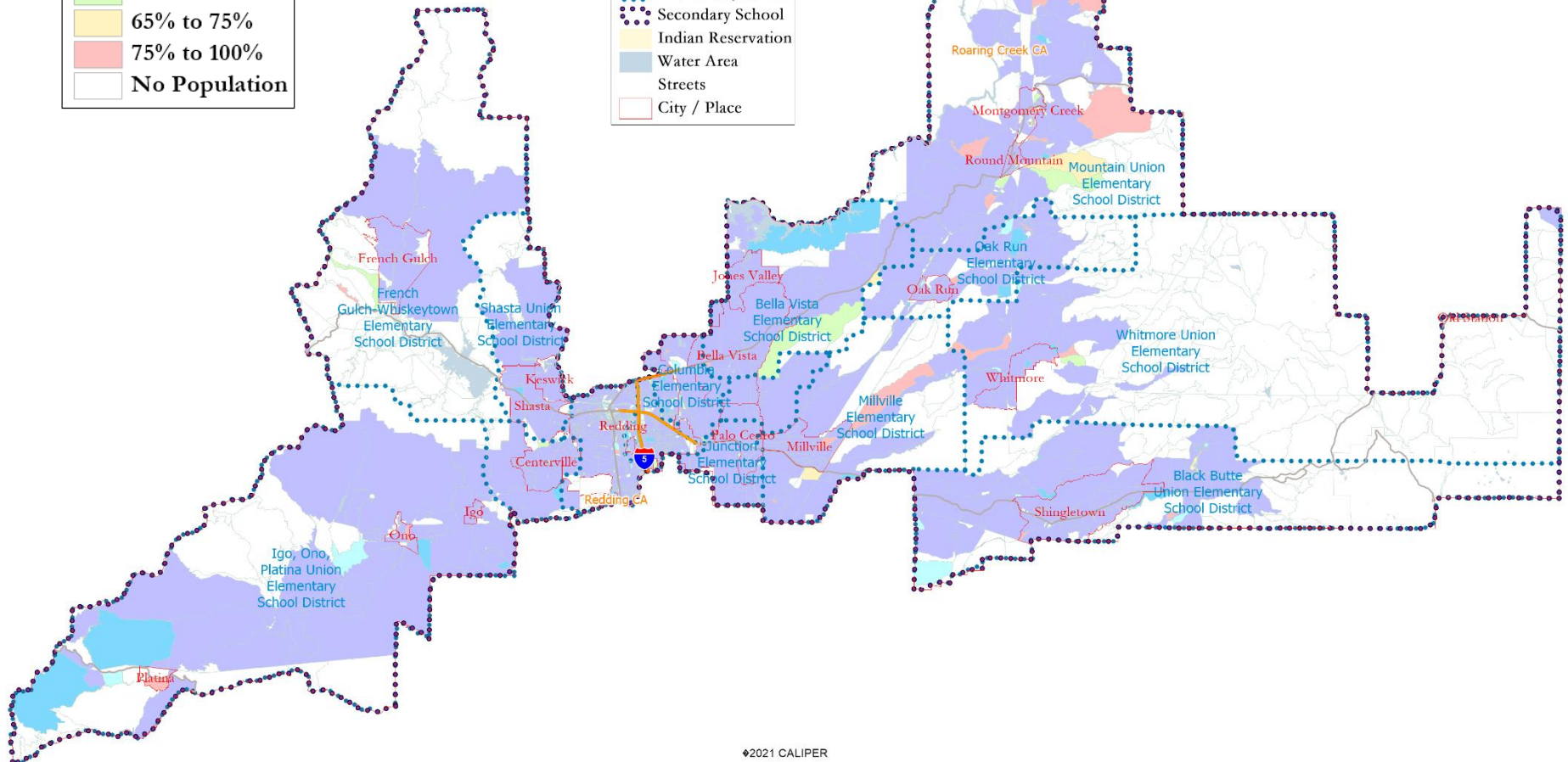
Each of the 5 Trustee Areas must contain about 20,817 people.

Category	Field	Total	Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	104,085	Age	age0-19	24%
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	10%		age20-60	49%
	NH White	75%		age60plus	26%
	NH Black	2%	Immigration	immigrants	6%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	6%		naturalized	50%
	NH Native Amer.	5%	Language spoken at home	english	91%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	78,867		spanish	4%
	Hisp	8%		asian-lang	3%
	NH White	83%		other lang	2%
	NH Black	2%	Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	3%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	4%	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	66%
	Native Amer.	3%		bachelor	17%
Voter Registration (Nov 2022)	Total	63,573		graduatedegree	9%
	Latino est.	7%	Child in Household	child-under18	27%
	Spanish-Surnamed	6%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	57%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%		income 0-25k	17%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%		income 25-50k	22%
	NH White est.	88%		income 50-75k	17%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2022)	NH Black	2%		income 75-200k	38%
	Total	39,296		income 200k-plus	7%
	Latino est.	5%	Household Income	single family	81%
	Spanish-Surnamed	5%		multi-family	19%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%		rented	39%
	Filipino-Surnamed	0%		owned	61%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	NH White est.	90%	Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.		
	NH Black	2%			
	Total	53,845			
	Latino est.	5%			
	Spanish-Surnamed	5%			
	Asian-Surnamed	1%			
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Filipino-Surnamed	1%			
	NH White est.	90%			
	NH Black est.	1%			

0% to 25%
25% to 35%
35% to 50%
50% to 65%
65% to 75%
75% to 100%
No Population

Map layers

- Census Block
- Elementary School
- Secondary School
- Indian Reservation
- Water Area
- Streets
- City / Place



Defining Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest

1st Question: What is your neighborhood or community?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks or schools
- ❑ School attendance areas
- ❑ Other neighborhood landmarks

2nd Question: Does the area benefit from being united in a single zone?

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



Public Hearing & Discussion

- ❑ What is your neighborhood or community of interest and what are its boundaries?
- ❑ Would you prefer your neighborhood or community of interest be in one Trustee Area or that it have multiple representatives on the Board?