SIERRA JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Sierra Joint Community College District ("District") is currently elected using a hybrid election system, meaning that governing board members must live in defined trustee areas, but are elected by voters of the entire District;
- WHEREAS, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, on September 14, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-19, signaling its intent to transition from at-large to by-trustee area governing board member elections, where each board member must reside within the designated trustee area boundary and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area;
- WHEREAS, National Demographics Corporation ("Demographer") was retained to prepare by-trustee area election map options for the Board and public's consideration;
- **WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2021, the Board held a public hearing to gather public input regarding potential trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010;
- **WHEREAS,** on October 12, 2021, the Board held a second public hearing to gather community input regarding potential trustee area boundaries;
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the District published three trustee area maps on January 3, 2022, and held a public hearing on January 11, 2022 to gather public input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections;
- **WHEREAS,** on February 1, 2022, the District published revised trustee area maps and potential election sequencing for the public's review;
- **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), on February 8, 2022, the Board held the second of two statutorily required public hearings on the proposed bytrustee area maps to gather input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of elections;
- **WHEREAS**, throughout this process, the District conducted outreach to the community, including public notices in the Sacramento Bee & Placer Herald newspapers, social media postings on the Sierra College Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts, and bilingual postings on the District's website at www.sierracollege.edu/districting, to allow members of the community to review the proposed maps and provide additional feedback;
- WHEREAS, Education Code section 72036 and other applicable provisions of law authorize the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges ("Board of Governors"),

upon application from a community college district's governing board, to change the district's method of election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, after a public hearing on the matter, the Board of Trustees of the Sierra Joint Community College District hereby resolves as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are correct and true.
- 2. The Board hereby approves, and recommends that the Board of Governors approve, the adoption of by-trustee area elections and the trustee area map set forth in **Exhibit A**, which has been designated as Proposed Trustee Area Map #5.
- 3. After giving special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act, the Board hereby approves, and recommends that the Board of Governors approve, the following sequencing of elections:
 - 1. Trustee areas 1,2, 5 and 6 be scheduled for election in 2022; and
 - 2. Trustee areas 3, 4, 7 be scheduled for election in 2024.
- 4. The Superintendent and/or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Governors, and to work with the Board of Governors and the County Clerk-Recorder's Office to conduct any acts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and to ensure that by-trustee area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2022 and 2024, including, without limitation, minor adjustments to the adopted map as may be necessary for its implementation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on February 8, 2022, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: BANCROFT, DAWSON BARTLEY, GARCIA, LESLIE, PALMER, ROMNESS, SINCLAIR

NOES: STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE - CHAVEZ DeCHAVEZ

ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

Dated: February 8, 2022

I, Carol Chilton Garcia, Board President, President of the Board of Trustees of the Sierra Joint Community College District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called regular meeting held on February 8, 2022 by a vote of 7 to 1.

Carol Garcia
Carol Garcia (Feb 9, 2022 09:43 PST)

Carol Chilton Garcia, President, Board of Trustees Sierra Joint Community College District

Exhibit A Adopted Map

