

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION  
OF  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of Recommendations to the )  
State Board of Education )  
On the Petition to Form the )  
Northgate Unified School District )

Resolution No. 17/18-01

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code Section 35700 (a) provides that an action to reorganize one of more school districts is initiated upon the filing with the County Superintendent of Schools of a petition signed by at least 25 percent of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be reorganized; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2017, a petition to form the Northgate Unified School District from territory currently located in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District was submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools by Chief Petitioner Linda Loza; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Superintendent of Schools found the petition legally sufficient and transmitted it to the County Committee on School District Organization on March, 22, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Education Code Sections 35706 and 35707 require the County Committee on School District Organization to conduct public hearings on the petition to form a new school district, to recommend either approval or disapproval of the petition, and to transmit to the State Board of Education the County Committee's recommendations and opinions on whether the formation of the proposed new district would comply with Education Code section 35753 and whether it would adversely affect the school district organization of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Committee on School District Organization conducted public hearings on the petition in Concord on May 2, 2017, in Walnut Creek, on May 3, 2017, and in Pleasant Hill on August 29, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, in the opinion of the County Committee on School District Organization it is true that:

- a.          All of the conditions described in Education Code Section 35753 are substantially met as to the formation of the proposed district.
- b.   X   The following conditions described in Education Code Section 35753 are not substantially met as to the formation of the proposed district         3, 4, 6, 7, 9        .

**WHEREAS**, in the opinion of the County Committee on School District Organization it is true that the formation of the proposed new district:

- a.          would not adversely affect the school district organization of the county.

b.   X   would adversely affect the school district organization of the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization recommends to the State Board of Education that:

- 1) The petition to form the Northgate Unified School District:
  - a.        Be approved.
  - b.   X   Be denied.
  
- 2) If the State Board of Education approves the petition, the area in which the election on the proposal to form the new district should be held is:
  - a.        The territory of the proposed Northgate Unified School District.
  - b.   X   The territory of the entire Mount Diablo Unified School District.
  
- 3) If the State Board of Education approves the petition, the election for the first governing board of the proposed new school district should be held:
  - a.   X   At the same time as the election on the proposal to form the new school district;
  - b.        At the first regular election following passage of the proposal to form the new school district.

And terms of governing board members should be staggered as follows:

- a. The top   2   vote-getters would have four year initial terms; others elected would have two year initial terms; thereafter all terms would be four years.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on August 29, 2017, at a meeting of the Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization by the following vote:

**AYES:** Chavez, Alleyne, Deane, Maxwell

**NOES:** Belle

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted as stated.



Michael Maxwell, Chair  
Contra Costa County Committee on  
School District Organization