

**Anaheim Union High School District**

**Trustee Area Analysis**  
**July 11, 2013**

# Review of Trustee Area Analysis

## California Voting Rights Act of 2001

- » The California Voting Rights Act of 2001 was signed into law on July 9, 2002 and specifically deals with at-large election methods
- » Section 14027 of the Elections Code states:

*"An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or abridgement of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class"*

- » When does an at-large election method violate the California Voting Rights Act?
  - If it can be shown that racially polarized voting has occurred in past elections that prevents members of a protected class from being able to influence the outcome of an election
- » What is racially polarized voting?
  - Racially polarized voting occurs when voters of different racial or ethnic groups have different preferences in an election (for example Latino voters prefer Candidate A while non-Latino voters prefer Candidate B)
  - The presence of racially polarized voting speaks to the voting behavior of individuals not to their motivation or to the performance or intentions of individual candidates or a political entity
- » How is racially polarized voting measured?
  - Statistical analyses, most notably a method called "ecological regression," have become the standard methodology utilized in voting rights cases

## Analysis of Voting

- » In preparing the Trustee Area Analysis, Dolinka Group reviewed data on elections for members of the Board of Trustees from 2002 through 2012 to identify the presence of racially polarized voting. During that period, there were eight (8) separate elections for the Board:
  - November 2012 Election for Full Term
  - November 2012 Election for Short Term
  - November 2010 Election
  - November 2008 Election
  - February 2008 Election for Short Term
  - November 2006 Election
  - November 2004 Election
  - November 2002 Election
- » For each election, Dolinka Group utilized the following data:
  - Precinct level election results provided by the Orange County Registrar of Voters
  - Precinct level data on voter race/ethnicity provided by the Statewide Database at the University of California, Berkeley; information on ethnicity is based on a surname analysis
- » The two (2) data sets for each election were combined to analyze the relationship between voter ethnicity and their preference of candidates in each election

## Trustee Area Analysis Results

Election	Findings
November 2012 Election for Full Term	No evidence of racially polarized voting
November 2012 Election for Short Term	No evidence of racially polarized voting
<b>November 2010 Election</b>	<b>Racially polarized voting appears to have occurred</b>
<b>November 2008 Election</b>	<b>Racially polarized voting appears to have occurred</b>
February 2008 Election for Short Term	No evidence of racially polarized voting
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Questions

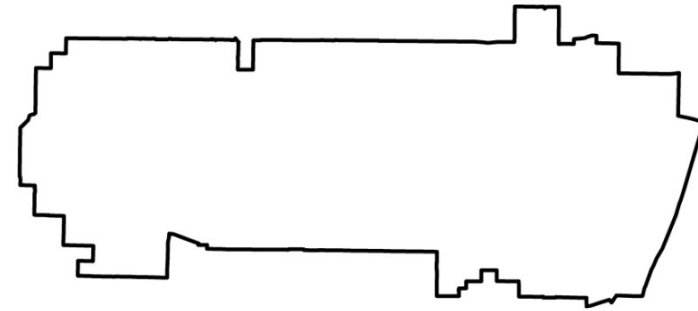


# Options

**Current: At-Large Election Method**

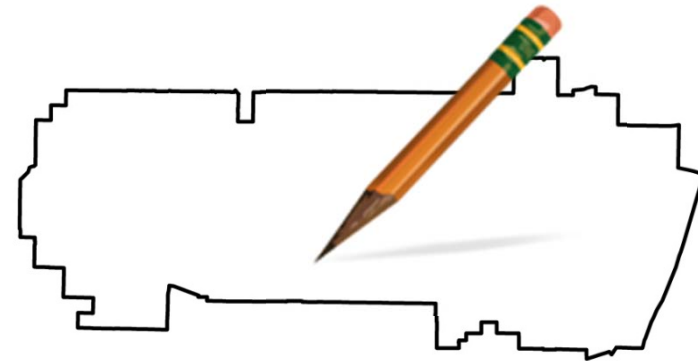
**Option 1**

**Maintain Current  
Election Method**



**Option 2**

**Move to a From-  
Trustee Area  
Election Method**



**Option 3**

**Move to a By-  
Trustee Area  
Election Method**





## Potential Trustee Area Implementation Process

Steps	Activity(ies)
Step 1	Board considers change to Board policy on election method
Step 2	Board reviews initial boundary scenario options
Step 3	Community input meetings on boundary scenarios
Step 4	Public hearing on boundary scenarios Update on community input process
Step 5	Board considers resolution to change election method Board considers adoption of boundary map Public hearing on waiver application Board considers waiver application
Step 6	County Committee on School District Organization Public Hearing
Step 7	State Board of Education considers waiver application
Step 8	Candidate filing period begins
Step 9	First election utilizing by-trustee area method of election

## Considerations in Trustee Areas

» Each area shall contain a nearly equal number of inhabitants



» Drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act



» Compact and contiguous, as much as possible



» Respect communities of interest, as much as possible



» Follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible



» Respect incumbency as much as possible



» Other local considerations (i.e., attendance boundaries, feeder districts)

