

### BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## **Resolution in the Matter of Adopting a Plan for Adjustment of Trustee Areas**

**WHEREAS,** the West Hills Community College District ("District") currently elects each member of its governing board using "by-trustee area" elections, *i.e.,* elections in which "one member of the governing board shall be elected from each trustee area[,]" and in which "[a] candidate for election as a member of the governing board shall reside in, and be registered to vote in, the trustee area he or she seeks to represent[,]" Cal. Educ. Code § 72036(a); *see also* Educ. Code § 5030(b); and

**WHEREAS,** the California Education Code requires that in the year following the Census (years ending in "1") a community college district that conducts its elections by-trustee area must adjust the boundaries of those areas to equalize their population in light of the new Census data; and

**WHEREAS,** at a public meeting on September 28, 2021, the Board of Trustees received a presentation from the District's retained special voting rights counsel and retained demographer regarding the legal and policy criteria governing redistricting; and

**WHEREAS,** on August 12, 2021, the Census Bureau released the decennial redistricting data, after a four-and-a-half month delay caused by the COVID pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 20, 2021, the California Statewide Database released a prisoner-adjusted version of the Census Bureau's data, as required by state law, which have been designated by the Department of Finance as the "validated" data for purposes of community college district redistricting under the Education Code; and

**WHEREAS**, at a public meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 26, 2021, the District's retained demographer provided the Board and the public with certain demographic information regarding the current trustee areas, based on the adjusted, "validated" 2020 Census data; and

**WHEREAS,** the Census data indicate that the current trustee areas have a "total deviation" as defined under federal law of 17.2%; and

**WHEREAS,** a map with a total deviation exceeding 10% is presumptively in excess of the range permitted by the equal protection clause, meaning that the District must adjust the trustee area boundaries to bring them back into substantial equality of population; and

**WHEREAS,** at the Board's public meeting on October 26, 2021, the Board therefore reviewed and adopted criteria to guide the adjustment of the District's trustee area boundaries based on the 2020 Census data; and

**WHEREAS,** the District's retained demographer thereafter formulated possible alternative redistricting scenarios for review by the public at a public hearing and for consideration by the Board of Trustees, based on the criteria adopted by the Board at its October 26, 2021 meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** at a public meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 16, 2021, the District's retained demographer presented a draft map which was developed according to the criteria set forth above, for the consideration of the Board and the public, and was posted to the District's website for public viewing; and

**WHEREAS,** at a public meeting of the Board on December 14, 2021, the Board invited further testimony from the public regarding mapping and any other information the public wished to be considered regarding the redistricting process; and

**WHEREAS,** at the public meeting of the Board on January 18, 2022, the District's retained demographer presented the draft map, which has been publicly posted on the District's redistricting website since November 9, 2021, for the consideration of the Board and the public; and

**WHEREAS,** following the presentation of the District's retained demographer on January 18, the Board solicited any final public testimony regarding the draft plan before the Board voted to adopt a final plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees has considered all public comment on this matter; and

**WHEREAS,** the population in the proposed trustee areas of the draft trustee area plan is substantially equal, as defined by law; and

**WHEREAS,** the draft trustee area plan complies with the federal Voting Rights Act, and with all applicable laws and regulations set forth in the California Education Code and the California Elections Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees chooses the trustee area boundaries in proposed Plan 1 because the Board believes that Plan 1 adheres to the redistricting criteria adopted by the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS,** California Education Code sections 5019(c) and 5019(d) requires the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee") to review a plan to rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas pursuant to a resolution adopted by the governing board of the district; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the District hereby finds, determines, declares, and resolves as follows:

Section 1. Determination of Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** Adoption of Plan for Adjustment of the Trustee Areas. The Board of Trustees does hereby adopt Plan 1, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, as the trustee area plan to be submitted as soon as possible to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee") for its approval for use in the District's elections on November 8, 2022, and thereafter.

**Section 3.** <u>Board Direction</u>. The Chancellor and/or her designee shall take all actions necessary to notify the County Committee of the Board's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the County Committee, or by the Elections Departments of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Monterey, and/or San Benito Counties, to complete the process in a timely fashion to permit implementation of these trustee areas in connection with the District election to be held on November 8, 2022. Staff, including the District's retained demographer when working with the Registrar(s) of Voters during plan implementation and adjustment of precinct configurations, are authorized to make required technical amendments to the new redistricting plan that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the district boundaries, compliance with the Board's redistricting criteria or the intent of this resolution, and shall advise the Board of any such amendments that are found to be required in plan implementation.

**Section 4.** <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. The Chancellor and/or her designee shall take all actions necessary to provide whatever assistance may be required by County Committee and/or the Elections Departments of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Monterey, and San Benito Counties, and to complete the process in a timely fashion to permit implementation of these trustee areas in connection with the District elections to be held on November 8, 2022.

**Section 5.** <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall be effective as of the earliest day possible under the law until otherwise rescinded by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 at a regular meeting of the governing board hereof by the following vote, to-wit:

Board Member Cantu: Board Member Jackson: Board Member Levinson: Board Member Maldonado: Board Member McKean: Board Member Oxborrow: Board Member Raygoza:

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Dated: 01/18/2022

Mark McKean / President of the Board of Trustees

### CERTIFICATION

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF FRESNO

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that this resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Hills Community College District, and that such resolution appears in the official minutes of the governing board under that date.

Dated: 01/18/2022

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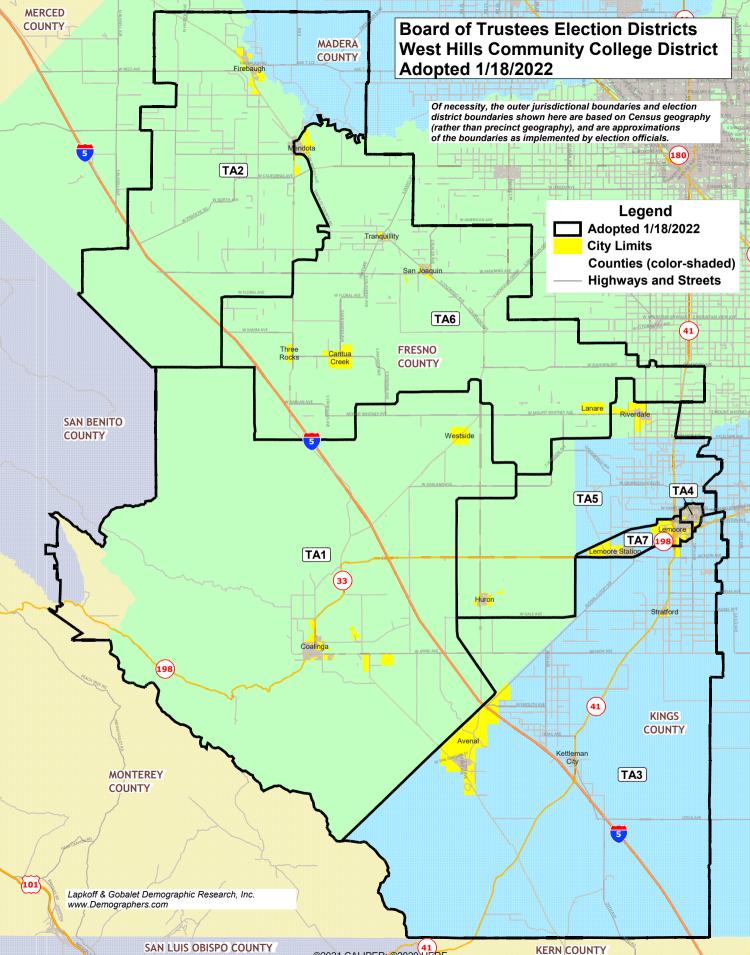
# West Hills Community College District Trustee Area Redistricting 2022

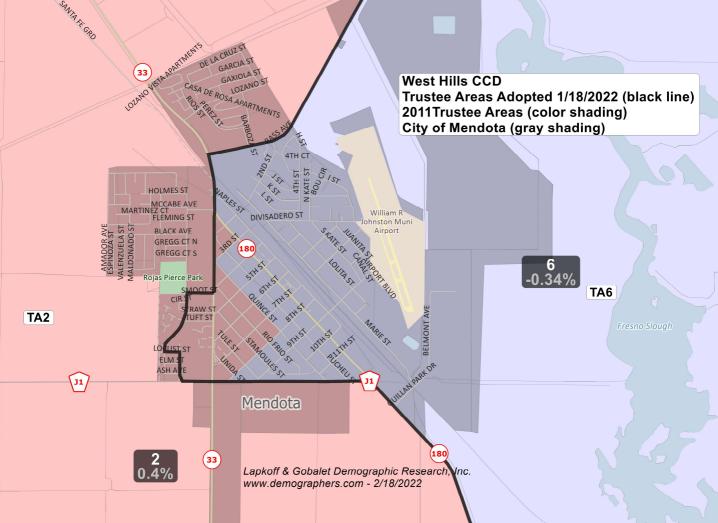
## Exhibit A

## Contents:

- Overview map of Plan 1 (adopted 1/18/2022)
- Detail Map of TA 2/TA 6 boundary in Mendota with change from 2011 Trustee Area boundaries (all other Trustee Areas have the same boundaries as in the 2011 Plan)
- Data Table

Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc.





			Non-Hispanic							Non-Hispanic			
Trustee Area	Total Population	Latino/ Hispanic	White	Black	Asian	Other	Total	Trustee Area	Total Registered	Latino/ Hispanic	White	Black Asian	Othe
Alca	ropulation	mspanie	Total Population Percentages						Registered	mspanie	Registered Voters		
1	16,157	67%	25%	3%	2%	3%	100%	1	6,382	46%	-0	2%	
2	16,331	93%	5%	0%	0%	1%	100%	2	4,773	80%		2%	
3	15,366	83%	10%	1%	1%	6%	100%	3	4,260	66%		3%	
4	16,501	48%	31%	7%	10%	4%	100%	4	7,458	36%		4%	
5	15,293	75%	19%	2%	2%	2%	100%	5	5,181	51%		4%	
6	15,152	93%	5%	1%	0%	1%	100%	6	4,386	79%		2%	
7	15,725	37%	40%	10%	8%	5%	100%	7	4,901	33%		4%	
Total	110,525	71%	20%	3%	4%	3%	100%	Total	37,341	53%		3%	
Trustee	Total						_	Trustee					
Area	Population	Age 18+ (Voting Age) Population Percentages						Area	Total Voted	al Voters			
1	11,766	63%	28%	3%	3%	3%	100%	1	4,536	40%		2%	
2	10,698	93%	6%	0%	0%	1%	100%	2	3,001	78%		1%	
3	10,381	80%	12%	1%	1%	6%	100%	3	2,700	61%		3%	
4	12,000	43%	35%	7%	11%	4%	100%	4	5,302	32%		4%	
5	10,459	71%	23%	2%	2%	2%	100%	5	3,685	45%		4%	
6	10,338	92%	6%	0%	1%	1%	100%	6	2,799	77%		2%	
7	10,796	34%	42%	10%	9%	5%	100%	7	3,546	30%		4%	
Total	76,438	67%	22%	3%	4%	3%	100%	Total	25,569	48%		3%	
Trustee	Ī						_	Trustee					
Area	Total	Cit	Citizens of Voting Age (CVAP) Percentages					Area	Total Pop	Deviation	% Deviation		
1	10,142	47%	41%	3%	2%	7%	100%	1	16,157	368	2.3%	1/7 of Total Pop	= 15,789
2	5,095	81%	13%	0%	0%	6%	100%	2	16,331	542	3.4%	(Ideal TA Po	p)
3	6,404	65%	21%	2%	1%	11%	100%	3	15,366	-423	-2.7%		
4	10,090	33%	45%	6%	10%	5%	100%	4	16,501	712	4.5%		
5	7,736	47%	41%	4%	2%	6%	100%	5	15,293	-496	-3.1%		
6	5,133	81%	13%	1%	0%	5%	100%	6	15,152	-637	-4.0%		
	11,727	30%	48%	11%	7%	5%	100%	7	15,725	-64	-0.4%		
7		49%	36%	5%	4%	6%	100%	Total	110,525	1,349	8.5%		