

RESOLUTION NO. 2011/12-86

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOMMENDING
THAT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION APPROVE A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Riverside Unified School District (“District”) currently uses an at-large system of electing its governing board members; and

WHEREAS, At-large electoral systems such as the District’s 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 District’s governing board (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, One method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by-trustee area electoral system is for the school district board of trustees to petition the local county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization (“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 and consultants have prepared proposed trustee area plans and recommendations (the “Plans”) that the Board has considered; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board hereby adopts a by-trustee area system of election in which candidates for the District’s Board must reside within a specific trustee area and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area.
3. That the Superintendent and/or his 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 18th day of June, 2012.



Gayle Cloud
President of the Governing Board for the
Riverside Unified School District

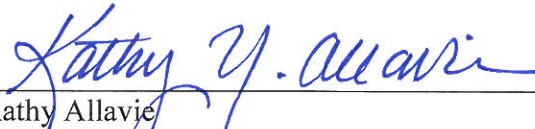
I, Kathy Allavie, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Riverside Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 18th day of June, 2012, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



Kathy Allavie
Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Riverside Unified School District