

**SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #23-250**

**RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE SHASTA COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF
BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Shasta Union High School District (“District”) is elected “at-large,” meaning that each Board member is elected by voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, Board members are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next regularly scheduled election for two Board members is scheduled for November 2024, with the remaining three Board members scheduled for election in November 2026;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, on October 19, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution No. 23-195, stating its intent to transition to by-trustee area elections. In by-trustee area elections, the District is divided into five trustee areas, and each trustee is elected only by the voters in that trustee area (**Exhibit A**);

WHEREAS, National Demographics Corporation (“Demographer”) was retained to prepare by-trustee area election map options for the Board and public’s consideration;

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, and October 27, 2023, the Board held public hearings to gather public input regarding potential trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the District published three (3) trustee area maps and potential election sequencing on November 7, 2023, and held public hearings on November 14, 2023, and November 27, 2023, to gather public input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, the Board held an additional public hearings on December 12, 2023 and December 14, 2023;

WHEREAS, throughout this process, the District conducted outreach to the community, including but not limited to public notices, postings on the District’s website, and public hearings;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law authorize the Shasta County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”), upon application from a school district’s governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020 allows the County Committee to approve the District’s proposal, without the need to seek voter approval, so long as the County Committee adopts a resolution indicating that the change in the method of electing members of the district’s governing board is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Shasta Union High School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board approves, and recommends that the County Committee approve, the adoption of single member by-trustee area elections.
3. The Board approves, and recommends that the County Committee approve, the adoption of the trustee area map set forth in **Exhibit B**, which has been designated as Trustee Area Plan Ponderosa, and the suggested election sequencing schedule identified therein.
4. The Board requests that the County Committee, in accordance with Education Code section 5020, include language in its resolution approving the District's proposal, declaring that the change in method of election is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.
5. The District Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee, and to work with the County Committee, the Demographer, legal counsel, and the Elections Office to conduct any acts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution (including but not limited to minor adjustments to the adopted map as may be necessary for its implementation) and to ensure that by-trustee area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2024 and 2026.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED, this 14th day of December 2023, with the following votes:

AYES:	<u>3</u>
NOES:	<u>1</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>



Board President

ATTEST:



Board Clerk