

119 Adkisson Way Taft, CA 93268 (661) 765-7234 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 15, 2023 at 5:00pm

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Eric Cooper, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Cooper. Those present were:

Eric Cooper

President

Adele Ward

Vice President

Virginia Miller

Board Secretary/Treasurer

Jan Ashley

**Board Member** 

Darren Walrath

**Board Member** 

Ryan Shultz Mark Bateman Executive Director Legal Counsel

Robyn Melton

Clerk of the Board

Also in attendance, Special Counsel, Ryan Tung, via telephone. Jeff Tilton, National Demographic Corporation; From the Dolores Huerta Foundation, Lori Pesante, Angel Ruiz, Jevon Price and Eliana Honeycutt; and Taft Midway Driller, Doug Keeler; Spanish interpreter, Katie Hernandez.

## 2. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to GC 54956.9(d)(2). (e)(3): one potential case; written threat of litigation available at the District office for public inspection.

Board President, Eric Cooper asked for a motion to go into Closed Session, Virginia Miller made a motion. Jan Ashley Seconded. The Board entered into Closed Session at 5:02 pm.

## OPEN SESSION

Adele Ward made a Motion to return to Open Session at 5:31 pm. Darren Walrath Seconded. Motion carried. Board President, Eric Cooper announced that no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

## A. INFORMATION ITEM AND PUBLIC HEARING

Presentation from National Demographics Corporation regarding demographic process to draw zone boundaries; public hearing to gather community input regarding composition of zone boundaries.

Mr. Tilton from NDC discussed the demographic process involved in the District's transition to by-zone elections. Following the presentation, the Board President invited public comment.

Members of the public commented. Mr. Tilton addressed questions asked by members of the public concerning the demographic process. Once all public comments were received, the Board President then closed the hearing.

# 3. ADJOURNMENT Being no further business, the Special Board meeting of August 15, 2023, was adjourned at 5:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Virginia Miller, Board Secretary/Treasurer