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Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Dear Acalanes Union High School District Community:

As the District continues to move through the process of transitioning to "by-Trustee-area" elections under the legal requirements of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), we have reached a critical point. The District is releasing four map options to the community for study and input. All four of the map options being considered meet the legal requirements outlined in CVRA.

The District is providing three in-person opportunities to the community to review and provide feedback over the next month before the Governing Board votes on October 15, 2025, for a map that will be put into effect for the Board elections in November 2026.

The release of map options comes at the end of the "Pre-Map" period wherein the District engaged the community with two public hearings to solicit input before drawing map options.

Each map option for consideration:

- 1. Meets the equal population requirement (that each trustee area has equal population, 23,808, with up to a 10% variance):
- Increases the voting power of the largest protected classes in the District (Hispanic/Latino & Asian) where possible by Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) in at least one Trustee Area each based on up-to-date CVAP statistics compared to District-wide averages;
- 3. Complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act and related districting laws and requirements;
- 4. Respects communities of interest as much as possible;
- 5. Is compact and contiguous as much as possible; and
- 6. Follows man-made and natural geographic features as much as possible.

The maps are posted on the District's website for viewing on the <u>"Transition to By-Trustee Area Election System"</u> page. High school and elementary school attendance area overlays are viewable/available on each map option. Copies of the maps are also available for review at the District Office.

Please note, each map was randomly assigned a number option as a name only (i.e. Option 1, Option 2, Option 3, and Option 4). Each map option has 5 balanced Trustee Areas with Area 1 shaded in Yellow, Area 2 shaded in Green, Area 3 shaded in Red, Area 4 shaded in Blue, and Area 5 shaded in Purple.

## **Upcoming Meeting and Hearing Schedule**

**September 3, 2025** – 1st Public Hearing regarding draft Map Options at 7:45 p.m. during the Regular Governing Board meeting at the District Office Community Room, located at 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette, CA 94549.

September 17, 2025 – 2nd Public Hearing regarding draft Map Options at 7:20 p.m. during the

regular Governing Board meeting at District Office Community Room, located at 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette, CA 94549.

*October 15, 2025* – 3rd Public Hearing regarding the final Map Options at 7:20 p.m. during the regular Governing Board meeting at the District Office Community Room, located at 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Additionally, the District will host an informational meeting for questions and answers on **September 10, 2025**, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. at the Del Valle Education Center, Rm. 401, located at 1963 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. The meeting will be a hybrid Zoom meeting allowing for community members to view and ask questions remotely. The Zoom link will be posted on the "Transition to By-Trustee Area Election System" page prior to the meeting.

Acalanes Union High School District community is invited to attend as many meetings and public hearings as you would like. If you cannot attend and/or wish to review and/or comment regarding the proposed map options under consideration, please submit your comments, feedback or any questions to <a href="mailto:trusteeareafeedback@auhsdschools.org">trusteeareafeedback@auhsdschools.org</a>. You may also comment by telephone at (925) 942-9649. All map preference feedback will be relayed to the Board prior to its discussion and adoption of a map option.

We look forward to your continued participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

John Nickerson, Ed.D.

Superintendent