

WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMPOSITION AND CRITERIA FOR TRUSTEE AREAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Whittier Union High School District at a special meeting to be held on **October 16, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.**, will invite public input regarding the process for establishing trustee areas, the composition of trustee areas, and the criteria for the trustee areas (“trustee areas” are equivalent to the term “districts” as used in Elec. Code § 10010(a)(1)) prior to the initiation of the map-drawing process as required by § 10010(a)(1). The Board, at its meeting of October 9, 2018, adopted a resolution initiating the process for changing election methodologies from the current at-large method of electing District Governing Board members to the by-trustee area method of election.

The public hearing will be held at the Whittier Union High School District Board Room located at:

**Whittier Union High School District Offices
(Sierra Education Center)
9401 S. Painter Ave.
Whittier, CA. 90605**

(Enter the parking lot off Mulberry Dr.)

This public hearing is part of the statutory process for establishing a “by-trustee area” elections system. In a by-trustee area elections system, the Whittier Union High School District would be divided into trustee areas and each Governing Board member would be elected by only the registered voters in the particular trustee area where the Governing Board member resides. The Governing Board is currently elected using an at-large elections system, in which all Governing Board members are elected by voters of the entire Whittier Union High School District.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the public with background information regarding the California Voting Rights Act and the process of changing to by-trustee area elections, and, thereafter, to receive public input regarding the criteria the demographer will be directed by the Governing Board to consider in drafting trustee areas. The Board will give direction to the demographer regarding the composition and criteria to be used in drafting initial maps following a second public hearing on the criteria to be considered. The second public hearing regarding the composition and criteria to be considered is currently scheduled for October 30, 2018, and will be held at the address stated above and will start at 7:00 p.m. Subsequent public hearings will be held to consider specific draft maps establishing trustee areas based on the Board’s criteria adopted following this first round of public hearings.

Questions or comments should be directed to the Office of the Superintendent, Mr. Martin J. Plourde (562) 698-8121 ext. 1000