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Subject: IMPORTANT UPDATE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSED MAPS - Transition to By-District Trustee Area Elections

Dear East Side Community,

Since April 2025, the District has been undergoing the process for transition from at-large trustee elections to a single-member district-based election system. The California Elections Code mandates that the District hold a minimum of five public hearings to gather information from the public for the creation of the single-member districts and the sequencing of elections. To date, the District has held four public hearings and two workshops on this topic. The initial public hearings were an opportunity to gather input from the community to better understand the distinct neighborhoods within ESUHSD. Those public hearings were held on May 12 and 12, 2025. Workshops were then held in the District on June 9 and 30 to explain the mapping software process and how the public could use the software to make and submit their own proposed maps. The input and information gathered were then used to help create draft district maps that were released for review and comment by the public. The Board then held public hearings to take public input on draft maps. Those public hearings were held on June 26 and July 14, 2025.

The District is now nearing the completion of the districting process, which must conclude on or before October 5, 2025. The following timelines/dates of public hearings have been added to the calendar:

August 29, 2025, 11:59 PM

Please submit all proposed maps by this date and time.

The District is using <u>Districtr</u> as a public mapping tool to allow the community to draw their own proposed voting district maps. Community members have the opportunity to submit maps identifying where they believe district boundaries should be drawn. These maps will be considered by the East Side Union High School District alongside those drawn by the demographer for consideration for adoption. Here is the link to these tools with instructions on how to prepare and submit a draft map.

https://districtr.org/tag/ESUHSD

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** NEW ADDED PUBLIC HEARING DATE **

<u>September 11, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the District Board Room, 830 N. Capitol Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133</u>

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive community input regarding the content of the draft maps, maps submitted by members of the public, and the proposed sequence of elections. All members of the public are invited to attend. Members of the public who wish to submit draft maps for consideration are requested to do so by August 29, 2025, at 11:59 PM.

** FINAL PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD ACTION** September 25, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the District Board Room, 830 N. Capitol Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133

The Board will hold its final public hearing to receive community input regarding the content of the draft maps, maps submitted by members of the public, and the proposed sequence of elections. The Board of Trustees will then take an action to adopt a final map and approve the election sequencing.

The community is invited to submit proposed maps and to attend all ESUHSD's public hearings.

For more information, go to ESUHSD's By-District Trustee Elections website at https://www.esuhsd.org/By-District-Trustee-Elections/index.html.

In community,

Glenn Vander Zee Superintendent