



# Adoption of At-large Election System and Trustee Area Maps



Riverside County Committee on School District Organization  
October 18, 2012

## Timeline

- August 15, 2011 - Began discussion of the California Voting Rights Act and its impacts on RUSD
- February 6, 2012 - Board of Education adopted "legal" and "local preference" demographical criteria to be used in drawing potential districting scenarios
- May 7, 2012 - Reviewed Scenarios A and B
- May 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - Held Community Meetings
- May 21, 2012 - Held Public Hearing
- June 4, 2012 - Reviewed Scenarios C & D
- June 18, 2012 - Reviewed Scenario E
- June 18, 2012 - Board of Education adopted Resolution 2011/12-86 - Resolution Recommending That the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization Approve a By-Trustee Area Election Process




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
## Timeline

- July 11, 2012 - Held Community Meeting to collaboratively create a majority-minority area
- July 16, 2012 - Held Public Hearing on SBE Waiver Request and Approved a SBE Waiver Request waiving EC Sections 5019 and 5020
- August 20, 2012 - Reviewed Scenarios F, G and H
- September 4, 2012 - Reviewed Scenarios I, J and K
- September 17, 2012 - Board of Education adopted Resolution 2012/13-03 - Resolution Recommending that the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas
- Tonight • October 18, 2012 - Riverside County Committee on School District Organization holds Public Hearing
- November 7/8, 2012 - State Board of Education to consider Waiver Request waiving EC Sections 5019 and 5020

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## RUSD At-a-Glance

- Riverside Unified School District is the 15th largest school district in California (based on 2010-11 enrollment).
- The District was unified in 1963 through the unification of the Riverside City School District (founded in 1887) and the Riverside High School District.
- The District is governed by a five member Board of Education currently elected on a staggered basis at-large with residency anywhere within the District.
- RUSD serves approximately 43,000 K-12 students in 30 elementary schools, seven middle schools, five comprehensive high schools, one STEM school, two alternative schools and one virtual school. RUSD serves over 7,000 adults in one adult school.
- RUSD serves the majority of the City of Riverside and the incorporated communities of Highgrove, Woodcrest and Victoria Grove. The District covers 92 square miles.

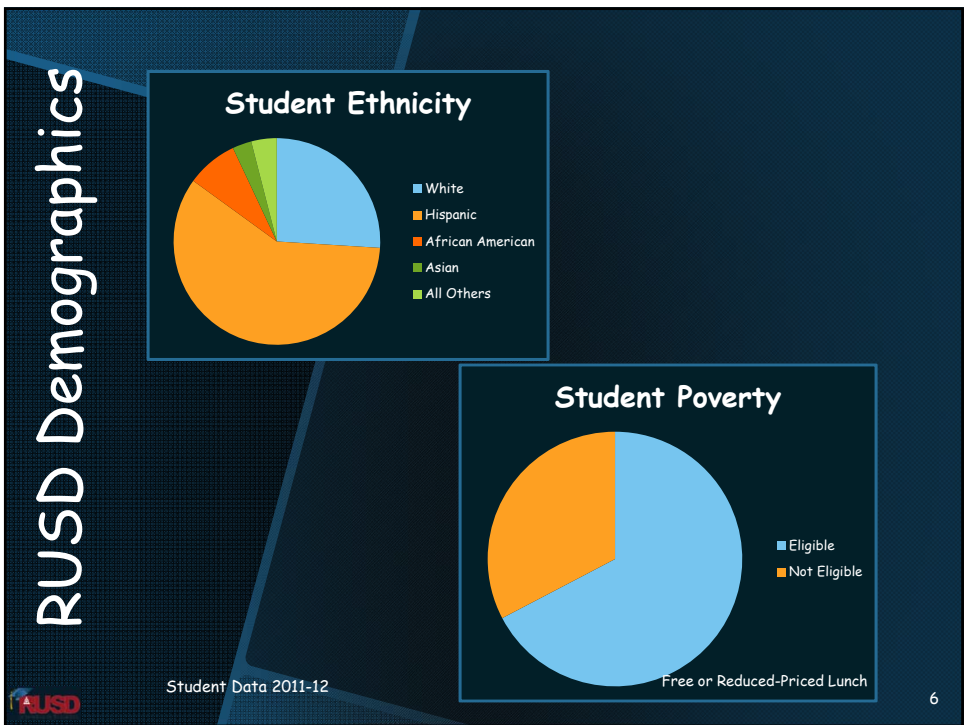
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# RUSD Demographics

	Total Population		Population 18 and Over		Citizen Voting Age (2005-2009 Est)	
Hispanic	103,835	42.33%	67,768	37.10%	40,413	29.18%
White	96,189	39.21%	79,304	43.41%	73,505	53.07%
African-American	17,594	7.17%	13,520	7.40%	12,057	8.71%
American Indian	1,001	0.41%	785	0.43%	856	0.62%
Asian	19,415	7.91%	16,771	9.18%	8,697	6.28%
Other	1,270	0.52%	915	0.50%	448	0.32%
Two Or More Races	5,997	2.44%	3,614	1.98%	2,528	1.83%



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# Criteria

## Legal Criteria

- Roughly Equal: Each trustee area shall contain a nearly equal number of inhabitants.
- Federal Voting Rights Act: Trustee areas shall be drawn to comply with the FVRA by avoiding "packing" and "cracking".
- Compact and Contiguous: Trustee areas shall be as compact and contiguous as much as possible.


## Local Preference Criteria

- Incumbents: Trustee areas shall respect incumbency.
- Communities of Interest: Trustee areas shall respect communities of interest as much as possible.
- Attendance Areas: Each high school attendance boundary must be represented by at least two (2) areas.

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# Scenarios


- Potential Trustee Area Map "Scenarios"
  - 11 Scenarios prepared and presented by RUSD
  - Scenarios "A" through "K"
  - 3 "themes" represented in the 11 Scenarios
- Potential Trustee Area Map "Options"
  - 5 Options presented by community representatives
  - Options 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8 (Options 1 & 2 were later withdrawn)
  - 2 "themes" represented in the 5 Options
- All Scenarios and Options were considered by the Board of Education in public session and are part of the public record
  - Staff prepared "pros and cons" for each associated with the "legal" and "local preference" criteria

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## Scenario Themes


- Theme 1 - Meets Legal and Local Criteria
  - Scenario A - Original Map Scenario
  - Scenario B - A refinement of Scenario A with attention to community of interests
  - Scenario C - A refinement of Scenario B
  - Scenario D - A refinement of Scenario D
- Theme 2 - Meets Legal Criteria, Ignores Incumbency
  - Scenario E - Original Map Scenario without regard to incumbents
- Theme 3 - Creation of Majority-Minority, Ignores Incumbency
  - Option 3 - Original Majority-Minority option



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## Scenario Themes

- Theme 4 - Creation of Majority-Minority, Local Criteria
  - Option 6 - A refinement of Option 3 with incumbency honored
  - Option 8 - New Majority-Minority option
  - Scenario F - New Majority-Minority scenario
  - Scenario G - A refinement of Scenario F
  - Scenario H - A refinement of Scenario G
  - Scenario I - A refinement of Scenario H
  - Scenario J - A refinement of Option 6
  - Scenario K - A refinement of Scenario B



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## Community Input

- Held three Community Meetings
  - 5,000 mailers, 100,000 emails
  - At three school sites in various areas of the community
  - 25 attendees in total over three nights
  - 10 provided written feedback
- Held one Public Hearing
  - One community member addressed the Board of Education
- Held one collaborative community meeting
  - 23 participants
- Heard Community Input at each Board of Education Meeting
  - 10-12 average speakers
- District Web Page
  - Virtual Community Meeting format
- All materials presented in English and Spanish, Translators Available at Meetings



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## Resolutions & Actions


- Resolution 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 (June 18, 2012)
  - Approved 5-0
- Board of Education approved SBE Waiver Request (July 16, 2012)
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- Resolution 2012/13-03 - Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recommending That the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas From Which District Governing Board Members Will Be Elected in a By-Trustee Area Election Process (September 17, 2012)
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# Scenario I


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- Scenario I highlights include:
  - Meets all "legal" criteria
  - Establishes a Majority-Minority Trustee Area (Trustee Area #3)
  - Meets all "local preference" criteria



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# Scenario I

	Trustee Area 1	Trustee Area 2	Trustee Area 3	Trustee Area 4	Trustee Area 5
Population	48,728	48,061	48,959	48,977	50,576
Population Variance %	-0.68%	-2.08%	-0.21%	-0.17%	3.00%
<b>Citizen Voting Age Population (2005-2009)</b>					
Hispanic	21.88%	23.36%	50.06%	28.13%	27.34%
African-American	7.18%	10.10%	10.82%	6.33%	9.44%
White	60.88%	51.59%	32.84%	58.39%	56.96%



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# Scenario I

