

PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE A TRUSTEE AREA MAP AND INITIATE A PROPOSAL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

On motion of Member Nancy Smith Seconded by Member Anthony Hunt
of the Governing Board of Trustees of the Palmdale School District, the following resolution is
adopted:

WHEREAS, the Palmdale School District (“District”) currently uses an at-large system for
electing its five Governing Board (“Board”) members; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board members are elected in even numbered years and serve
staggered, four-year terms such that the next election for two Board members is scheduled for
2024, with the remaining three Board members scheduled for election in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that changing the method of electing Board members to by-
trustee area elections will further the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001,
California Elections Code §§ 14025, *et seq.* (“CVRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Board on October 18, 2022, approved a Resolution to Initiate the Process of
Establishing Trustee Areas and Election By-Trustee Areas; and

WHEREAS, the District enlisted the services of the De Aztlan Group to prepare multiple trustee
area election maps for the Board’s consideration and to facilitate community outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10010 of the Elections Code, a political subdivision that
changes from an at-large method of election to a district-based election shall hold at least two
public hearings over a period of no more than thirty days, at which the public is invited to
provide input regarding the composition of the districts before drawing maps of the proposed
boundaries of the districts; and

WHEREAS, before any maps of the proposed trustee area boundaries were drawn, the Board
held public hearings on November 10, 2022, and November 15, 2022, to invite and hear input
from the public on the composition of the trustee areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10010 of the Elections Code, first versions of draft maps
shall be published at least seven days before consideration at a hearing; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, the District published the first two proposed maps (Draft
Maps #1 and #2) and a proposed sequence of elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10010 of the Elections Code, after draft maps are drawn, the
Board shall hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than forty-five days, at

which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022 the Board held a public hearing to review and solicit input regarding the content of the first two proposed maps and the proposed sequence of elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10010 of the Elections Code, if a draft map is revised at or following a hearing, it shall be published and made available to the public at least seven days before being adopted; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, the District published two additional proposed maps (Draft Maps #1.1 and #2.1) based on revisions to the first two proposed maps; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2023, the Board held a public hearing to review and solicit input regarding the content of the four proposed maps and the proposed sequence of elections; and

WHEREAS, the District hosted community workshops at Golden Poppy Elementary School (east area of District) on November 17, 2022, Tamarisk Elementary School (central area of District) on December 7, 2022, and David G. Millen Magnet Academy (west area of District) on December 14, 2022, to provide additional opportunities for the public to learn about and provide input regarding the transition to a by-trustee area election system and the proposed maps; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code §§ 5019 and 5020 authorize the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Reorganization (“County Committee”), upon application from a school district’s governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction.

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 finds that Draft Map # 1, attached hereto as Exhibit A, will serve the best interests of the District and further the purposes of the CVRA and applicable laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the by-trustee area map attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby recommends that trustee areas 2 and 4, as identified in Exhibit A, be assigned for election in 2024, with the remaining trustee areas 1, 3, and 5 being assigned for election in 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although the District is seeking to transition to by-trustee area elections, the Board is committed to the ideal that each Board member represents the District as a whole and will take action in accordance with the best interests of the District as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee and to work with the County Committee and Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct all legally required hearings and other acts necessary so that the change to by-trustee area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2024 and 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized and directed to initiate the legal and regulatory process to seek a resolution from the County Committee approving a proposal to establish trustee areas and to elect Board members by trustee areas, and declaring that the change in election method is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the CVRA, without being required to submit the resolution to the District electors for approval, so that trustee area elections can commence effective with the November 2024 election; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of the Palmdale School District at a meeting of said Board on the 17th day of January 2023, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: 3

NOES: 1

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAINED: 0

I, Sharon Vega, President of the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by said Board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.



Sharon Vega
President of the Governing Board