



July 1, 2021

TO: LOCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager
Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7E- 07/01/2021 Board Meeting
Announcement of Public Hearings to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Creation of a District Based Election System

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DESCRIPTION

The Board adopted a resolution at the January 7, 2021 Board meeting declaring its intent to transition to District-Based elections by November 2022. The District currently elects its Board through an at-large electoral system. The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) allows for legal challenges alleging that an at-large system has resulted in racially polarized voting within a jurisdiction and seeking a court order that a jurisdiction convert to a district-based election system. At the June 3, 2021 Board meeting, the Board approved the proposal from Cooperative Strategies to provide districting services in order for the District to be in full compliance with the CVRA. Two (2) Public Hearings need to be scheduled to start the process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item will be approved along with the Consent Calendar unless it is pulled by a Director for separate consideration. If so, Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following motion:

Motion: I move to schedule two (2) Public Hearing meetings for August 5, 2021 and September 2, 2021, to receive input from the community regarding the creation of a Division Based Election System.

DISCUSSION

On January 7, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-01 declaring its intention to transition from at-large to division-based elections for the Board of Directors commencing with the General Election in November 2022. Elections Code Section 10010 provides that before any map or maps of the boundaries for the proposed divisions are drawn, the District must conduct two (2) Public Hearings over a period of no more than thirty (30) days, at which time the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of said divisions.

The Public Hearing Notice for the meetings will be published in the Tribune on July 21, 2021 and July 30, 2021. The Notice was also posted at the District Office, on the District Website, on the Districts Facebook page, and included in the Districts July ENews email update.

There will be a total of 5 public hearings for the districting process. The tentative schedule is below. Should the 2020 Census Data be delayed, the final three public hearings will be rescheduled accordingly.

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 5, 2021	Board Meeting: First Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation
September 2, 2021	Board Meeting: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing
October 7, 2021	Board Meeting: First Public Hearing on Voting Area Scenarios
November 4, 2021	Board Meeting: Second Public Hearing on Voting Area Scenarios
December 2, 2021	Board Meeting: Final Public Hearing on Voting Area Scenarios Board Selection of Voting Area Map Board Consideration of Change in Election Method
December 2021 – January 2022	Cooperative Strategies sends Final Voting Area Map to the County Registrar of Voters
November 8, 2022	First Election Held Utilizing Voting Areas

Financial Impact

The Board approved contracting with Cooperative Strategies for an amount not to exceed \$24,500 at the June 3, 2021 Board meeting. The cost to establish the new districts by the County’s Clerk Recorder Office in the election system is estimated at \$6,100. The future ongoing cost to administer the district-based elections is still to be determined.

Attachment
Public Hearing Notice



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

DATE: August 5, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Los Osos Community Services District,
2122 9th St. Suite 106
Los Osos, CA 93402

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The Los Osos Community Services District invites all interested persons to attend Public Hearings on August 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and September 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, located at 2122 9th St. Suite 110, Los Osos, California, relative to the following:

**CREATION OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT-BASED
ELECTORAL SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE
SECTION 10010**

Public Hearings to receive community input on communities of interest, maps, and election sequencing for the formation of five Board of Directors districts for elections commencing with the General Election in November 2022.

The Board of Directors will discuss, consider, and take community input on the composition of potential Board of Directors election district boundaries, and such other matters as may be related to the formation of Board of Directors districts. Following the public hearings, draft maps of potential Board of Directors election district boundaries will be published, and additional public hearings scheduled. For more information, you are invited to contact Ron Munds, General Manager, at (805) 528-9370 or by email rmunds@losososcsd.org. Copies of the Staff Reports and any support materials will be available for public inspection in the District Office, 2122 9th Street Suite 110, Los Osos, California, or by visiting the District website at www.losososcsd.org. The Board of Directors may also discuss other hearings or business items before or after the item listed above. If you challenge the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Directors at, or prior to, the public hearing.