

**CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #Z-10-16-2023**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**INITIATING PROPOSAL TO KINGS COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORGANIZATION TO MODIFY CURRENT TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARIES OF THE CENTRAL  
UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Central Union Elementary School District are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next election for two Board member seats is scheduled for November 2024, with the remaining three Board member seats are scheduled for election in November 2026;

**WHEREAS**, Board members are elected “by-trustee area,” meaning each Board member must reside within a designated trustee area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area;

**WHEREAS**, since adopting by-trustee area elections, the District has historically struggled to maintain a full five-member Board;

**WHEREAS**, currently there are three sitting Board members (Dale Davidson Area 1, Jeffrey Gilcrease Area 2, and Ceil Howe, III Area 5) and two outstanding vacancies (Area 3 and Area 4);

**WHEREAS**, the District has made ongoing and extensive outreach efforts over the years to fill the vacancies as they arise, with little sustained success;

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that modifying the current trustee area boundaries will help to address the District’s history of continuous Board vacancies, and ensure the Board can operate effectively moving forward;

**WHEREAS**, SchoolWorks, Inc. (“Demographer”), a demographic consulting firm experienced in districting issues and requirements, was retained to assist the District in preparing modified trustee area boundaries for the Board and public’s consideration;

**WHEREAS**, the District has received guidance and advice from Demographer regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the Board's jurisdiction, based on the official 2020 Census results;

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2023, the Board conducted a duly noticed public meeting where the Demographer presented three modified trustee area map options for Board and public consideration;

**WHEREAS**, Demographer has advised the Board that all three map options meet the population requirements of state and federal law;

**WHEREAS**, the Board held a public hearing on October 16, 2023, at a duly noticed public meeting, to gather public comment on the modified trustee area map options;

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 5019 permits the Board to submit a request to the Kings County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee") to modify the District's current trustee area boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, through the adoption of this Resolution, the Board wishes to submit a proposal to the County Committee, requesting modification of its current trustee area boundaries in time for the 2024 regularly scheduled Board elections; and

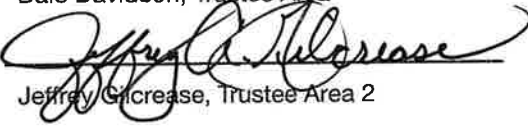
**WHEREAS**, upon receipt of a proposal from the District, the County Committee, after holding a public hearing on the proposal, is permitted to approve the District's request to modify its current trustee area boundaries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees of the Central Union Elementary School District hereby resolves as follows:

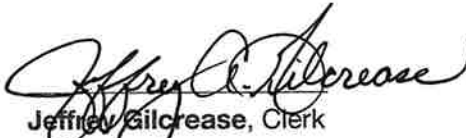
1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board hereby approves, and recommends that the County Committee approve, the adoption of the trustee area map 3, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by this reference, as the District's trustee area boundaries beginning with the November 2024 regularly scheduled Board elections.
3. The District Superintendent/designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Kings County Committee on School District Organization, and to work with the Demographer, legal counsel, the Kings County Office of Education and the Kings County Election Department to conduct any acts necessary to effectuate the

purposes of this Resolution (including but not limited to minor adjustments to the adopted map as may be necessary for its implementation).

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union Elementary School District on this 16th day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
 Dale Davidson, Trustee Area 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Jeffrey Gilcrease, Trustee Area 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Vacant, Trustee Area 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Vacant, Trustee Area 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Ceil Howe, III, Trustee Area 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, **Jeffrey Gilcrease**, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on October 16, 2023.

  
**Jeffrey Gilcrease**, Clerk  
 Board of Trustees  
 Central Union School District  
 Kings County, California