

BUENA PARK LIBRARY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3

**INTENT TO TRANSITION GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS
FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Buena Park Library District ("District") is governed by a five member Board of Trustees ("Board");

WHEREAS, members of the Board are elected "at large," in which each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, the District is committed to structures that most effectively involve all community members in the democratic process of elections;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code, §§ 14025 et seq.)("CVRA") prohibits the use of "at large" elections where their use impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice, or its ability to influence the outcome of elections;

WHEREAS, implementation of the CVRA relies on data from the decennial federal census and data from the 2020 census was originally expected to be released in early 2021;

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-48-20 which stayed timelines for implementation of the CVRA in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed release of the 2020 census data, but that information is now expected to be available in the fall of 2021;

WHEREAS, the Governor recently announced that beginning June 15, 2021, many sectors may return to normal operations without physical distancing or capacity limitations;

WHEREAS, prior to any decision to establish trustee areas, Elections Code section 10010 requires a series of public hearings;

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to make the transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections in a deliberate and thoughtful manner which provides sufficient time for the Board and community to develop the trustee area boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Buena Park Library District that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. This Resolution indicates the Board's intention to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subd. (e)(3)(A).
3. In order to facilitate this transition and determine the trustee area boundaries the Board will take the following steps:
 - Engage the community as to the trustee area boundaries.
 - Engage District stakeholders as to the trustee area boundaries.
 - Seek proposals from and retain an experienced demographer to assist the District with the process.
 - Ask the demographer to provide information about the boundary drawing process to the Board and public at a Board meeting.

- Hold at least two public hearings at Board meetings prior to the drafting of any draft trustee area boundary maps.
- Post all draft trustee area boundary maps on the District's website as they become available.
- Allow for comments on the maps to be submitted through the District's website.
- Hold at least three public hearings at Board meetings on the draft trustee area boundary maps prior to adoption of any map.

These steps may be augmented or adjusted by the Board as necessary.

4. The Board intends to complete these steps to allow for implementation of the new election system prior to the 2022 election for Board members.

5. District staff is authorized to work the District's legal counsel and execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

AYES: Trustees: *Castaneda, Gaver, Jensen, Salehi, Rams.*

NOES:


ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Richard Rams, President of the Board of Trustees of the Buena Park Library District of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board of Trustees at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 1st day of June, 2021, and passed by a majority vote of said Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of June, 2021.



Richard Rams
President