

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION SPECIAL MEETING

**Monday, February 4, 2019, 4:30 p.m.**

*Simi Valley Unified School District Office, Board Room  
101 West Cochran St., Simi Valley, 93065*

## MINUTES

*The Secretary to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization will preside over the meeting until the Chair has been elected.*

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization was called to order by Misty Key, Secretary to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, at 4:31p.m. at the Simi Valley Unified School District Office, 101 West Cochran St., Simi Valley, CA 93065

Ms. Key led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

**2. Introduction of County Committee Members**

The following members of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization were in attendance:

*Kathi Smith, representing Supervisorial District # 1  
Denise Helfstein, representing Supervisorial District # 2  
Patricia Phelps, representing Supervisorial District # 2  
Barbara Wagner, representing Supervisorial District # 3  
Terri Lisagor, representing Supervisorial District # 3  
Robert Perez, representing Supervisorial District # 4  
Rob Collins, representing Supervisorial District # 4  
Richard Canady, representing Supervisorial District # 5  
Charles Weis, representing Supervisorial District # 5  
Ramon Flores, Member-at-Large*

The following member was absent:

*Mindee Stekkinger, representing Supervisorial District # 1*

Also in attendance:

*Misty Key, Secretary to the VCCSDO, and Associate Superintendent,  
Fiscal and Administrative Services, Ventura County Office of Education  
Ron Todo, Associate Superintendent, Business Services and Facilities,  
Simi Valley Unified School District  
Robert McEntire, National Demographic Corporation  
Dawn Smollen, Simi Valley Unified, Board Member  
Bob LaBelle, Simi Valley Unified, Board Member  
Starlie Espinoza, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office, Simi Valley Unified  
School District  
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant, Ventura County Office of Education*

**3. Organizational - Election of Officers:**

Misty Key stated that the first order of business was to elect the officers of the County Committee. Ms. Key asked if there were any nominations or volunteers to serve as the Chair of the County Committee. Richard Canady made a motion to nominate Charles Weis as Chair. Charles Weis accepted the nomination. Ms. Key asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<i>Kathi Smith</i>	X			
<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	X			
<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	X			
<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	X			
<i>Terri Lisagor</i>	X			
<i>Robert Perez</i>	X			
<i>Rob Collins</i>	X			
<i>Richard Canady</i>	X			
<i>Charles Weis</i>	X			
<i>Ramon Flores</i>	X			
<i>Mindee Stekkinger</i>				X

Motion passed unanimously. Newly elected Chair Charles Weis assumed leadership of the meeting. Charles Weis asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Ramon Flores to nominate Kathi Smith. Ms. Smith accepted the nomination.

Vote for Kathi Smith to be Vice Chair:

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<i>Kathi Smith</i>	X			
<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	X			
<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	X			
<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	X			
<i>Terri Lisagor</i>	X			
<i>Robert Perez</i>	X			
<i>Rob Collins</i>	X			
<i>Richard Canady</i>	X			
<i>Charles Weis</i>	X			
<i>Ramon Flores</i>	X			
<i>Mindee Stekkinger</i>				X

**4. Public Comments**

Chairperson Charles Weis asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

**5. Information about Simi Valley Unified School District's Desired Change in Election**

Robert McEntire provided a presentation regarding the National Demographic Corporation facilitation of the Simi Valley School District's process of transitioning from an at-large to a by-trustee area method of election.

The process that the Simi Valley Unified School District started in 2018. Mr. McEntire summarized the districts process:

- October 2, 2018, Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 6-18/19: Intent to initiate the process of establishing trustee areas and elections by-trustee areas
- October 16, 2018, Public Hearing No. 1: The public was invited to provide input regarding the composition of the proposed trustee areas
- October 30, 2018, Public Hearing No. 2: The public was invited to provide input regarding the composition of the proposed trustee areas
- November 20, 2018, Two proposed trustee area maps and potential sequence of elections became available for public review meeting the seven day minimum posting requirement
- November 27, 2018, Public Hearing No. 3: The public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable
- December 11, 2018, Public Hearing No. 4: The public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable
- December 11, 2018, The Board adopted map 101 and sequence of elections for approval by the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization
- February 4, 2019, The Ventura County Committee on School District Organization will conduct a public hearing within Simi Valley School Unified School District (SVUSD) boundaries to consider approval of the proposed trustee area map and sequence of elections

Robert explained one of the reasons the school district could not adopt the same map that the City of Simi Valley adopted was because there are 3,500 more in population in the school district's boundaries due to the unincorporated areas.

The Districts community outreach included:

- School Community
  - Information provided to bargaining units
  - Information distributed by Principals to their staff and school communities
- Electronic Communication
  - Promoted on <https://simi-ca.schoolloop.com>
- Board Meetings
  - All meetings held at regularly scheduled Board meetings at the district facility and City Hall

Ramon Flores asked if there was a translation to a Spanish option on the website. The answer was yes. Denise Helfstein asked how the public was informed about the website and was there other methods to invite people to participate. Mr. McEntire shared that the website was referenced on all literature that went home with the students and to their families and into their neighborhoods which also contained the entire history of the process, presentation on how maps were drawn and what the legal requirements were.

Ron Todo shared that SVUSD utilized the All Call System or email. They also utilized the editorial process in the Acorn. The District did have one individual, very representative of

the Latino population, come forward and made sure they were including that group within the process. The outcome of this was that they provided translation into Spanish for all communications including the website postings.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chairperson Charles Weis opened the public hearing on Simi Valley Unified School Districts change in Election system pursuant to Education Code Section §5019(c)(1) at 5:00p.m. Chairperson asked if the public wished to make a statement. No comments from the public were made.

Chairperson Charles Weis closed the public hearing at 5:01 p.m.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chairperson Charles Weis opened the public hearing on Simi Valley Unified School District's request that the State Board of Education Waive the Election Requirements of Education Code Sections §5020 and §5030 at 5:01 p.m. Chairperson asked if the public wished to make a statement. No comments from the public were made.

Chairperson Charles Weis closed the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

8. **Discussion and Action:** by the County Committee to adopt County Committee Resolution 19-01 approving the establishment of Trustee Areas and changing the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Simi Valley Unified School District.

A motion was made by Rob Collins to approve the change to a by-trustee area election method. Motion was seconded by Patricia Phelps.

Ramon Flores mentioned it appears current trustees for SVUSD are in each of the five new trustee areas so there is not a situation of two trustees in one area. Robert McEntire said that was correct.

Misty Key noted there might be upcoming meetings the County Committee would be hosting, as needed, for the following school districts:  
Moorpark Unified; Conejo Valley Unified; Santa Paula Unified; Ocean View School District and Hueneme School District.

Denise Helfstein asked for guidance on what are the best practices or standards for community outreach.

Charles Weis, shared that he has conducted six to eight processes to changing from an at-large election system to a by-trustee area election system in San Jose. The practices that were heard today are pretty common, going through schools and letting the parents know there will be by-trustee areas, postings on the districts website and having many discussions at the Board meetings.

Terri Lisagor asked if the information can be provided electronically to the County Committee. Misty explained that usually all of the materials are provided prior to the meeting. It didn't work out this time for the presentation, but that is normal practice.

Ron Todo mentioned there are term limits for the School Board members in Simi Valley.  
Two elected terms.

Chairperson Charles Weis took roll call vote to approve the County Committee Resolution 19-01. Motion passed unanimously.

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<i>Kathi Smith</i>	X			
<i>Denise Helfstein</i>	X			
<i>Patricia Phelps</i>	X			
<i>Barbara Wagner</i>	X			
<i>Terri Lisagor</i>	X			
<i>Robert Perez</i>	X			
<i>Rob Collins</i>	X			
<i>Richard Canady</i>	X			
<i>Charles Weis</i>	X			
<i>Ramon Flores</i>	X			
<i>Mindee Stekkinger</i>				X

**9. Adjournment**

Chairperson Charles Weis adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

## **COUNTY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-01**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND CHANGING THE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS IN THE SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS,** a proposal to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process was presented to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) by the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Simi Valley Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of the Simi Valley Unified School District has adopted a resolution declaring its intent to seek a waiver of the election requirements from the State Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS,** Education Code section §5019(c)(1) provides that a proposal to establish trustee areas may be initiated by resolution of the governing board of a district; and

**WHEREAS,** Education Code section §5019(c)(2) further provides that when a proposal is made by a governing board of a district to establish trustee areas, the county committee on school district organization shall call and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter; and

**WHEREAS,** Education Code section §5030 provides that whenever trustee areas are established in a district, provisions shall be made for one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members; and

**WHEREAS,** Education Code section §5020 provides that a resolution of a county committee on school district organization approving a proposal to establish trustee areas, and to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Education Code section §5030, shall constitute an order of election which shall be presented to the electors of the district not later than the next succeeding election for members of the governing board; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Committee met on February 4, 2019, to consider the proposal to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process in the Simi Valley Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Committee meeting on February 4, 2019, took place within the boundaries of the Simi Valley Unified School District, and the meeting included a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section §5019(c); and

**WHEREAS,** by Resolution Numbers 06-18/19 and 25-18/19, the Board of the Simi Valley Unified School District determined that an at-large method of election could be subject to legal challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 and adopted a by-trustee area electoral system for consideration by the County Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** by Resolution Number 28-18/19, the Board of the Simi Valley Unified School District declared its intent to request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirements of Education Code section §5020 and §5030 in order to ensure the timely adoption of trustee areas and the district’s transition from its current at-large electoral process; and

**WHEREAS**, having consideration of the proposal of the Board of the Simi Valley Unified School District to establish trustee areas and change the method of election to a by-trustee area election process as set forth in its Resolution Numbers 06-18/19 and 28-18/19, as well as public comments, the County Committee recommends approval of the proposal of the Board of the Simi Valley Unified School District;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the County Committee hereby establishes trustee election areas within the Simi Valley Unified School District as set forth in the District's Resolution Numbers 06-18/19 and 25-18/19 attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the County Committee hereby adopts, as the method of election governing board members to the Board of Education of the Simi Valley Unified School District, that method of election specified in Education Code section §5030(b), which provides one or more members residing in each trustee area be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area; and

**BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED** that this action of the County Committee establishing trustee election areas and adopting one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Education Code section §5030 shall not be deemed to constitute an order of election if the State Board of Education grants the district's waiver and if such waiver is granted, trustee area elections shall be commenced effective the next succeeding Board member election in November 2020.

I, Misty Key, Secretary to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, hereby certify, in the County of Ventura, State of California, that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said County Committee at a special meeting thereof held on the 4th day of February, 2019, and passed by a vote of:

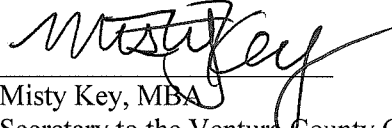
**AYES: 10**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
Misty Key, MBA  
Secretary to the Ventura County Committee  
on School District Organization

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 06-18/19**

**RESOLUTION INDICATING INTENT TO TRANSITION GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS  
FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Simi Valley Unified School District ("District") is governed by a five member Board of Education ("Board");

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board are elected "at large," in which each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District;

**WHEREAS**, the District is committed to structures that most effectively involve all community members in the democratic process of elections;

**WHEREAS**, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") (Elec. Code, §§ 14025 et seq.) became law in 2003 and provides a means for prospective plaintiffs to allege racially polarized voting and to seek a change from a jurisdiction's at large election system to a different system, typically a by-district or by-division election system where only registered voters within a specific division may vote for a candidate running from their specific division, and also allows for the recovery of a plaintiff's attorneys' fees; and

**WHEREAS**, a violation of the CVRA may be established if it is shown that racially polarized voting has combined with an at-large voting system to impair the ability of a protected class of voters to elect candidates of its choice or to influence the outcome of an election; and

**WHEREAS**, the District received a letter on or about September 13, 2018 from the firm of Shenkman & Hughes asserting that the District's at-large election system may violate the CVRA threatening litigation if the District does not voluntarily change to district-based elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the District already had intention to transition to a by-trustee area election, prior to receiving Mr. Shenkman's letter but seeks to avoid litigation and the excessive expense of any litigation;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is concerned that a transition in election systems may have unintended consequences, but is cognizant of the financial impact which would result from any litigation to defend its current at-large election system and seeks to address this matter in a way which safeguards District funds for District students;

**WHEREAS**, the District denies its election system violates the CVRA or any other provision of law;

**WHEREAS**, no other community members or possible plaintiffs have directly voiced concerns about the election processes to the Board;

**WHEREAS**, prior to any decision to establish trustee areas, Elections Code section 10010 requires a series of public hearings;

**WHEREAS**, the District will retain an experienced demographer to work with its legal counsel and staff to develop proposed trustee area boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the transition to by-trustee area elections will not affect the current terms of any Board members.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District, having considered and been fully advised in the matter and good cause appearing therefore does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. This Resolution indicates the District's intention to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

SECTION 2. The Board directs staff to work with the retained demographer, and other appropriate consultants as needed, to provide a detailed analysis of the District's current demographics and any other information or data necessary to prepare a draft map that divides the District into voting districts in a manner consistent with the intent and purpose of the California Voting Rights Act and the Federal Voting Rights Act.

SECTION 3. The Board seeks public input on the trustee area boundaries and will employ the following steps and timeline to effectuate this transition:

October 16, 2018	First Pre-Map Public Hearing: CVRA Presentation
October 30, 2018	Second Pre-Map Public Hearing: Presentation/Discussion with Demographer regarding Criteria for Boundaries
November 27, 2018	Third Public Hearing: Public Hearing on Draft Trustee Area Boundary Maps
December 11, 2018	Fourth Public Hearing: Public Hearing on Revised Trustee Area Boundary Maps and Adoption of Area Boundary Maps (note: if a change is made at the 4th hearing another public hearing will be scheduled).
TBD (if necessary)	Fifth Public Hearing on Revised Trustee Area Boundary Maps and Adoption of Trustee Area Boundary Maps

SECTION 4. The timeline contained in Section 3 may be augmented or adjusted by the Board or District staff as necessary.

SECTION 5. The Board directs staff to post information regarding the proposed transition to a district based election system, including maps, notices, agendas and other information.

SECTION 6. District staff is authorized to work with the demographer retained by the District and its legal counsel and execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. The Board directs the Superintendent, through legal counsel, to provide a written notice to Kevin Shenkman of the law firm Shenkman & Hughes of the District's determination to voluntarily change to a district-based election system and respond to his letter of September 13, 2018.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Simi Valley Unified School District this October 2, 2018, by the following vote: #43 Blough/LaBelle (5/10)

AYES: Blough  
Dunn  
Snodgrass  
LaBelle  
White

NOES:

6

ABSTAIN:

6

ABSENT:

6

  
Dan White, Board President

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-18/19**

### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MAP OF PROPOSED TRUSTEE AREAS, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Simi Valley Unified School District ("District") currently has no trustee areas, wherein each of the five members of the District's Board of Trustees ("Board") must reside within the boundaries of the District but not within any specific geographical sub-region of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District currently uses an at-large system of electing its Board members, wherein all voters in the District elect each member of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, at-large electoral systems such as that used by the District are subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, codified at sections 14025-14032 of the California Elections Code ("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 specific geographic subarea of the District, called a trustee area, and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board considers it prudent to initiate the process to transition to a by-Trustee area system of election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board took action at its regular meeting on October 2, 2018 adopting Resolution 06-18/19 to initiate the process to change its election methodology from an at-large system to a by-Trustee areas method of election as described in Education Code section 5030(b); and

**WHEREAS**, one method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee area electoral system is for the Board to petition the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), by resolution, to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Committee has indicated that it will initiate this process on behalf of the District at the District's request, and will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, District staff retained and worked with Consultant, National Demographic Corporation, and have prepared Draft trustee area Maps (the "Draft Maps"). The Consultant has extensive experience working with school districts and local jurisdictions regarding electoral demographics, taking into consideration the CVRA, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and related election system choices.

**WHEREAS**, all of the proposed trustee area boundary plans prepared by Consultant were drawn with all applicable laws and regulations in mind, including the CVRA and federal election law.

**WHEREAS,** Prior to the preparation and presentation of the Draft Maps, the Board held public hearings on October 16, 2018 and October 30, 2018, to allow for public input on the conversion and how to draw draft trustee area maps; and

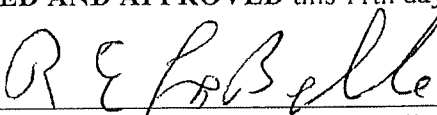
**WHEREAS,** the Draft Maps were presented to the public on November 27, 2018, a public hearing was held on the same date to obtain feedback on the Draft Maps, and information regarding the Draft Maps was and is posted online on the District's website; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board has conducted an additional public hearing earlier this evening on December 11, 2018, prior to consideration, discussion, and action on this Resolution, and has received and considered any and all public input and comment on: 1) the Draft Maps; 2) the proposal to transition to establishing trustee areas; and 3) the proposal to adopt a by-trustee area system of election; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Simi Valley Unified School District as follows:

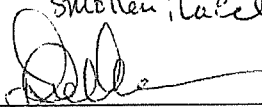
1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That based upon its review of the public input and comment on the Draft Maps, its proposal to transition to establishing trustee areas, and its proposal to adopt a by-trustee area system of election, as well as input from staff and consultants, the Board hereby adopts and recommends the map known as Plan 101 to the County Committee for its consideration. A true and correct copy of Plan 101 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
3. That at the District's next election in 2020, seats in trustee areas A, B, and C will be up for election, and in November 2022, seats in trustee areas D and E will be up for election.
4. That this Resolution shall serve as the District's petition to the County Committee pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c)(1), the Board hereby proposes and requests that the County Committee approve the establishment of trustee areas as defined in **Exhibit A**, and approves the adoption of the method of electing Board members specified in Education Code section 5030(b), whereby candidates for the Board must reside within a trustee area, and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area, effective with the November, 2020 regular election of District Board members.
5. That the Superintendent and/or her designee take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** this 11th day of December, 2018.

  
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President, Board of Trustees, Simi Valley Unified School District

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Dawn Smolen, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Simi Valley Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 11th day of December, 2018, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, White, Jorgensen, Smolen, LaBelle NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0  
  
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Clerk, Board of Trustees, Simi Valley Unified School District

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 28-18/19**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, REQUESTING A WAIVER FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTEE AREAS AND ADOPTION OF A "BY TRUSTEE AREA" ELECTION PROCESS BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AS SET FORTH IN EDUCATION CODE §§ 5019, 5020, 5030, AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, the Simi Valley Unified School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing its governing board members; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2018, the District passed Resolution #06-18/19 "Intent to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections." In doing so, the District wished to undo its "at-large" electoral systems, which is vulnerable to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"), Elections Code sections 14025- 14032; and

WHEREAS, although Education Code section 5020 requires a County Committee's resolution approving a change in the method of electing board members must normally be submitted to the electorate for its approval at the District's next regular election, the Board of Trustees intends to seek a waiver of the voter approval requirement as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Education to waive this voter approval requirement that could reduce the costs and risks associated with this proposed change in the manner of electing board members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that it is appropriate to seek a waiver of the election requirement in Education Code section 5020, and portions of sections 5019, 5021 and 5030, in time to implement by-trustee area elections for the Board's 2018 election, because an election to approve the change in voting methods will result in a cost to the District and uncertainty as to outcome despite the fact that at-large electoral systems such as the Districts are subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act at great financial risk to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of the need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing board members in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

WHEREAS , to obtain a waiver the District must comply with Education Code and California Department of Education and State Board of Education regulations; and

WHEREAS, the District must consult with all collective bargaining units in order to ensure that there is no impact on bargaining issues or work conditions; and

WHEREAS, the District must consult with any advisory committee, as well as any other committees or councils with an interest in the waiver; and

WHEREAS, the District must conduct a properly noticed public hearing, at which time the public may testify on the merits of obtaining a waiver from the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the District must submit a complete General Waiver Request form to the California Department of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct.
- B. District Superintendent is hereby directed to work with legal counsel to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education of the election requirement imposed by the Education Code, and conduct a hearing as required by statute.
- C. The Superintendent shall consult with legal counsel to resolve all legal issues necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Simi Valley Unified School District on January 22, 2019, by the following vote: *Motion #94 Brought/Quayle 4/10/11*

AYES: *Brough*  
*Quayle*  
*Frodden*  
*LaBelle*

NOES: *0*

ABSTAIN: *0*

ABSENT: *0*

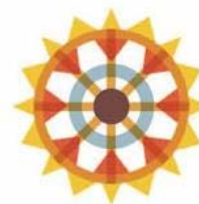
*Bob LaBelle*  
Bob LaBelle, Board President



**SimiValleySchools**

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

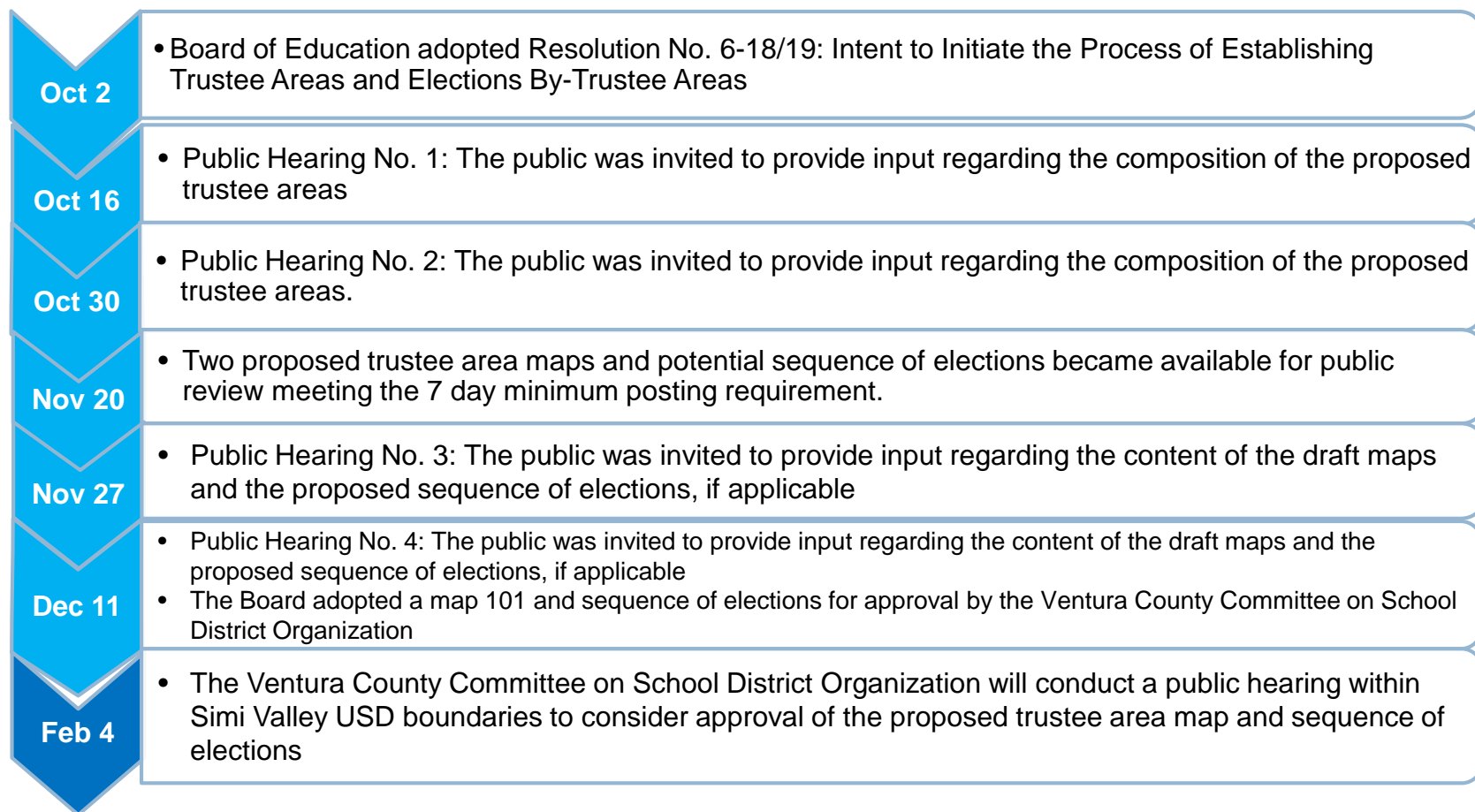
# **Presentation to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization**



- ❑ Districting Process & Timeline
- ❑ Community Outreach
- ❑ Draft Maps
- ❑ Selected Map

# Timeline of Events

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# Districting Considerations

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## Federal Laws

- ❑ Equal Population
- ❑ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ❑ No Racial Gerrymandering

## Traditional Redistricting Principles

- ❑ Communities of interest
- ❑ Compact
- ❑ Contiguous
- ❑ Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- ❑ Respect voters' choices / continuity in office
- ❑ *Planned future growth*



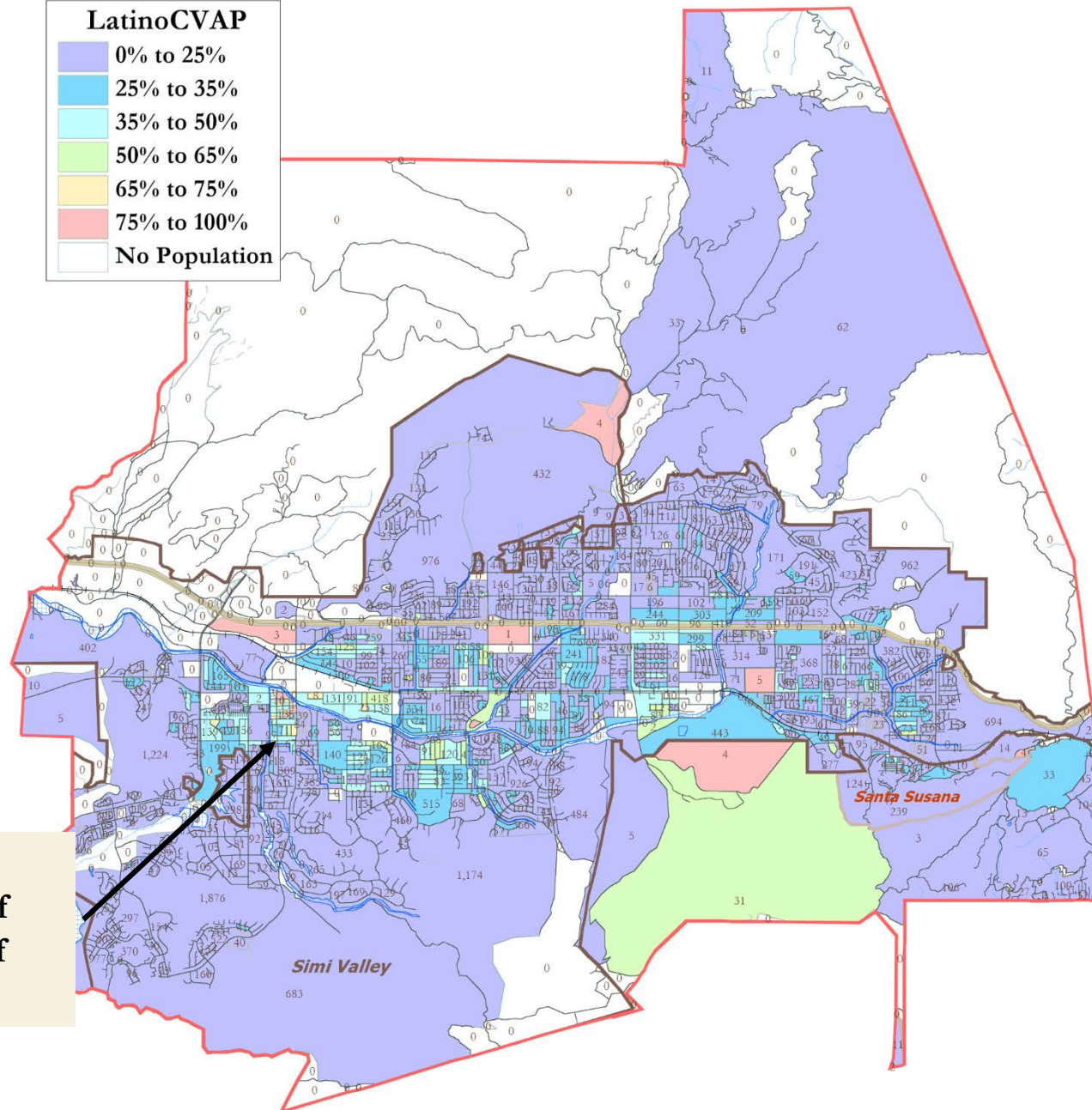
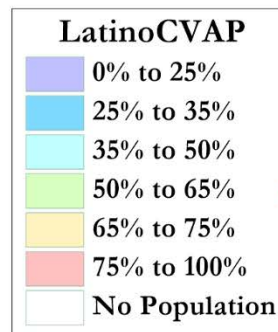
## Demographic Summary

**Latinos are 23% of the total population and 19% of the eligible voters (measured by Citizen Voting Age Population data). Asian-Americans are 8% of eligible voters and African-Americans are 2%.**

**Each of the 5 trustee areas will have about 25,483 residents.**

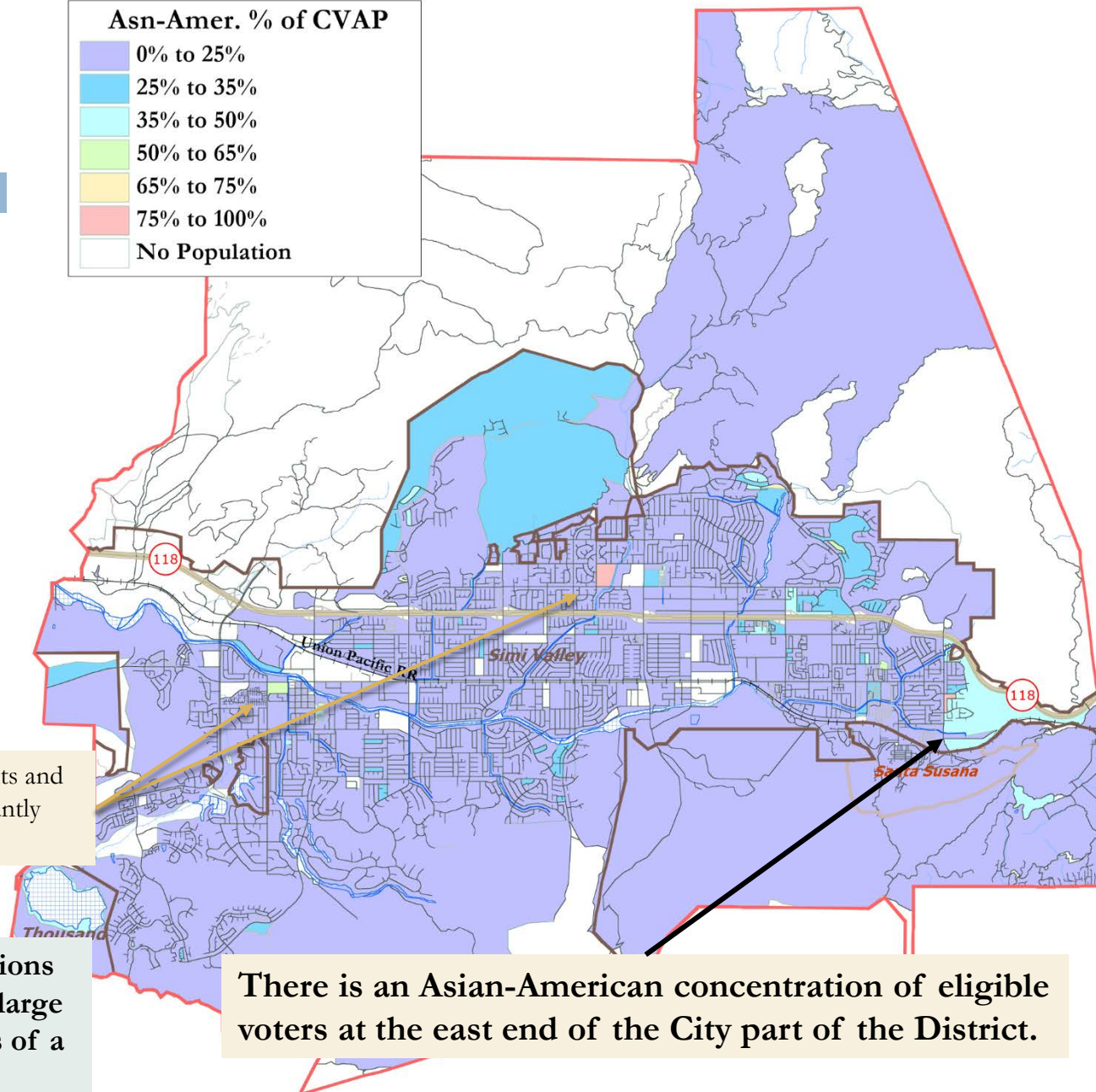
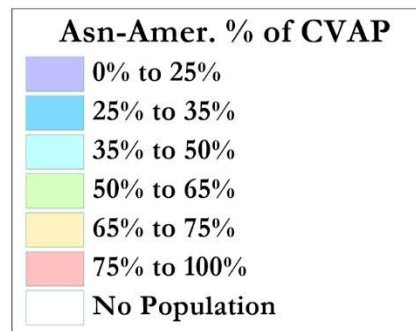
Category	Field	Count	Pct	Category	Field	Count	Pct
	Total Pop	127,413		ACS Pop. Est.	Total	129,405	
Total Pop	Hisp	29,381	23%	Age	age0-19	32,282	25%
	NH White	80,475	63%		age20-60	71,804	55%
	NH Black	2,032	2%		age60plus	25,319	20%
	Asian-American	13,194	10%	Immigration	immigrants	23,774	18%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	90,912			naturalized	14,243	60%
	Hisp	16,944	19%	Language spoken at home	english	90,771	74%
	NH White	63,811	70%		spanish	18,486	15%
	NH Black	1,459	2%		asian-lang	6,605	5%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	7,413	8%		other lang	6,549	5%
Voter Registration (Nov 2016)	Total	73,596		Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	9,831	8%
	Latino est.	12,133	16%	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	52,075	59%
	Spanish-Surnamed	10,899	15%		bachelor	19,126	22%
	Asian-Surnamed	2,888	4%		graduatedegree	9,853	11%
	Filipino-Surnamed	882	1%	Child in Household	child-under18	14,205	33%
	NH White est.	56,052	76%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	66,483	64%
	NH Black	1,253	2%	Household Income	income 0-25k	4,452	10%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2016)	Total	60,068			income 25-50k	6,181	14%
	Latino est.	9,301	15%		income 50-75k	6,858	16%
	Spanish-Surnamed	8,356	14%		income 75-200k	20,674	48%
	Asian-Surnamed	2,165	4%		income 200k-plus	5,307	12%
	Filipino-Surnamed	705	1%	Housing Stats	single family	37,305	83%
	NH White est.	46,548	77%		multi-family	7,410	17%
	NH Black	1,031	2%		rented	11,874	27%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2014)	Total	31,032			owned	31,598	73%
	Latino est.	3,275	11%				
	Spanish-Surnamed	2,942	9%				
	Asian-Surnamed	865	3%				
	Filipino-Surnamed	321	1%				
	NH White est.	25,976	84%				
	NH Black est.	524	2%				

# Latino Concentrations



Latino eligible voters are concentrated on the south side of the railroad through the center of the district.

# Asian-American Concentrations



The red Census Block contains only 5 residents and the green one only 2, so they will not significantly impact the overall trustee area demographics.

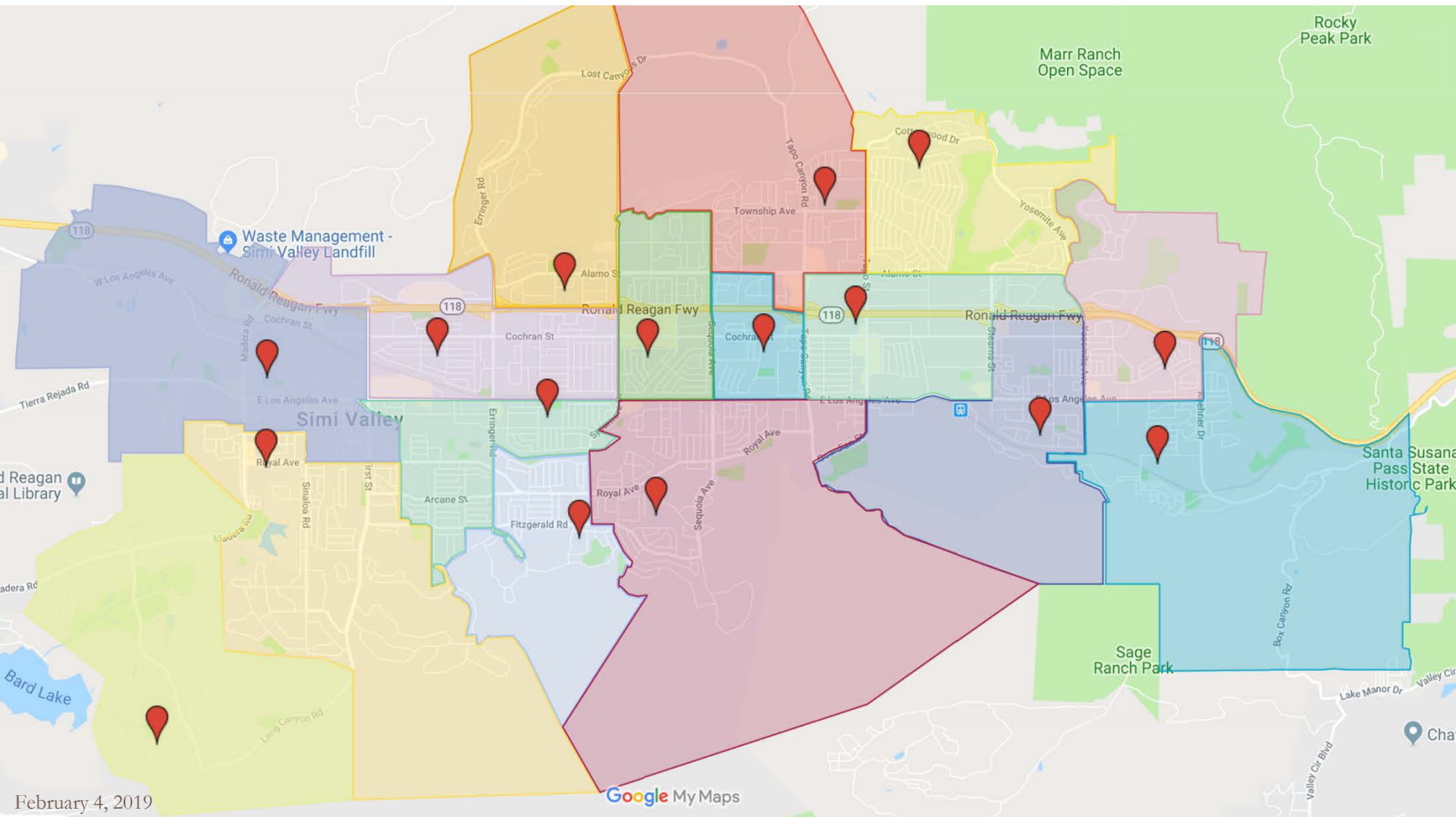
There are no geographic concentrations of African-American eligible voters large enough to impact the demographics of a trustee area.

There is an Asian-American concentration of eligible voters at the east end of the City part of the District.



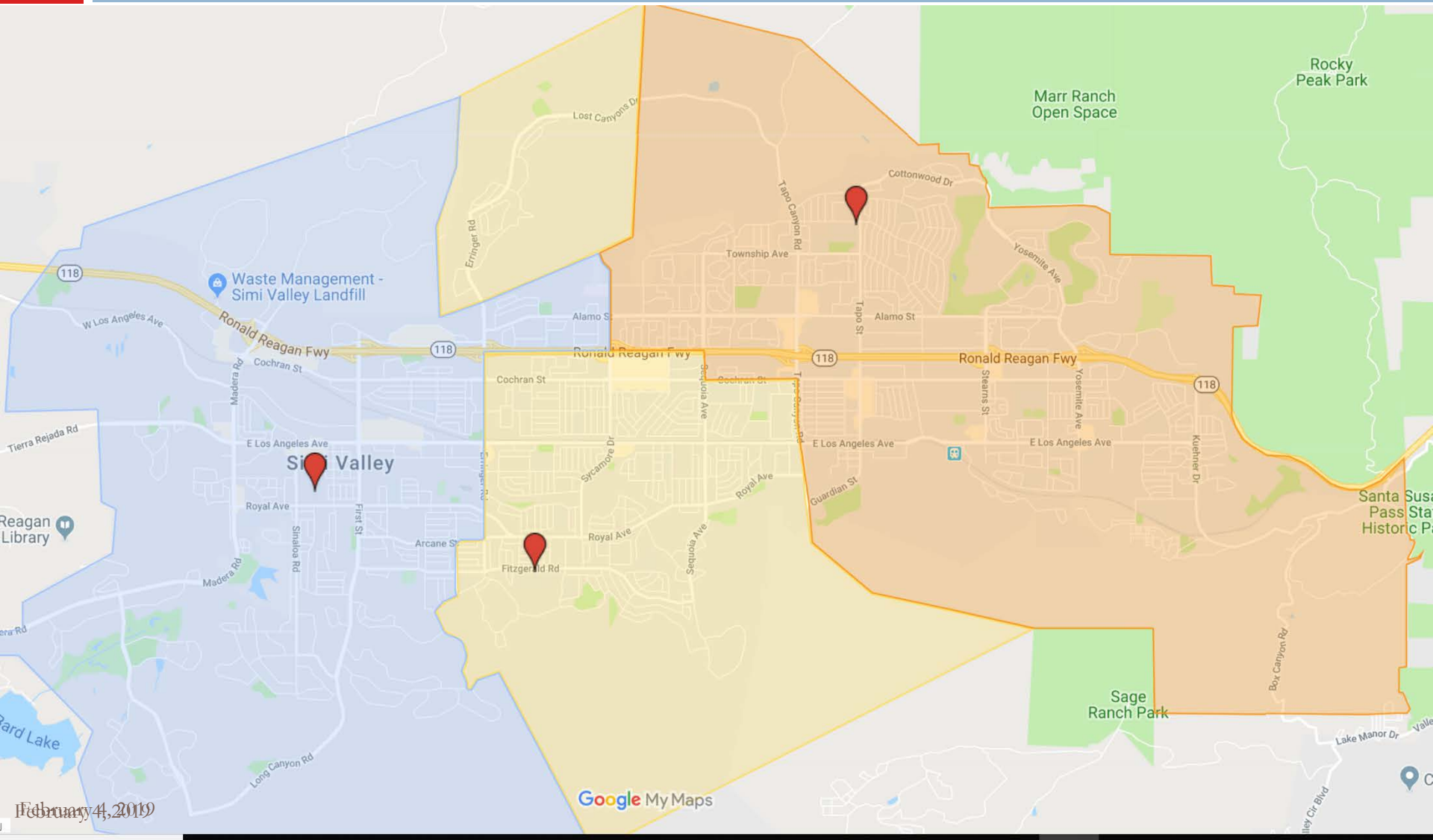
# Elementary Attendance Zones

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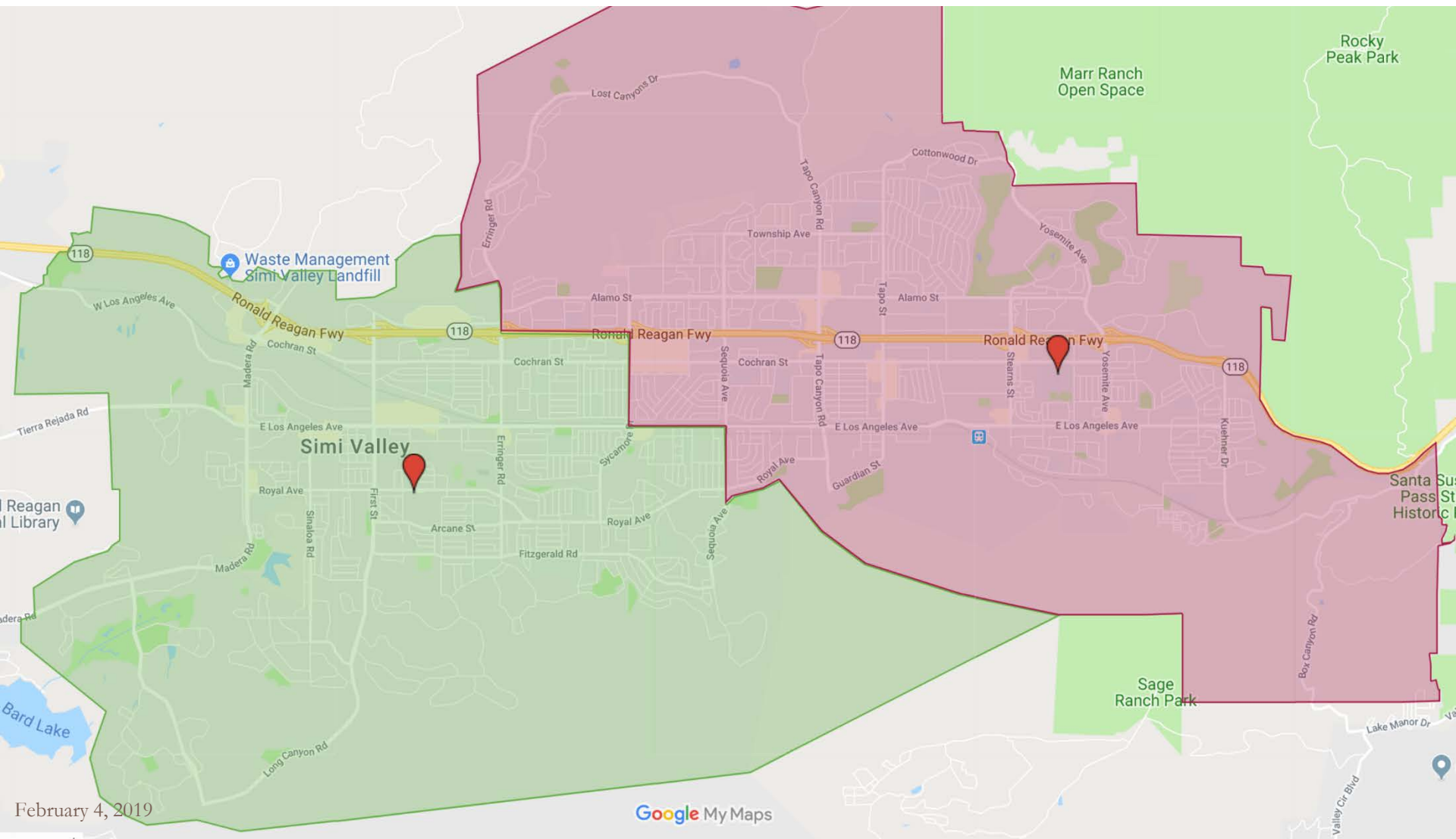
# Middle School Attendance Zones

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# High School Attendance Zones

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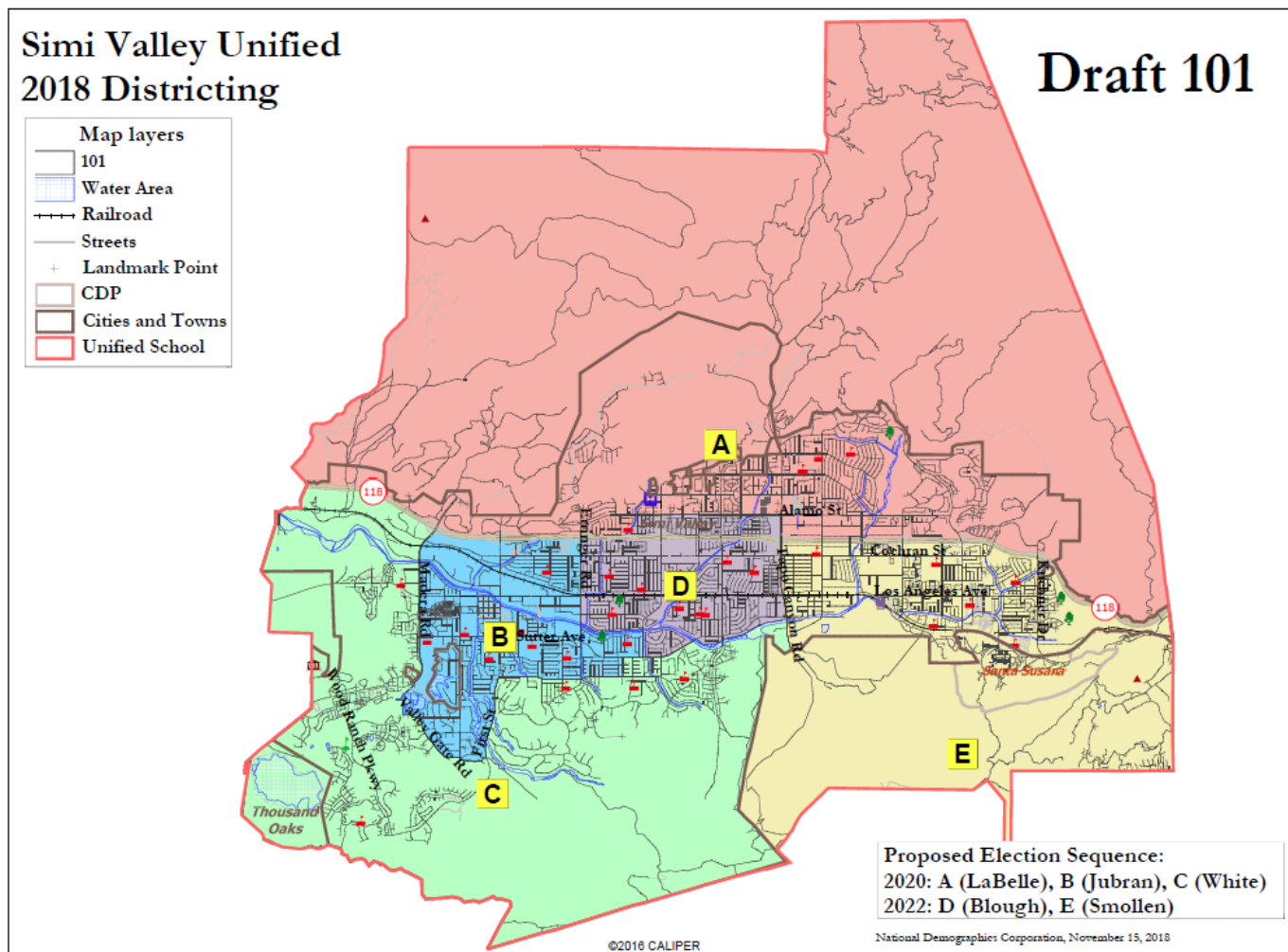


- ❑ School Community
  - ▣ Information provided to bargaining units
  - ▣ Information distributed by Principals to their staff and school communities
- ❑ Electronic Communication
  - ▣ Promoted on <https://simi-ca.schoolloop.com>
- ❑ Board Meetings
  - ▣ All meetings held at regularly scheduled board meetings at the district facility and City Hall



# Draft Map 101

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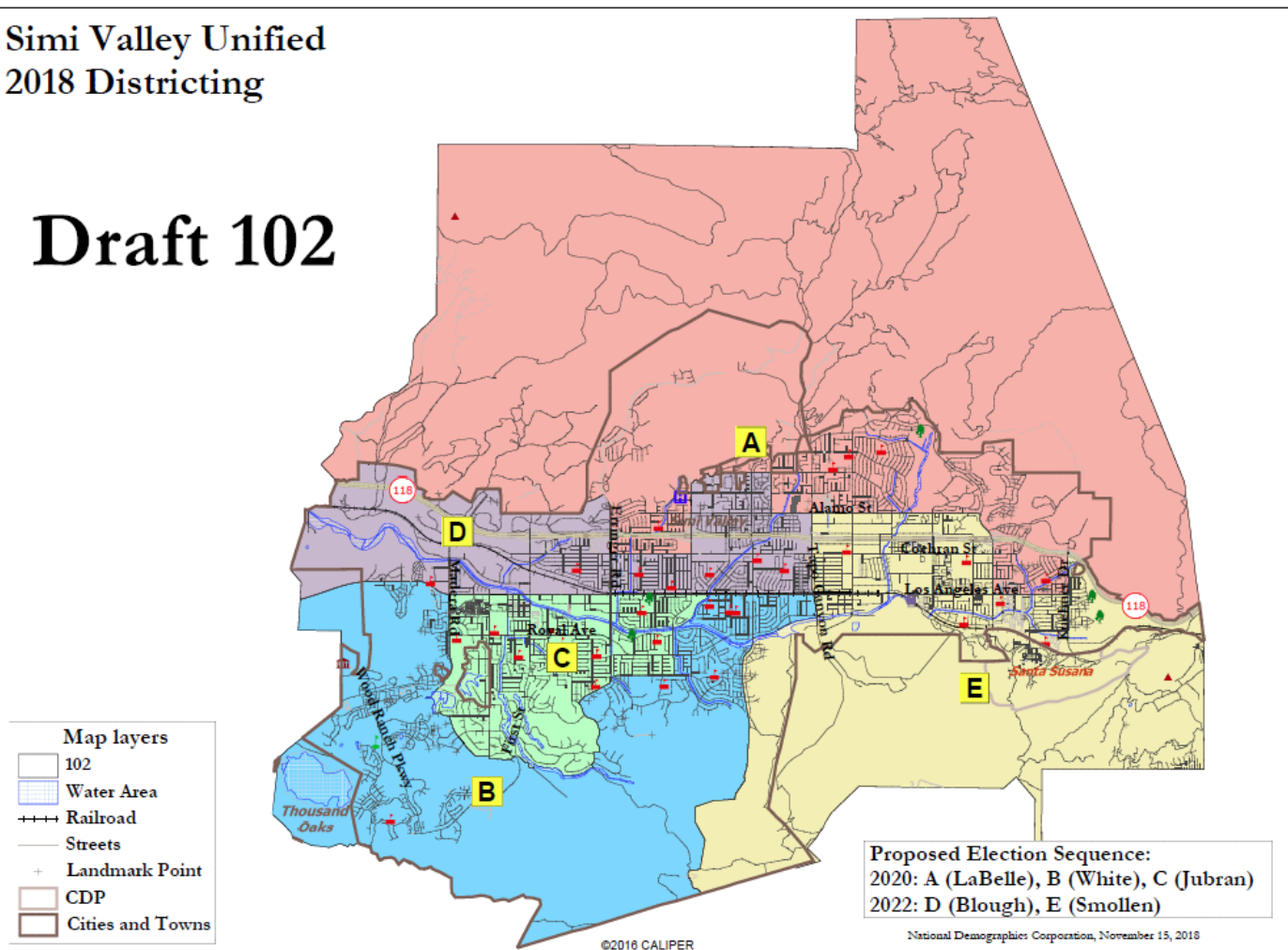


# Draft Map 102

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Simi Valley Unified  
2018 Districting

## Draft 102



# District Demographic Data

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Simi Valley Unified - Map 101

District		A	B	C	D	E	Total
<u>Ideal</u>	Total Pop	24,822	25,227	26,012	25,434	25,918	127,413
25,483	Deviation from ideal	-661	-256	529	-49	435	1,190
	% Deviation	-2.59%	-1.00%	2.08%	-0.19%	1.71%	4.67%
Total Pop	% Hisp	16%	34%	15%	27%	23%	23%
	% NH White	68%	54%	71%	61%	62%	63%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	% Asian-American	12%	9%	10%	8%	12%	10%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	17,995	16,649	18,744	18,423	19,102	90,912
	% Hisp	13%	27%	12%	22%	21%	19%
	% NH White	73%	63%	79%	69%	67%	70%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	11%	7%	8%	6%	9%	8%
Voter Registration (Nov 2016)	Total	15,045	12,583	16,487	14,836	14,645	73,596
	% Latino est.	12%	22%	13%	19%	18%	16%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	11%	20%	11%	17%	16%	15%
	% Asian-Surnamed	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	79%	70%	82%	74%	75%	76%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2016)	% NH Black	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	Total	12,423	10,033	13,786	12,006	11,820	60,068
	% Latino est.	12%	20%	12%	18%	17%	15%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	10%	18%	11%	17%	15%	14%
	% Asian-Surnamed	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	80%	72%	83%	75%	76%	77%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%

Simi Valley Unified - Map 101

District		A	B	C	D	E	Total
Voter Turnout (Nov 2014)	Total	6,784	4,975	7,336	6,291	5,648	31,032
	% Latino est.	9%	14%	8%	12%	11%	11%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	8%	12%	8%	11%	10%	9%
	% Asian-Surnamed	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	84%	80%	87%	84%	83%	84%
ACS Pop. Est.	% NH Black est.	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	2%
	Total	25,206	25,276	25,745	26,163	27,015	129,405
Age	age0-19	25%	26%	24%	25%	25%	25%
	age20-60	53%	58%	55%	57%	55%	55%
	age60plus	22%	16%	21%	18%	20%	20%
Immigration	immigrants	16%	22%	16%	18%	20%	18%
	naturalized	70%	52%	66%	51%	65%	60%
Language spoken at home	english	80%	66%	80%	71%	73%	74%
	spanish	9%	24%	10%	21%	13%	15%
	asian-lang	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%
	other lang	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	6%	12%	4%	10%	8%	8%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	58%	59%	50%	64%	62%	59%
	bachelor	24%	16%	29%	15%	22%	22%
	graduatedegree	12%	10%	17%	8%	9%	11%
Child in Household	child-under18	34%	35%	29%	34%	32%	33%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	63%	64%	64%	66%	63%	64%
Household Income	income 0-25k	9%	10%	7%	10%	15%	10%
	income 25-50k	13%	16%	11%	15%	16%	14%
	income 50-75k	11%	21%	13%	16%	18%	16%
	income 75-200k	52%	46%	48%	51%	42%	48%
	income 200k-plus	15%	8%	21%	8%	9%	12%
Housing Stats	single family	88%	79%	83%	91%	77%	83%
	multi-family	12%	21%	17%	9%	23%	17%
	rented	21%	33%	24%	24%	34%	27%
	owned	79%	67%	76%	76%	66%	73%

# Board Selected Map 101

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- Unanimously Adopted Map 101
- Keeps heavily-Latino neighborhood united
- Very uncontroversial process and decision
- General preference for how Map 101 grouped communities and school attendance areas over the groupings in Map 102

