

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

November 18, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2014-2015

TO: Board of Trustees

SUBMITTED BY: David Viar, Superintendent/President

PREPARED BY: David Viar, Superintendent/President

SUBJECT: CRITERIA TO GUIDE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE
AREAS FOR GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORY / BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 15-2014-2015 at its October 21, 2014 meeting to start the process to obtain Board of Governors approval to change the method of electing members of the Glendale CCD Board from "at-large" elections to "by-area" elections in time for the April 2017 Board of Trustees elections. The next step of the process is to receive information from 1) special redistricting legal counsel Christopher Skinnell of Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP, regarding legal considerations and appropriate policy criteria governing districting and 2) demographic consultant Doug Johnson of National Demographics Corporation, regarding District demographics.

Exhibit A of Draft Resolution 17-2014-2015 details ten criteria proposed for board action to guide the establishment of the trustee areas. The criteria adopted will be used in the development of the initial draft trustee area plans that will be made publicly available by December 12, 2014 and possible future draft plans considered at the January 27, 2015, February 17, 2015, and March 17, 2015 Board meetings.

COMMITTEE HISTORY

Campus Executive Committee November 11, 2014

FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated legal and demographic consulting costs of \$30,000 to \$70,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 17-2014-2015 and Exhibit A to specify the criteria to guide the establishment of trustee areas for Glendale Community College District Board of Trustees elections commencing with the April 2017 election.

EXHIBIT A

Specification of Criteria to Guide the Establishment of Trustee Areas

1. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be established so that the trustee areas are substantially equal in population as defined by law.
2. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall not be gerrymandered in violation of the principles established by the United States Supreme Court in *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993), and its progeny.
3. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be established so that the trustee areas do not result in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen to vote on account of race or color as provided in Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act.
4. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall observe communities of interest, including: rural or urban populations; social interests; agricultural, industrial or service industry interests; and the like, insofar as practicable.
5. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be compact, insofar as practicable.
6. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be created to contain cohesive, contiguous territory, insofar as practicable.
7. The boundaries of the trustee areas may observe topography and geography, such as the existence of mountains, flat land, forest lands, man-made geographical features such as highways, major roadways and canals, etc., as natural divisions between districts, insofar as practicable.
8. Unless otherwise required by law, the trustee areas shall be created using whole census blocks.
9. The boundaries of the trustee areas may avoid the "pairing" of incumbents in the same trustee area, insofar as this does not conflict with the constitution and laws of the State of California and the United States.
10. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall comply with such other factors which become known during the redistricting process and are formally adopted by the Board of Trustees.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO SPECIFY CRITERIA TO GUIDE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS FOR
GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Glendale Community College District ("District") currently elects each member of its governing board "at-large", *i.e.*, "by the registered voters of the entire district" (Educ. Code. § 5030(a)); and

WHEREAS, California Education Code § 72036, enacted into law on October 8, 2011, authorizes the Board of Trustees of the District ("Board") to change the District's method of electing its governing board members, subject to approval by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution No. 15-2014-2015, initiating the process of changing the District's method of election to "by-trustee area" elections, *i.e.*, elections in which "one member of the governing board shall be elected from each trustee area[.]" and in which "[a] candidate for election as a member of the governing board shall reside in, and be registered to vote in, the trustee area he or she seeks to represent[.]" Cal. Educ. Code § 72036(a); and

WHEREAS, the Board proposes to consider and adopt a specific trustee area plan for adoption and use at the 2017 elections for the District Board and beyond; and

WHEREAS, for that purpose the District has retained experienced legal counsel, and an experienced redistricting/demographic consulting firm, to advise it on the process of preparing a trustee area plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014, the Board and the public received a presentation from the District's legal counsel regarding the current demographics of the District under the 2010 census and the procedures and legal and policy criteria governing redistricting, and received public comment regarding appropriate criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Board has fully considered the presentations of its counsel and all of the public comments received; and

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to adopt criteria to guide the establishment of trustee areas consistent with legal requirements, including reasonably equal population and Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act, and which address other concerns and considerations important to the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the criteria identified in Exhibit A to this Resolution as criteria to guide the establishment of trustee areas for the 2012 governing board elections in the District.


SECTION 3. The Superintendent/President is hereby authorized and directed to retain an experienced redistricting/demographic consulting firm and instruct the professional demographer to formulate one or more trustee area plan scenarios based upon the criteria specified in Exhibit A for review by the public at a public hearing and for consideration by the Board of Trustees at a future meeting.

SECTION 4. The Superintendent/President shall consult with legal counsel to resolve any legal issues necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 th day of November 2014.



Member, Board of Trustees



Superintendent/President

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