

# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education

*“Building a Bright Future for All Learners”*

**Special Board Meeting  
February 9, 2022  
6:30 p.m. Open Session**

**Teleconference Link via Zoom**  
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## AGENDA

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THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD PURSUANT TO ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO DIRECTING ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNTY TO OCCUR VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND ENCOURAGING WORKPLACES TO CONDUCT MEETINGS REMOTELY AS BUSINESS NEEDS PERMIT  
DATE OF ORDER: January 6, 2022

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Anyone may provide public comment to the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education on any item that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. However, the Board may not take-action on any item not on this Board meeting agenda except as authorized by Government Code section 54954.2.

- *Public comment via Zoom teleconference by notifying the board meeting assistant through the chatbox feature in Zoom (please include agenda item topic) or by using the raised hand feature in Zoom during the agenda item to be addressed. You will be identified by your Display Name in Zoom when called upon to speak.*
- Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item.
- Public comments emailed to [superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us) 24 hours before the board meeting will be posted on the GJUESD website with the agenda. E-mail public comment is limited to 450 words.
- The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard.

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Board of Education Meetings are recorded.

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**A. Open Session Location: Video Teleconference**

**B. 6:30 p.m. – Call Meeting to Order, Flag Salute**

**C. Board Meeting Protocol**

**D. New Business**

**212.277** Presentation Regarding Transitioning Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections and Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 8 of the District Intention to Transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections MOTION

**212.278** Board Consideration of Approval of SchoolWorks, Inc. Census Data Analysis and Trustee Area Boundary Study Contract MOTION

**E. Public Comments** for topics not on the agenda

*Public comment is limited to three minutes or less pending Board President approval.*

**F. Pending Agenda Items**

1. School District Properties
2. District Communications

The next regular GJUESD Board of Education Meeting: February 23, 2022  
Board agenda materials are available for review at the address below.

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District  
1018 C Street, Suite 210  
Galt, CA 95632



Revised February 9, 2022

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District  
**BOARD MEETING PROTOCOL**

**SESSION INTRODUCTION**

1. The meeting is being recorded.
2. The meeting is open to the public.
3. The meeting is being broadcast live through Zoom teleconference.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Public comments are three minutes per agenda item.
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**BOARD VOTE AND CONNECTIVITY**

1. Each motion will be followed by a roll call vote for action items.
2. Should a board member attend the meeting remotely and lose connectivity by teleconference or phone, the meeting will be delayed five minutes.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE ADJOURNED BY 10:30 P.M.**





## Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 9, 2022	<b>Agenda Item: 212.277</b> Presentation Regarding Transitioning Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections and Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 8 of the District Intention to Transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections
<b>Presenter:</b> Lois Yount Chris Keiner, Attorney, Dannis Woliver Kelley	<b>Action Item:</b> XX <b>Information Item:</b>

Board members are currently elected in “at-large” elections, where each member is elected by voters throughout the District. The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) prohibits the use of “at-large” elections in certain circumstances. “By-trustee-area” elections, in which members are elected by voters in geographical subdivisions of the jurisdiction, are immune from challenge under the CVRA and may provide additional opportunities for candidates from across a jurisdiction to seek election. Thus, many school districts and other local agencies have transitioned from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

Tonight, the Board will receive information from its legal counsel, Chris Keiner from Dannis Woliver Kelley, about the CVRA and the process to transition from at-large to by-trustee areas.

Following the presentation, the Board, pursuant to the statutory process for this transition, will consider approval of a resolution which would indicate its intention to transition Board elections from at-large to by-trustee area elections. The resolution provides a general outline of the public process for developing the trustee area boundary map with an estimated timeline for the process of Spring 2022 to Winter 2023.

**Recommended Motion**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 8 Intention to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections.



DANNIS WOLIVER KELLEY

Attorneys at Law

# **California Voting Rights Act**

## **Galt Joint Union Elementary School District**

February 9, 2022

Christian M. Keiner

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# The CVRA's Prohibition

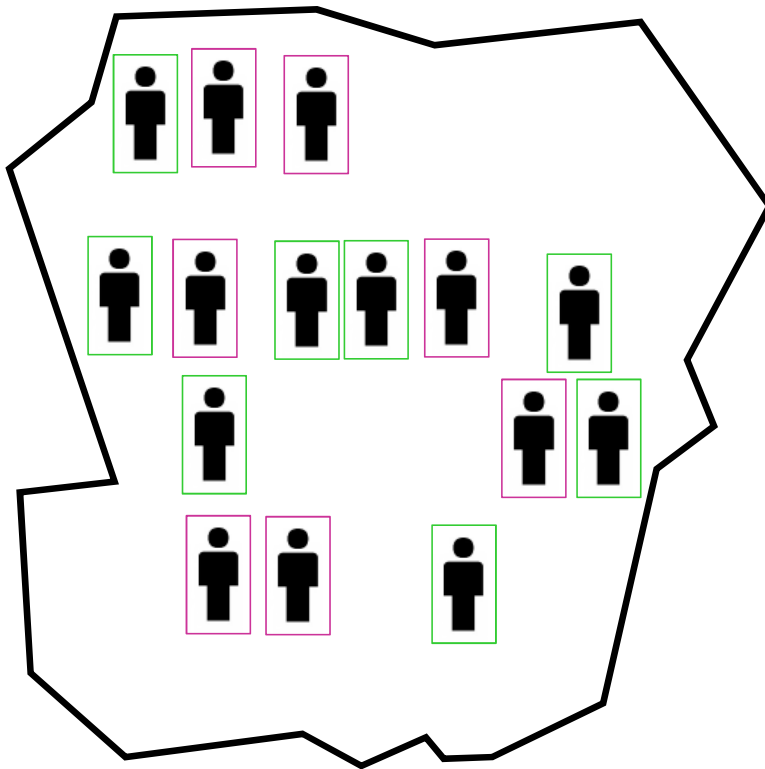
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“An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or the abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class....”

(Elec. Code, § 14027)

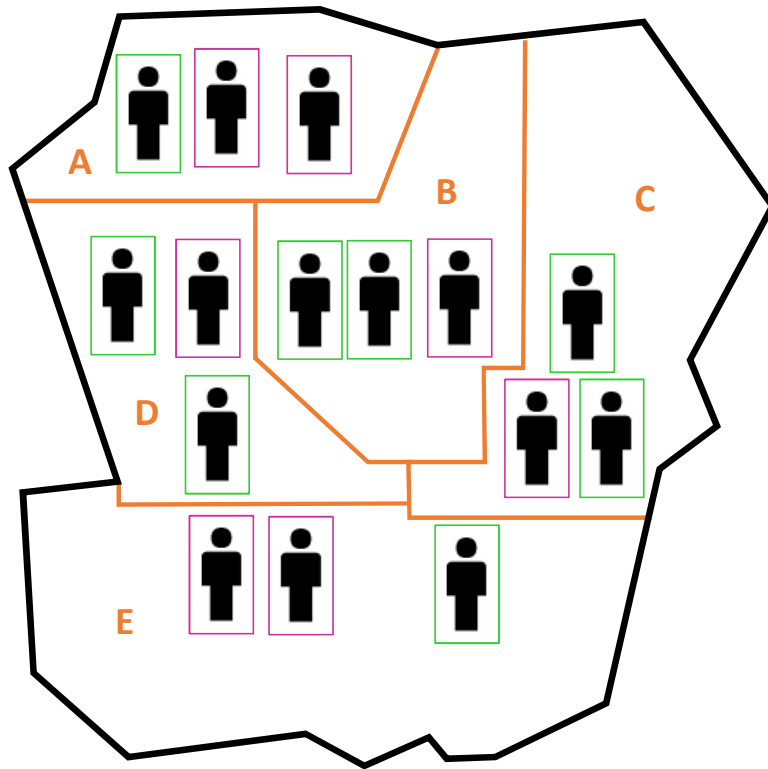






















# At-Large vs. By-Trustee Area Elections



Seat	Votes		Result
1	 8 Votes	 7 Votes	
2	 8 Votes	 7 Votes	
3	 8 Votes	 7 Votes	
4	 8 Votes	 7 Votes	
5	 8 Votes	 7 Votes	

# At-Large vs. By-Trustee Area Elections



Seat	Votes		Votes		Result
1(A)	 1 Votes	 2 Votes			
2(B)	 2 Votes	 1 Votes			
3 (C)	 2 Votes	 1 Votes			
4 (D)	 2 Votes	 1 Votes			
5 (E)	 1 Votes	 2 Votes			



# Remedies

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- Litigation over violation.
- *Substantial* attorneys' fees possible.
  - *Awarded or agreed to in every CVRA case so far.*
- “Appropriate remedies” imposed by a court:
  - Draw trustee area boundaries;
  - Alternative voting systems; and,
  - Enjoin election or election results.

# Timelines

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- Challenger must first send notice of challenge.
  - May not file suit within 45 days of notice.
- District may adopt intent resolution:
  - “outlining its intention to transition,”
  - with “specific steps;” and,
  - “an estimated time frame.”
- Suit may not be filed within 90/180 days of resolution.
- If resolution/transition follows notice from challenger, challenger is entitled to receive reimbursement for cost of notice up to \$35,000.



# Transition Process

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- Three Phases:
  - 1) Pre-map
  - 2) Map development/adoption
  - 3) Implementation

# Pre-Map (Phase 1)

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- Goals:
  - Engage & inform public
  - Begin gathering input on maps (two hearings required)
- Steps:
  - Intent resolution
  - Retain demographer
  - Line drawing presentation
  - First pre-map public hearing
  - Second pre-map public hearing



# Map Development/Adoption (Phase 2)

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- Goals:
  - Develop trustee area boundary maps
  - Incorporate public input (three hearings required)
- Steps:
  - Initial maps drafted
  - Public hearing & discussion on maps
  - Revised maps drafted
  - Public hearing & discussion on revised maps
  - Further revised maps drafted
  - Public hearing, discussion, & adoption of revised maps

# Implementation (Phase 3)

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- Goals:
  - Secure final approval and election waiver
  - Work with officials and public for implementation
- Steps:
  - County committee approval
  - Implementation by elections officials

**GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INTENTION TO TRANSITION GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS  
FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

**WHEREAS**, the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District ("District") is governed by a five member Board of Education ("Board");

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board are elected "at large," in which each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District;

**WHEREAS**, upon application to the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization, the election of Board members may be transitioned from "at large" to "by-trustee area" elections;

**WHEREAS**, the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code, §§ 14025 et seq.) ("CVRA") prohibits the use of "at large" elections where their use impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice, or its ability to influence the outcome of elections;

**WHEREAS**, over the past several years, many school districts have received letters threatening litigation if they do not change their method of election from at-large to by-trustee area, alleging that elections for its governing board members violate the CVRA and threatening litigation if the school district did not take action to change the method for electing board members;

**WHEREAS**, the District has not yet received such a letter, however, the Board recognizes that many school districts and other local agencies are considering changing their elections in light of the CVRA and the threat of litigation;

**WHEREAS**, the CVRA allows a plaintiff to file suit over violation of the CVRA and recover his or her attorneys' fees, if successful;

**WHEREAS**, to date, no local agency has successfully defended against a CVRA challenge;

**WHEREAS**, the District will retain SchoolWorks, Inc., an experienced demographer, located at 8331 Sierra College Blvd, 221, Roseville, CA 95661, Phone: 916-733-0402, www.SchoolWorksGIS.com, to work with its legal counsel and staff to develop proposed trustee area boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the transition to by-trustee area elections will not affect the terms of any Board members.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Education of the District hereby resolves, determines, and finds the following:

**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are true.

**Section 2.** This Resolution indicates the Board's intention to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subd. (e)(3)(A).

**Section 3.** The Board seeks public input on the trustee area boundaries and will employ the following steps and estimated timeline to facilitate this transition:

Spring 2022:	Pre-Map Public Hearings
Fall 2022:	Develop Trustee Area Maps with Public Input & Associated Public Hearings
Winter 2022-23:	Final Public Hearing & Adoption of Trustee Area Maps

This estimated timeline may be augmented or adjusted by the District as necessary. These steps will be followed by submittal of the proposed transition for final approval by the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization.

**Section 4.** District staff is authorized to work with SchoolWorks, Inc. and its legal counsel and execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Education on February 9, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Silva  
Board President

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois Yount  
Secretary to the Board





## Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

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<b>Presenter:</b> Lois Yount	<b>Action Item:</b> XX <b>Information Item:</b>

SchoolWorks, Inc. will assist the District in understanding the California Voting Rights Act requirements and the current district demographics with an analysis of the 2020 US Census Data. SchoolWorks will analyze and draft three trustee boundary scenarios based on the guidelines for balanced trustee areas, which are representative of the local communities in addition to the input received from the Board and community.

Electronic maps of the District will be provided with detailed 2020 Census population characteristics (total population, adult population by race/ethnicity and Citizen Voting Age Population [CVAP]).

Board approval is recommended.

Attachment: SchoolWorks, Inc. contract  
 Fiscal Impact: \$6,000



*Facility Problem Solvers*

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Ph: 916-733-0402

**GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**1018 C St., Ste. 210  
Galt, CA 95632-1771**

## **CONTRACT**

**Part 1: CENSUS DATA ANALYSIS  
Part 2: TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARY STUDY**

February 7, 2022

SchoolWorks, Inc. will perform the following services to Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

**I. TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARY CREATION – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS:**

**A. Part 1 - Census Data Analysis**

1. Assist the District in understanding the requirements of the “California Voting Rights Act” and the current district demographics with analysis of the 2020 US Census Data.
2. Consult with District staff to review and discuss any concerns regarding the 2020 US Census analysis and the potential impact of implementing Trustee boundaries. This step includes two meetings with the board and are referred to as “pre-map” meetings.
3. Analyze the total residents in the school district boundary and the percentage of each ethnic group therein.

**B. Part 2 - Trustee Area Boundary Study**

1. In addition to Part 1 outlined above, SchoolWorks will analyze and draft three trustee boundary scenarios based on the guidelines for balanced trustee areas which are representative of the local communities in addition in the input received in part 1 from the board and community. Criteria for compliance with one person, one vote and Voting Rights Act requirements (as interpreted by the courts) will be evaluated.
2. Electronic maps (in PDF format, suitable for web posting) of the District will be provided, along with detailed 2020 Census population characteristics (total population, adult [18+] population by race/ethnicity and Citizen Voting Age Population [CVAP].)
3. All GIS maps and data shall be made available to the District in electronic form (PDF and GIS shape files).



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## CONTRACT

**Part 1: CENSUS DATA ANALYSIS**  
**Part 2: TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARY STUDY**

February 7, 2022

4. SchoolWorks will virtually attend Board meetings to present the boundary considerations. SchoolWorks will prepare and present materials and answer questions from the Board and the public regarding the District census geography and population counts. This step includes three presentations to the board and public hearings which are required prior to Board approval of a Trustee Boundary Map.
5. Development of additional boundary scenarios can be provided as needed.
6. SchoolWorks will work with District's legal counsel, as needed, to implement trustee boundaries.
7. Upon approval by the School Board of a Trustee Boundary Map, SchoolWorks will submit the required information to the County Committee on School District Organization for their review and approval. Upon approval by the County Committee, SchoolWorks will assist with filing the required information with the County Elections Department for implementation.

C. Terms:

**Part 1 and Part 2:**

**Census Data Analysis and Trustee Area Boundary Study .....\$6,000**

*If SchoolWorks is requested to develop additional boundary scenarios, the district will be billed \$500 per each scenario. This will be billable at the completion of the project.*

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Authorized Signature

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Title

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Date

  
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President, SchoolWorks, Inc.

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Title

2/7/2022  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date