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Ms. Lara Christensen, City Clerk
City of Atascadero
6500 Palma Ave.
Atascadero, CA 93422

Re: Notice of Violation of California Voting Rights Act

Dear Ms. Christensen:

In reviewing the materials we sent you with respect to the California Voting Rights Act, two pages were inadvertently omitted from Exhibit H—the Atascadero Unified School District Staff Report and Resolution of Intention to Institute District Elections. The staff report was included in the exhibit, but not the resolution itself. The resolution is attached here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Goodman

ROBERT GOODMAN

RG/bm
Encl

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 09-21-22**

**Resolution to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System
Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board Election**

WHEREAS, California Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the San Luis Obispo County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application of a school district's Governing Board, to change the method of election of governing board members in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") favors the use of a by-trustee area election system for governing board members of a school district;

WHEREAS, board members of the Atascadero Unified School District ("District") are currently elected using an "at-large" election system (i.e., election system in which registered voters of the entire jurisdiction elect candidates to the Governing Board);

WHEREAS, the Board desires to promote meaningful voter involvement in the election of Board members;

WHEREAS, the boundaries for trustee areas in a by-trustee area election system are established based on population counts and demographics from the most recent United States' census; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of "by-trustee area" elections will not affect the terms of any board members serving or elected during this transition, each of whom will serve out his or her full term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves, orders, and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. Trustee area boundary lines shall be developed based on the most updated federal decennial census data to provide for "by-trustee areas" elections to be implemented in the 2022 and 2024 election cycles;
3. Pursuant to Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law, the Board directs District staff to transmit this resolution to the County Committee so that the County Committee will be on notice of the District's intent, in 2022, to adopt a change in the method of electing members of the Board from "at-large" elections to "by-trustee area" elections commencing with the 2022 Board elections;
4. Before submitting a final proposal to the County Committee for trustee area maps using the 2020 federal census data, multiple public hearings in accordance with

Elections Code section 10010 and other applicable laws shall be scheduled to obtain public input on the draft maps and proposals;

5. The Board shall apply to the County Committee for establishment of trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 5019 in a timely manner and as soon as feasible to have the 2022 elections for the Board conducted within the new trustee areas;
6. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner acting with all deliberate speed;
7. The Superintendent, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and
8. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on November 16, 2021, at a duly noticed meeting and public hearing by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I, Terri Switzer, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Atascadero Unified School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called meeting held on November 16, 2021, by a vote of ____ to ____.

Terri Switzer,
Clerk, Board of Trustees
Atascadero Unified School District