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# **NEWS RELEASE**

# COAST BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS AND FIVE MEMBER AREA MAP

**COSTA MESA, CA** – After a Public Hearing on October 3, 2017, the Coast Community College District (CCCD) Board of Trustees adopted <u>Resolution 17-28</u> to move from at-large voting to by-trustee area voting for the election of trustees.

The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 17-28 after accepting comments, input, and feedback from the public, during a series of five public hearings held on August 2, August 16, September 12, September 16, and October 3, 2017.

Resolution 17-28, also included the adoption of the existing district map divided by five trustee areas. The new elections process and map will affect the next general election in 2018, when two trustee seats will be on the ballot.

During the Public Hearings, public testimony was received on a number of possible voting area configurations—including several that would have provided for seven trustees instead of the current five trustees who are elected to govern the District.

Resolution 17-28 sets forth the intention of the trustees to continue to seek additional public input on possibly enlarging the number of trustees to seven and directing that a decision be made prior to the 2020 election.

Next steps entail an application to be filed with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

The adopted map may be viewed via the link below: <u>http://www.cccd.edu/boardoftrustees/transitiontobytrusteeareas/PublishingImages/Pages/Maps/201%20-%20Current%20Trustee%20Areas.pdf</u>

More information about the redistricting process and other related information are available on the District website <u>www.cccd.edu</u>.

# RESOLUTION # 17-28

## A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District

### Changing the Method of Election for Members of the Board of Trustees from "At Large" to "By-Trustee Areas," and Approving a Map for the Election of Trustees Commencing in November 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Community College District ("District") currently uses a "from-trustee area" method of electing its governing board members; and

WHEREAS, the current "from-trustee area" method of electing Board members requires candidates to reside within a specific geographic trustee area but be elected at-large by all voters of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2017, the District's Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 17-21 Initiating the Process to Transition from an At-Large Method of Elections to a By-Trustee Area Method of Elections; and

WHEREAS, in the "by-trustee area" method of election, governing board candidates must reside within a specific geographic trustee area, and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

**WHEREAS**, Education Code Section 72036(a) allows the governing board of a community college district to establish a by-trustee area election system, upon adoption of a Resolution, and with approval by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, the District retained a qualified demographer to assist with the preparation and analysis of draft trustee area maps consistent with the requirements of the federal Constitution, the federal Voting Rights Act, and traditional redistricting principles; and

**WHEREAS,** the District, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10010, held duly noticed public hearings on August 2, August 16, September 12, September 16, and October 3, 2017, to receive public comment on the composition of trustee areas and draft trustee area maps; and

**WHEREAS,** the District also caused notices of the public hearings to be published in Spanish and Vietnamese, as well as in English; and

**WHEREAS,** the District caused draft trustee area maps to be published on September 5 and September 26, 2017, along with the sequencing of elections in the trustee areas of each map; and

**WHEREAS**, the District posted all the draft trustee area maps, 12 in total, with the election sequence in each map on the District's website in a prominent location, along with the demographic characteristics of each map; and

WHEREAS, the District considered all of the public comment received; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution notwithstanding, all incumbent trustees shall have a right to serve out his or her term of office; and

**WHEREAS**, trustees in current Trustee Areas 1 and 5 will stand for election in 2018 and trustees in current Trustee Areas 2, 3, and 4 will stand for election in 2020.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.

**2.** The Board of Trustees hereby adopts a "by-trustee area" method of election for the Board of Trustees commencing with the District's next regularly scheduled governing board member elections occurring in November 2018.

3. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Trustee Area Map identified as Map #1 Current Five Trustee Areas, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein by reference, for use in by-trustee area elections commencing with the District's next regularly scheduled governing board member elections occurring in November 2018, and all governing board member elections thereafter, unless and until the method of election might be changed pursuant to law.

**4.** The sequence of elections in the trustee areas shall be as set forth during the public hearings in connection with the consideration of the Trustee Area Map attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

**5.** The Board shall continue to consider, pursuant to Education Code Section 72036(c), increasing the number of members of the Board of Trustees from five to seven members, and make that determination in time for the 2020 election for members of the Board of Trustees.

6. The Chancellor or his designee shall take all action necessary to obtain the approval of the substance of this Resolution from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in accordance with Education Code Section 72036, and provide whatever information or assistance may be required by the Board of Governors.

7. The Chancellor or his designee shall take all action necessary to cause the implementation of this Resolution in time for the 2018 governing board member elections, including providing to the elections official of Orange County a description of the boundaries of the trustee areas depicted in the Trustee Area Map attached hereto as Exhibit 1, in whatever form might be convenient to the elections official, be that in electronic format, street-by-street description, or other format.

8. If required for the timely implementation of the Trustee Area Map attached hereto as Exhibit 1, as set forth in this Resolution, the Chancellor, in consultation with legal counsel, may make minor technical adjustments to the trustee area boundaries, provided that such minor technical adjustments are consistent with the intent of the Board of Trustees in adopting Exhibit 1.

**9.** If the Chancellor makes any minor technical adjustments to the trustee area boundaries reflected in the Trustee Area Map attached hereto as Exhibit 1, he shall report in detail such adjustments to the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

I, Jane Burton, hereby certify that on October 3, 2017, this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees by a vote of 3-2-0-0, as follows:

Aye:Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle and PrinskyNo:Trustees Patterson and MorenoAbstain:NoneAbsent:None

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Jane Burton, Interim Secretary of the Board of Trustees

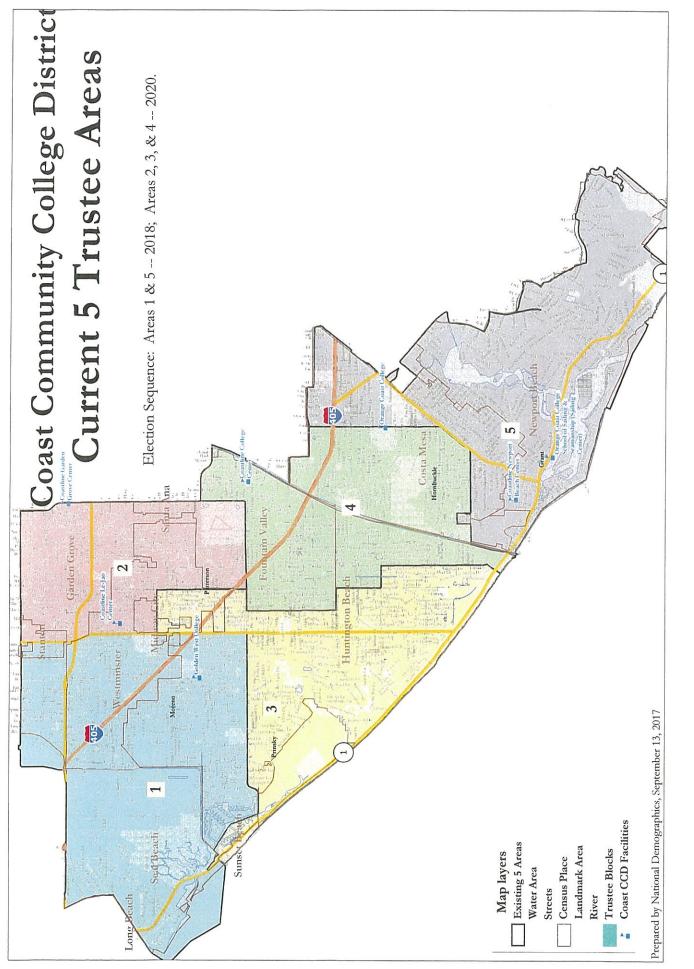


Exhibit 1

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#### ABOUT THE COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa and is the ninth largest district in the country. The District's three colleges—Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa— serve over 50,000 students annually, providing traditional degree and transfer opportunities, career and technical training, basic skills, English as a Second Language and other community programs.