



WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION



REPORT REGARDING ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY PLAN

Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulated Judgment entered between the District and the Plaintiff in *Ruiz-Lozito v. West Contra Costa Unified School District*, Contra Costa Super. Ct. Case No. C18-00570, and in accordance with its obligations under state and federal law, including but not limited to the federal Voting Rights Act, the California Voting Rights Act, and the California Education and Election Codes, the West Contra Costa Unified School District Independent Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) hereby adopts the attached trustee area map as its Preliminary Plan.

The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in the Stipulated Judgment, and determined that the Preliminary Plan both satisfies those criteria and provides an appropriate basis for its subsequent work. The Commission finds that:

- (a) The Preliminary Plan complies with the population equality requirements of the United States Constitution and California law, because the population of each individual district is within percent of the average district population.¹
- (b) The Preliminary Plan complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act by establishing or maintaining multiple trustee areas in which members of protected classes either (1) constitute a majority of the voters within the district or (2) constitute a near majority of voters in the district or can act in coalition with members of other protected classes in the district in order to elect their candidates of choice and influence elections on a basis more equal to the opportunity enjoyed by the rest of the electorate.²
- (c) The Preliminary Plan appropriately accounts for the District’s topography and geography; the cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of each trustee area; and the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and communities of interest.³

The Commission has not considered the place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate, and the trustee areas have not been drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, candidate, or political party.

The Commission’s legal counsel shall immediately transmit a copy of this Report, as well as with the shape file associated with the chosen map, to the District’s Superintendent, who shall make it publicly available.

¹ The total population of each trustee area and its deviation from the average trustee area population are set forth in the attached trustee area map.

² The attached trustee area map includes relevant demographic information for each trustee area, including total population, citizen voting age population, and voter registration.

³ The attached Measures of Compactness Report measures each trustee area’s compactness using three different measures of compactness.