



To : Community Members and Residents of the SJECCD Trustee Areas
From : Board of Trustees, San José/Evergreen Community College District
Date : October 12, 2011
Re : Redistricting for Trustee Areas

Dear Community Members and Residents of the SJECCD Trustee Areas:

The San José/Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD/District) is currently conducting its decennial redistricting of the seven Trustee Areas boundaries in accordance with the demographic results from the 2010 U.S. Census. The District invites input and support for the adjustments of these Trustee Areas boundaries at upcoming Board meetings from community members and from residents who live within its seven Trustee Areas.

Your input can be heard at the following scheduled Tuesday Board meetings: November 8, 2011; November 29, 2011; December 13, 2011; January 10, 2012, January 24, 2012; and February 14, 2012. These meetings are held from 6:00 PM in the District Board Room located at 4750 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135 (except for the November 29, 2011 meeting, which will be held at Evergreen Valley College, 3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose, CA 95135).

According to California Education Code 5019.5, (a) “Following each decennial federal census, and using population figures as validated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance as a basis, the governing board of each school district or community college district in which trustee areas have been established, and in which each trustee is elected by the residents of the area he or she represents, shall adjust the boundaries of any or all of the trustee areas of the district so that one or both of the following conditions is satisfied: (1) The population of each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as the ratio that the number of governing board members elected from the area bears to the total number of members of the governing board; (2) The population of each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as each of the other areas; (b) The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be adjusted by the governing board of each school district or community college district, in accordance with subdivision (a), before the first day of March of the year following the year in which the results of each decennial census are released. If the governing board fails to adjust the boundaries before the first day of March of the year following the year in which the results of each decennial census are released, the county committee on school district organization shall do so before the 30th day of April of the same year. The governing board of the school district or community college district shall reimburse all reasonable costs incurred by a county committee in adjusting the boundaries pursuant to this subdivision...”

Currently, the San José/Evergreen Community College District is a trustee-area elections District, which the trustees live in a specific area and are elected only by voters residing in that area; the District is required to adjust the boundaries of trustee areas (Ed. Code 5019.5); and the District must ensure that redistricting method does not deny or abridge the voting rights of a protected racial or language minority consistent with the Federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act.

Upon considerations of proposals from different consulting organizations, the District has contracted with the Thomas Griffin Law Offices for redistricting services because their proposed services, timelines, and fee structures are most reasonable in meeting the needs of the District. Contracted services include the following scope of work and timeline:

Consultant	Services	Timeline	Dates
Thomas M. Griffin Law Offices	<p>1. Report on existing conditions to demonstrate “over” or “under” representation as compared to the “ideal” trustee area of equal populations to the Board in an open session and solicit suggestions.</p> <p>2. Proposed Redistricting Configurations: Prepare one or more alternative draft maps incorporating board staff and public input, receiving additional input.</p> <p>3. Preparation of one to three alternative maps for final adoption to be adopted in an open board meeting subject to additional public comment.</p> <p>4. Preparation of Narrative Description. Consultant prepares a narrative description of each trustee area and present to the Board for approval.</p> <p>5. Delivery of Plan to County Elections Office (County Registrar of Voters).</p> <p>6. Delivery of Legal Opinion. Following adoption, the Thomas M. Griffin Law Offices will deliver to the district a confidential legal opinion that in its judgment the plan and maps adopted by the board comply with all provisions of state and federal law, assuming that the board follows the Law Office’s legal advice in that regard.</p>	<p><u>Step 1. First Board Meeting:</u> Within 30 days of receiving the results of the 2010 census for the district from the U.S. Census Bureau and the State Department of Finance, will prepare and report findings to the Board as stated in Service Step 1.</p> <p><u>Step 2. Second Board Meeting:</u> 21* days after the initial hearing in Service Step 1.</p> <p><u>Step 3. Third Board Meeting:</u> 14* days after final public hearing in Service Step 2.</p> <p><u>Step 4. Narrative Description:</u> 28* days after board adoption of final map (Will be presented to the Board for approval).</p> <p><u>Step 5. Delivery of Plan to County Elections Office:</u> 35* days after board adoption of final plan map and narrative descriptions.</p> <p><u>Step 6. Delivery of Legal Opinion:</u> 30 days after adoption by the Board of the final plan (map)</p> <p><i>*Revised 10.12.2011</i></p>	<p>09/27/11 (Part A: Overview)</p> <p>11/08/11 (Part B: Discussion and Input)</p> <p>11/29/11</p> <p>12/13/11</p> <p>01/10/12</p> <p>02/14/12</p> <p>03/13/12</p>

Updates of progress in this redistricting process including Trustee Areas maps are provided to the public through the SJECCD’s Web site www.sjeccd.edu. The San José/Evergreen Community College District looks forward to hearing your input at the above mentioned upcoming Board meetings. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sam Ho at 408-223-6798 or at sam.ho@sjeccd.edu.

Respectfully,
Board of Trustees, San José/Evergreen Community College District