

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE VISALIA)
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGE)
FROM ODD- TO EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR) Resolution No. 2014-0901
ELECTIONS)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Visalia Unified School District currently are elected by area in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10404.5 provides that a school district may, by resolution, request that the election of its Board of Trustees be held on the same day as the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District has determined that consolidation with the statewide general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year would result in a significant cost savings to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election Official's Report indicates that the optical-scan ballot used in the County readily accepts additional consolidations, that neither the ballot nor the precinct counter capacity would be affected by the consolidation, that the consolidation should save the District money, and that any costs to the County due to consolidation will be offset by reimbursement revenue from the District for its prorated share of the election costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has caused notice of the receipt of the request to consolidate the District's election of directors to be mailed pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404.5(c); and

WHEREAS, the Elections Office has posted notice of this agenda item on the Elections website.

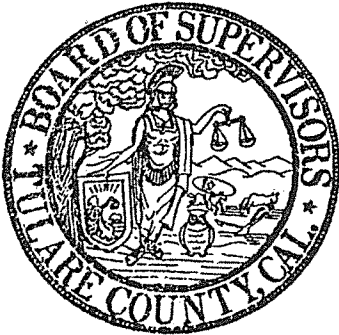
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Visalia Unified School District election of the Board of Trustees is hereby consolidated with the general election and any other election which may be held within the jurisdiction of said District on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, and this Board hereby consents to and order said consolidation.
2. This Board further authorizes the Election Official to perform all necessary and required services to the aforementioned District relating to the conduct of the election of District trustees.

3. All dates and procedural requirements of such election shall be consistent with applicable law with respect to nomination, notices, canvass of votes, certification of election and all other procedural requirements of the Elections Code pertaining to the primary or general election.
4. The District shall reimburse the County in full for the services performed in connection with such elections, upon presentation of a bill from the election official to the District.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR VANDER POEL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ENNIS, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 16, 2014, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS ISHIDA, VANDER POEL, COX, WORTHLEY AND ENNIS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:


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Registrar of Voters
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Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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October 29, 2014

Tulare County Board of Supervisors
2800 West Burrel Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Visalia Unified Governing Board adopted the enclosed resolution at its October 28, 2014, regular meeting. The resolution requests that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors consider approval for the Visalia Unified School District to elect its trustees in even-numbered years.

We respectfully request that you consider this matter at your next regular meeting as an agenda item. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Wheaton", is written over a white background.

Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Enclosure: Resolution #14-15-15

cc: Tulare County Elections Office

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In the Matter of Changing Board Member) RESOLUTION NO. 14-15- 15
Elections from Odd to Even-Numbered)
Years)

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia Charter and Education Code section 35105 sets forth the general rule that Governing Board members serve staggered terms and are elected in odd numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia is moving to even-year elections and a Governing Board may adopt a resolution to establish Board member elections to occur on the same day as the statewide direct primary election or the statewide general election pursuant to Elections Code section 1302, subdivision (b) (1), subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors, resulting in Board elections in even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, if a Governing Board takes this action to establish Board member elections to occur on the same day as the statewide direct primary election or the statewide general election, the terms of all Board members are extended by one year pursuant to Elections Code 10401.5, subdivision (g); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board desires to consolidate the Board Member elections of the Board with the primary/general election cycle on even-numbered years for the purpose of maintain the alignment with City of Visalia Council member elections, reducing election costs, and allowing for Board member elections to occur when the largest number of voters generally participate in the election; and

WHEREAS, the result of such actions would be to have staggered Board elections in even-numbered years, commencing with the next Board member election in November 2016 (3 members, Trustee Areas 5, 6, 7), and the next Board member election thereafter in November 2018 (4 members, Trustee Areas 1, 2, 3, 4).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS;

1. Board member elections be consolidated with the statewide direct primary election or the statewide general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year; and
2. If this Resolution is approved by the County Board of Supervisors, the terms of office of all members of the Board of the District shall be extended one (1) year according to the provisions of the Elections Code section 10404.5 and the District Board member elections will occur in even-numbered years; and

3. Upon approval of this Resolution by the Board of Trustees, the District Superintendent shall cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Tulare County Board of Supervisors and the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Elections Code 10404, subsection (b), and 1302, subsection (b)(1), requesting approval of the move from odd to even-numbered year election cycles; and
4. The District Superintendent and his designees are hereby authorized and directed to take any other steps necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Visalia Unified School District, County of Tulare, State of California, at a meeting of the said Board upon motion of Trustee JOHN CRABTREE,

seconded by Trustee WILLIAM FULMER, at a regular meeting on this 28th day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: CRABTREE, FULMER, GUERRERO, MARTIN, QUALLS, VAZQUEZ


NOES: ULMSCHNEIDER

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted and affirmed by a formal vote of the members of said Board, at a duly constituted, official and public meeting thereof, held at its usual place on the 28th day of October, 2014, as it appears upon the minutes of said meeting and the journal of proceedings of said Governing Board.

Dated: October 28, 2014


Secretary of the Governing Board
Craig Wheaton, Superintendent