

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST KERN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2022/23-03**

**Resolution Adopting a Final Trustee Area Map and Election Sequencing and
Initiating a Proposal to the Board of Governors of the California Community
Colleges for the Transition to By-Trustee-Area Elections**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the West Kern Community College District (“District”) are currently elected using a an “at-large” election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the Board but Board members reside in defined trustee areas);

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2022/23-16, a Resolution of Intent to Initiate a Transition to By-Trustee Area Board Elections Commencing with the 2024 Board of Trustees Election whereby each trustee must reside within the designated trustee-area boundary and be selected only by voters in that trustee-area;

WHEREAS, National Demographics Corporation (“Demographer”) was retained to prepare by-trustee-area election system map options with consideration of applicable state and federal laws for the Board and public’s consideration;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(1), the Board held public hearings on May 10, 2023 and June 14, 2023, to consider community input and comment regarding potential trustee-area boundaries and maps;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the Board published three trustee-area map options on June 29, 2023 and held a public hearing on July 12, 2023 to gather public input on the proposed trustee-area maps and sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the Board published two additional trustee-area map options on August 1, 2023, and held a public hearing on August 9, 2023 to gather public input on all of the proposed trustee-area maps and sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, at least one public organization has submitted draft map(s) for consideration and these maps as well as the draft maps prepared by Demographer have been available to members of the public to review on the District’s website and during the public hearings;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 72036 and other applicable provisions of law authorize the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (“Board of Governors”), upon application from a community college district’s governing board, to change the district’s method of election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board hereby approves and recommends the adoption of by-trustee area elections, and the adoption of the trustee-area map described as Final Map as set forth in Exhibit A.
3. The District will hold by-trustee areas elections in two areas, Areas 3 and 5 commencing with its November 2024 election, assuming timely approval by the Board of Governors. The District will hold by-trustee area in three areas, Areas 1, 2, and 4 commencing with its November 2026 election. The District’s by-trustee area elections will be subject to any required trustee area boundary adjustments required pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5 following the release of each decennial federal census.
4. The selection of the final trustee-area map and sequence of elections is in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, and takes into account the preferences expressed by members of the public and the Board.
5. The District Superintendent/President or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges, and to work with the Board of Governors and the Kern County Election’s Office to conduct all legally required hearings and other acts necessary so that trustee-area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2024 and 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 13, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____
 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Abstain: _____

 Billy White, President, Board of Trustees
 West Kern Community College District

 Brock McMurray, Superintendent/President
 West Kern Community College District

EXHIBIT A

[Selected Map inserted as Exhibit A]