

**PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING: TOWN HALL**

Trustees
John Paff, President
Brian Swanson, Clerk
Cristy Dawson
Dr. Frank Rivera III
Carolyn Swanson

DATE: Tuesday, November 2, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Open Session

LOCATION: IN PERSON
Pacific Grove Unified School District Office
435 Hillcrest Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

VIRTUAL MEETING

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AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

II. TOWN HALL

A. REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT
(John Paff, Board President)

RECOMMENDATION:

The District Administration recommends that the Board review the California Voting Rights Act in order to inform the public and facilitate a dialogue around the creation of trustee area boundary maps.

BACKGROUND:

The District's Board of Education is currently elected under an "at-large" election system, where trustees are elected by voters of the entire District. Trustees are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next election for three (3) trustees is scheduled for November 2022, with the remaining trustee seats scheduled for election in November 2024. On April 22, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 1069, declaring its intent to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections, where each Board member must reside within the designated trustee area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area.

Since adopting the intent resolution on April 22, the District Board has had its legal counsel and demographic experts present at public meetings on the CVRA and the process for drawing trustee-area boundary maps. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(1), the Board held two statutorily required public hearings to receive input from the community on the trustee area map preparation and creation process on August 19 and September 16, 2021.

INFORMATION:

The District's attorneys, Lozano Smith, will present an overview of the California Voting Rights Act, where the District currently is in the process for transitioning from an "at-large" election system to a by-trustee area election system, and review the upcoming steps in the process.

B. TOWN HALL/PUBLIC COMMENT
(John Paff, Board President)

RECOMMENDATION:

The District Administration recommends that the Board open the town hall to provide information to the public and to hear input from the community regarding the creation of trustee area boundary maps.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(1), districts that are transitioning from an "at large" election system to a "by-trustee area" election system may invite the public to provide input regarding the composition of proposed boundary maps.

INFORMATION:

The Board will receive input from the community on the composition of trustee areas during the town hall.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting: November 18, 2021 – District Office/Virtual