

**ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**May 7, 2019**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18.19.19**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH  
THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes the current at-large method of election serves the needs of the District and, as the District's policy-making body, the Board ensures the District provides a high quality educational experience to its students in accordance with the desires of the community, and federal and state laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adelanto Elementary School District ("District") does not have trustee areas for the members of its Board of Trustees ("Board"), and the District currently utilizes an "at-large" method of election to select Board members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is aware that under state law an at-large method of election may be subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 ("CVRA"), California Elections Code § 14025, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 27, 2019, the District received a letter from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), which stated its belief that the at-large election system for Board members in the District has resulted in minority vote dilution in violation of the CVRA; and

**WHEREAS**, by-trustee area electoral systems are not vulnerable to challenge under the CVRA; and

**WHEREAS**, in a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the Board must reside within a trustee area, and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

**WHEREAS**, transitioning to use of trustee areas and changing the election method is a time consuming and potentially costly process, which provides for public input and the involvement of the County Committee on School District Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board intends to comply with the CVRA, and if necessary for such compliance, will complete the process of transitioning to trustee areas, and election of Board members by trustee area, commencing with the November 2020 election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs the Superintendent or her designee to ensure the District is in compliance with the CVRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs the Superintendent or her designee to initiate the legal and regulatory process to establish trustee areas within the District, as provided in Education Code section 5019, in sufficient time for trustee areas to be established for the November 2020 election of members of the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs the Superintendent or her designee to initiate the legal and regulatory process of changing the method of electing members of the Board, from the current at-large system whereby each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District (Education Code section 5030(a)), to a method which provides that Board members residing in each trustee will be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area (Education Code 5030(b)), in sufficient time for the new method of electing members of the Board to be in place for the November 2020 election.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Adelanto Elementary School District this 7th day of May 2019 at Adelanto, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California, the by the vote of:

AYES: TRUSKY LOUI-FRANK      TRUSKY GCKES      TRUSKY BENTZ


Trustee Turner      \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: NONE      \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Trustee Hines

The below-signed attests that she was present at the open session meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 7, 2019, and that a majority of the members approved this Resolution.

BY:   
Christine Turner  
President, Board of Trustees  
Adelanto Elementary School District

DATED: 5/8/2019