



WHEREAS, the West Hills Community College District (“District”) currently elects each member of its governing board using “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[,]” California Education Code Section 72036(a); see also Education Code Section 5030(b); and

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their population in light of the new Census data; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Board of Trustees received a
ion from the District’s retained special voting rights counsel and demographer
the legal and policy criteria governing redistricting; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the Census Bureau released the decennial
ng data, after a four and a half month delay caused by the COVID pandemic;

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, the California Statewide Database released
r-adjusted version of the Census Bureau’s data, as required by state law,
ve been designated by the Department of Finance as the “validated” data for
of community college district redistricting under Education Code Section
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WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021, the District’s retained demographer, Lapkoff &
Demographic Research, Inc., provided the Board of Trustees and the public
in demographic information regarding the current trustee areas, based on the
“validated” 2020 Census data; and

Equality of population; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now wishes to adopt criteria to guide the realignment 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 District hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

Section 1. Determination of Recitals. All of the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the District Governing Board so finds and determines.

Section 2. Adoption of Districting Criteria. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the criteria identified in Exhibit A to this Resolution as criteria to guide the realignment of trustee areas for the 2022 governing board elections in the District and thereafter until

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO)

I, Nina Oxborrow, hereby certify that this resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on the 26th day of October, 2021 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Hills Community College District, and that such resolution appears in the official minutes of the governing board under that date.

Nina Oxborrow

1. The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be established so that the trustee areas are 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 and respect 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,