



RICHMOND

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

July 24, 2018

Karen Sakata, Superintendent
Contra Costa County Office of Education
77 Santa Barbara Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

RE: WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED TRUSTEES-AREA BOUNDARIES

To the Contra Costa County Superintendent and Members of the Board of Education:

It is the opinion of the Richmond Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and its affiliated Community Based Organizations (CBO's), that the County Board of Education (CCCBOE) should not proceed with the above-mentioned action until conditions, as cited in Election Code 14028(b), of the California Voters' Rights Act, are met. It has not been shown that the plaintiff has demonstrated, with the appropriate data analysis and case studies conducted, for the afore stated violations of elections held in this District.

We are making our observations based upon the following statement from a case presented in the *El Centro School District in 1995, Aldasoro v. Kennerson, Citation: 922 F.Supp. 339.*

Minority plaintiff must establish the following three preconditions to prove vote dilution in violation of Voting Rights Act: [1.] minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute majority in (a) single member district, [2.] majority group is politically cohesive, and [3.] white majority votes sufficiently as [a] bloc to enable it, in the absence of special circumstances, to usually defeat minority's preferred candidate. If all three preconditions are established, [the] court must then consider, under totality of the circumstances analysis, whether current condition of vote dilution exists. Voting Rights Act of 1965, § 2, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1973.

During our review of the date, furnished by the District's Demographer, that led the District's Board to adopt Resolution 64-1718 at its March 21, 2018 meeting, we have not found the supporting data that clearly represents the analysis as specified for, satisfying the three conditions noted above in the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Additionally, if the decision of the CCCBOE is to proceed with the approval of the afore-mentioned resolution from the District's Board, ***we are supporting the recommended Trustee-Area Boundaries, "Cities and Schools Map B."*** It is further our opinion that this map fairly represents the distributions of the populations, registered voters and voter turn-outs, as depicted by the District Demographer's data compiled from the 2014 and 2016 elections held in this District.

Sincerely

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Richmond Branch Pres.

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