March 6, 2013

Via Facsimile & Overnight Delivery

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Attn: Agenda
500 W. Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Joint Submission of Board Resolutions for Consolidation to Even Year Elections

Dear Ms. Hamai:

We, the Superintendents of Castaic Union School District; Newhall School District; Saugus Union School District; Sulphur Springs School District; William S. Hart Union High School District; and the Chancellor of the Santa Clarita Community College District ("Districts"), hereby jointly submit to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors"), on behalf of our respective Districts, requests for approval to consolidate to even years for elections of the governing board members. This correspondence will further clarify the unique reasons that the six districts have made the instant request.

California Voting Rights Act Analysis

Each of the six districts currently uses an at-large election system for the purposes of electing its governing board members. The Districts were made aware of the growing trend of claims alleging violations of the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") being filed against school districts and other public entities. As a result, we jointly commissioned a demographics study for the purposes of evaluating their compliance under the CVRA. The CVRA prohibits the use of an "at-large" election system if it "impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election…." (Elections Code §14027.) The demographics study analyses were conducted by demographer, Redistricting Partners, Inc., and included a full analysis of the voting in prior national, state and local elections. The demographics studies indicated that there was a possible need to increase the voting power of certain voting blocs within each of the six districts.

Possible Solutions

Under the CVRA, a plaintiff can recover reasonable attorneys fees and expert witness fees. (Elections Code §14030.) In response to the demographics studies, the Districts examined available options to ensure compliance with CVRA and further to preclude potential CVRA claims. These options included (1) conversion to a by-trustee area election system and (2) conversion to an even year election system.

1. Conversion to By-Trustee Area Election System

The Districts were aware that, under the CVRA, conversion to a by-trustee area election system is the only statutory "safe harbor" to defeat CVRA-based claims. Unfortunately, this was not a viable option for these Districts based on the demographics studies. The studies revealed that the demographics of the Santa Clarita area are such that redistricting does not necessarily actually increase minority voting power. The voting population was substantially dispersed ethnically such that new districts could not be constructed to have a positive impact on voting. In fact, there was evidence that creation of separate trustee voting areas may actually decrease minority voting power. Essentially, conversion to a by-trustee area election system would have gone against the fundamental purpose of the CVRA – to increase the voting power of affected minorities within a community. Accordingly, the Districts declined this option.

2. Conversion to Even Year Election System

Though conversion to a by-trustee area election system was not implicated, the Districts were intent on taking prompt action to address the results of the demographics studies. The Districts searched for alternative solutions to increase minority voting power within their respective districts, and within the Santa Clarita area as a whole, and to decrease their exposure to future CVRA claims. In furtherance of this goal, they decided to examine the potential impact of converting from odd-year elections, as defined by statute, to even year elections.

Based on the demographics studies, there was ample evidence that moving to even year elections would substantially increase voting power in each of the districts. The reason for this increase is because even year elections coincide with other national and state elections resulting in a much higher voting turnout in the voting community. The Districts also noted a fiscal savings though this was not a primary consideration in making a decision on this option. Ultimately, the Districts decided to move forward with this option and have recently passed the enclosed board resolutions to that effect.

For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to the enclosed resolutions adopted by the Governing Boards, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors approve the consolidations to even year elections.

Sincerely,

James Gibson
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CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #12/13-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Castaic Union School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302(a)); and

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code section 1001); and

WHEREAS, generally voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the primary benefit of the Board's decision, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county(ies) (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code section 10404.5(g) [refer to Exhibit A].

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above recitals are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Castaic Union School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will notify Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404.5(e).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors at least 240 days prior (Elections Code section 10404.5(a)) to the next scheduled school Board election in November 2013, the date of that election will be moved to November 2014 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Castaic Union School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 21ST day of February, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOS: 1
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Susan Christoph
President

David A. Huffaker
(VOTED NO) Member

Laura Pearson
Clerk

Steven J. Tran
Member

Secretary to the Board

Victor M. Torres
Member

I, Laura Pearson, Clerk of the Castaic Union School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution #12/13-22 adopted by the said Board of Trustees on the 21ST day of February, 2013.

Dated: February 21, 2013

Certified a True Copy:

Laura Pearson
Clerk, Board of Trustees
Castaic Union School District
Los Angeles County, California

Exhibit A

Resolution #12/13-22

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Susan Christopher	2013	2014
Laura Pearson	2013	2014
David Huffaker	2015	2016
Steve Teeman	2015	2016
Victor Torres	2013	2014

NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. #12/13-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Newhall School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302(a)); and

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code section 1001); and

WHEREAS, generally voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with statewide general elections is not the primary benefit of the Board's decision, but that this incidental benefit aligns with the District's efforts to be fiscally responsible; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county(ies) (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code section 10404.5(g) [refer to Exhibit A].

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above recitals are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Newhall School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Newhall School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 19th day of February, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

I, Philip, C. Ellis, Jr., President of the Governing Board of the Newhall School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Governing Board on the 19th day of February, 2013.

Dated: February 19, 2013

Philip C. Ellis, Jr., President of the
Governing Board
Newhall School District
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

Brian Walters, Clerk of the
Governing Board of the
Newhall School District
Los Angeles County, California

RESOLUTION 2012-13 # 29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Saugus Union School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302(a)); and

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code section 1001); and

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WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with statewide general elections, is not the primary benefit of the Board's decision, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above recitals are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saugus Union School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Saugus Union School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 19th day of February, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOS: 1
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

I, Joan M. Lucid, Superintendent of the Saugus Union School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Trustees on the 19th day of February, 2013.

Dated: February 19, 2013

Judy Egan Umeck

Judy Egan Umeck, President, Board of Trustees
Saugus Union School District
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

Paul De La Cerda, Clerk, Board of Trustees
Saugus Union School District
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SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #13-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Sulphur Springs School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302(a)); and

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Sulphur Springs School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 13th day of February 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

I, Robert N. Nolet, Superintendent of the Sulphur Springs School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Governing Board on the 13th day of February 2013.

Dated: February 13, 2013

Denis DeFigueiredo
President, Governing Board
Sulphur Springs School District
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

Kerry Clegg
Clerk, Governing Board
Sulphur Springs School District
Los Angeles County, California

Exhibit A
Resolution #13-04

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Shelley Weinstein	2015	2016
Denis DeFigueiredo	2015	2016
Michael Hogan	2013	2014
Kerry Clegg	2013	2014
Lori MacDonald	2013	2014

WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 12/13-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the William S. Hart Union High School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302(a)); and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above recitals are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 1302(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will notify Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404.5(e).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors at least 240 days prior (Elections Code Section 10404.5(a)) to the next scheduled school Board election in November 2013, the date of that election will be moved to November 2014 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 6th day of February 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

I, Robert R. Challinor, Superintendent of the William S. Hart Union High School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Governing Board on the 6th day of February 2013.

Dated: February 6, 2013

Joseph V. Messina, President, Governing Board
William S. Hart Union High School District
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk, Governing Board
William S. Hart Union High School District
Los Angeles County, California

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. 2012/13-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Santa Clarita Community College District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302(a)); and

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code Section 1001); and

WHEREAS, the District is located entirely within Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, generally, voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes that there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision, however, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXHIBIT A

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Michael D. Berger Seat #1	2013	2014
Bruce D. Fortine Seat #4	2015	2016
Michele R. Jenkins Seat #2	2015	2016
Joan W. MacGregor Seat #3	2013	2014
Steven D. Zimmer Seat #5	2013	2014