SANTA CLARA COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

Minutes of Regular Meeting #2-2012
Board Room
February 15, 2012

1. Call to Order
Chair Mandy Lowell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

   a. Roll Call

      Members Present:
      Brett Barley
      Frank Biehl
      Rich Garcia
      Nick Gervase
      Ernest Guzman
      Mandy Lowell
      Josephine Lacey
      Teresa O’Neill
      Pam Parker

      Members Absent:
      Nejleh Abed

      Also present was Josh Newman and Tom Griffin via telephone.

   b. Adoption of Agenda

      Chair Mandy Lowell discussed the duty of the county committee and explained
      the process for completing speaker forms.

      The agenda was adopted as noticed.
2. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Committee

- Diego Barragam spoke in support of Redistricting Scenario 9a.
- Edi Garcia from the Latino Leadership Alliance spoke in support of Redistricting Scenario 9a.
- Andres Quintero from Supervisor Shirakawa’s office spoke in support of Redistrict Scenario 9a.
- J. Nakamura spoke in support of Redistricting Scenario 8 and reviewed the reasons why he supported that plan.
- Javier Gonzalez, a resident of downtown San Jose, spoke in support of Redistricting Scenario 9a.

MOTION #2-2012:1 was made by Member Frank Biehl to place all written (e-mail) public input in the public record. Member Nervase seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter, 2/14/12, Tony Garcia, Superintendent, Oak Grove School District, subject: Letter urging the county committee not to split Oak Grove School District into two or more trustee areas.

The following emails are all in support of Redistricting Scenario 9a
Email, 2/3/12, Joshua Barousse, Chair, City of San Jose Human Rights Commission
Email, 2/7/12, Erica Cervantes, Business Development Manager Western USA
Email, 2/7/12, Gustavo Caraveo, Senior Policy Advisor, Supervisor Shirakawa’s Office
Email, 2/7/12, Jim Gonzalez, Alumni of Alum Rock School District
Email, 2/7/12, Maya Esparza
Email, 2/7/12, Sandra Peralta-Garcia
Email, 2/8/12, Ramon Martinez
Email, 2/8/12, Norma Rodriguez, Principal, San Antonio Elementary School
Email, 2/8/12, Raul Lomeli, Associate Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Latino College Preparatory Academy
Email, 2/8/12, John Tweten, Retired School Administrator
Email, 2/8/12, Esau Ruiz Herrera, Trustee, Alum Rock Union School District
Email, 2/9/12, Patricia Rocha
Email, 2/10/12, Jose Montes de Oca
Email, 2/13/12, Alberto Carrillo, Sr.
Email, 2/14/12, Sergio Domeyko
Email, 2/14/12, Esther Peralez-Dieckmann
Email, 2/14/12, Serge Bonte, LASA/MVLA Parent and Resident
Email, 2/14/12, Ernesto Bejarano, MSWI
Email, 2/15/12, Lan Nguyen, Board Member, East Side Union High School District

_The following emails are express opposition to Redistricting Scenarios 9 and 9a_
Email, 2/14/12, Judy Niizawa, Sunnyvale
Email, 2/14/12, Michele Lew, President and CEO, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
Email, 2/15/12, J. Nakamura

3. Consent Action Items
   a. **Request Approval of Minutes of County Committee Meeting of December 14, 2011 and February 1, 2012.**

   **MOTION #3-2012:2** was made by Member Jo Lucey to approve the minutes from both the December 14, 2011 and February 1, 2012 meetings. Member Teresa O’Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items
   a. **County Committee Updates**

   Ms. Suzanne Carrig, staff to the county committee, provided an update on territory transfers and appeals.

5. Discussion and Action Item
   a. **Discussion of Redistricting Options and Action on Options to be taken out of Consideration.**

   **MOTION #3-2012:3** was made by member Ernest Guzman to add Map 8 for consideration by the committee and to take every other map out of consideration with the exception of maps 5a/5%, 9, and 9a.

   Member Frank Biehl made a statement that this was a good idea.

   Member Jo Lucey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
b. Discussion and Action on a Redistricting Scenario

The following individual(s) spoke regarding the redistricting criteria:

- J. Nakamura expressed his opposition to map scenarios 9 and 9a as they take away from the Asian community. He asked that the committee not take any action on redistricting scenarios today.

Chair Mandy Lowell emphasized the March 1st deadline referring to Education Code section 1002.

- Andres Quintero from Supervisor Shirakawa’s office spoke in favor of map 9a. He also read a brief letter from Mr. Chris Stampolis.

Member Frank Biehl asked for clarification of the March 1st deadline.

Member Jo Lucey provided a review of the February 10th meeting she had with Frank Biehl, Brett Barley, and Josh Newman.

The county committee discussed the merits of scenarios 9 and 9a and discussed the legal ramifications with attorney Tom Griffin. Josh Newman discussed the demographics of the scenarios being considered.

MOTION # 1-2012:4 was made by member Ernest Guzman to remove from consideration redistricting options 1 and 5. The motion was seconded by member Teresa O’Neill.

Member Frank Biehl stated that he would vote against this motion and would rather voter to pick one option.

The motion passed on a vote of 7-1.

MOTION #2-2012:4 made by Member Rich Garcia to approve Redistricting Scenario 9a. The motion was seconded by Member Ernest Guzman. (No action was taken.)

Discussion of scenario 9a followed.
MOTION #2-2012:4 made by Member Rich Garcia to approve Redistricting Scenario 9a. The motion was seconded by Member Ernest Guzman. (No action was taken.)

AMENDED MOTION #3-2012:6 was made by member Frank Biehl to accept Redistricting Scenario 9a but to switch the Trustee Areas number 6 and 7. The motion was seconded by member Rich Garcia and passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

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Member Frank Biehl asked staff to have the maps available in the following formats:
- Overview of the map with Trustee Areas only
- Street maps by Trustee Areas
- Each Trustee Area with school district information

The next meeting was scheduled for March 21st at 3:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Carrig, Administrative Program and Evaluation Specialist
County Committee Secretary
Public Input
February 14, 2012

Santa Clara Committee on School District Organization
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

To Whom It May Concern:

Oak Grove School District recently went through the redistricting process as a result of the 2010 Federal Census, and I do understand that there are interests of many stakeholders to take into account when drawing new maps. That being said, school districts as stakeholders in general, need to have a strong voice and be a major part of your consideration.

In reviewing the maps currently under consideration by the Committee on School District Organization, it appears there are multiple maps that will split Oak Grove School District between two districts. As we continue to do more with less due to budget constraints, adding the additional burden of having two Board of Education Members to represent Oak Grove School District is not ideal to say the least.

Creating a divide of our District between two Board of Education Members, I do not believe is in the best interest of the County Office of Education or Oak Grove School District. I urge you to consider only the maps that keep Oak Grove School District in one area.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Garcia
Superintendent

TG:cc
Submitted February 3, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the Latino Leadership Alliance's proposed map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District, as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County’s significant Latino community.

Yours in Community,
Joshua Barousse
Chair
City of San Jose Human Rights Commission

Submitted February 7, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) proposed map, which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area; it brings together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe that the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of Santa Clara County’s significant Latino community.

Respectfully,

Erica Cervantes, MBA
Business Development Manager Western USA
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F: (617) 830-0977
E: Erica.Cervantes@wyless.com
Skype: ericacervantes
Submitted February 7, 2012:
Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the LLA proposed map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County’s significant Latino community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Gustavo Caraveo, Senior Policy Advisor
Office of County Supervisor George Shirakawa

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Submitted February 7, 2012:

Ms Carrig:
As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The NHU Foundation I urge you to support the Latino Leadership Alliance's proposed "East and Central San Jose" map, which map, I believe is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization to guide this important process. Such action would serve the interest of the County's Latino community in a fair and equitable manner. Thank you for your consideration.

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Jim S. Gonzales
alumni of Alum Rock School District
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Respectfully,

Maya Esparza

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Thank you,

Sandra Peralta-Garcia
Submitted February 8, 2012:

Dear Ms. Carrig,

I am sending this message to support the efforts by the Latino Leadership Alliance related to the Proposed County Office of Education Board Election Maps to assure fair and proportional Latino representation on the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

As a long-time resident and local educator, I believe it is important to increase opportunities for Latinos to represent themselves in efforts to improve the rigor and quality of K-12 education of all children in Santa Clara County.

During the 2010–2011 school year, the California Department of Education reported that there were 266,256 students in Santa Clara County Schools of whom 101,625 were Hispanic or Latino. As more than 38% of the county school population (and more than 50% of the state school population) Latinos are overdue for fair and consistent representation on the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

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Let's be frank. Latino representation on policy boards has long been gerrymandered and unfairly manipulated against their interests by local election rules and boundaries. Public election practices and the use of district election methods that fairly weigh the influence of Latinos in their own governance have long been practiced and upheld by California courts at the regional, municipal and school board levels.

It is time for the Santa Clara Board of Education to move into the 21st Century.

Sincerely,

Ramon J. Martinez, PhD.14885 Story Road
San Jose, CA 95127
Submitted February 8, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

As a Latina Educator serving the Alum Rock Union School District I know first-hand the importance of having a diverse representation in Leadership Positions at all levels; in particular in government and education. Too many decisions are made at those levels having tremendous impact on our underserved communities. Therefore, I urge you to support the LLA's proposed "East and Central San Jose" map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-Mckinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County’s significant Latino community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Norma Rodriguez, Principal
norma.rodriguez@arusd.org
San Antonio Elementary School
(408) 928-8706
(408) 928-8701 Fax

Submitted February 8, 2012:

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Sincerely,

Raul S. Lomeli
Associate Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Latino College Preparatory Academy
rlomeli@nhufoundation.org
phone: 408-729-2281
1966 Flint Avenue
San Jose, CA 95148

“Ensuring the educational opportunities of LCPA students.”

Submitted February 8, 2012:

Dear Committee Members

I am writing to ask that the new district boundaries for SCCOED Board Members include a district that would likely elect a Latino Board Member. With a high percentage of the students you serve being Latinos, it is essential that they be represented by one of their own. A Board Member from the East Side or Central San Jose area is needed to advocate for the interests of all of the Latinos in the county.

Sincerely, John Tweten, Retired School Administrator
Submitted February 8, 2012:

Esau Ruiz Herrera  
Board of Trustees, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District  
302-F Toyon Ave, No. 284, San Jose, CA 95127  
(408) 926-7163

To: Santa Clara County Committee on School District Reorganization  
Via: Suzanne Carrig, Santa Clara County Office of Education

cc: Frank Biehl, Trustee Area Representative, Committee on School District Reorganization

From: Esau Ruiz Herrera  
President, Board of Trustees, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District  
Board of Directors, California Latino School Boards Association  
Past President, California Latino School Boards Association  
Member, Santa Clara County School Boards Association  
Member, California School Boards Association

Re: Support for the Latino Leadership Alliance Map, County Board Trustee Area

As a long-time resident of East San Jose, as a parent and community member who has been much involved in educational issues in our county and in our State, I write to express my strong support of the Trustee Area map proposed by the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA). The map proposal of the LLA would positively affect the communities of interest that reside in East San Jose and Central San Jose.

Having a County Board of Education trustee area that includes Alum Rock Union School District, Mt. Pleasant School District, Franklin-McKinley School District and a small contiguous part of San Jose Unified School District makes sense. Such a county trustee area would bring together communities of interest that share strong historical, social and cultural ties. When I was a child, I attended schools in Franklin-McKinley, San Jose Unified and Alum Rock Union School Districts. Now I live in the Alum Rock School District, near the Mt Pleasant School District boundary.

The LLA proposal presents a geographically cohesive trustee area. It also is entirely consistent with hallowed American principles of representative government. I urge you to support the Latino Leadership Alliance proposed map.
Submitted February 9, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the LLA’s proposed "East and Central San Jose" map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-Mckinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County’s significant Latino community.

Patricia Rocha  
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San Jose CA 95112  
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Submitted February 10, 2012:

Dear Members of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization,

I urge you to support the Latino Leadership Alliance's proposed "East and Central San Jose" map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area for the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCOE) by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-Mckinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District.

The proposed trustee area will serve to strengthen the opportunity for a Latina or Latino to be elected to the SCCOE. This is an important board that makes decisions that impact our community. Despite the fact that 27% of the population in the county is Latino, there is currently no Latino representation on the 7-member board.

I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County’s significant Latino community.

José Montes de Oca  
jmdo@yahoo.com
Submitted February 13, 2012:

Dear Committee Members, I fully support the work of the Latino Community/Political Leadership to the SCCOE districts.

Please do not disappoint us....again! Sincerely, Alberto Carrillo Sr.- 44 year Community Activist, Member, San Jose G.I. Forum, LULAC, Vet Center Advisory Council, Job Corps Advisory Board Member....and many other Progressive Groups/and hundreds of Community Activist!

Submitted February 14, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the proposed "Map 9A" which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County's significant Latino community.

Thank you

Sergio Domeyko

Submitted February 14, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

I am a member of the Latino Leadership Alliance and I urge you to support the proposed "Map 9A" which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by joining Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. This map seems to meet all the criteria set forth by the Committee and would bring critically important opportunities for representation for the Latino community.

Thank you!

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann
Submitted February 14, 2012:

Dear County Committee Members:

I wanted to provide some comments on the latest maps that you will be reviewing tomorrow:

- Plan 5a5%
- Plan 9
- Plan 9A

Both plans 9 and 9A have my preference as they both make Mountain View whole. Both plans also put Palo Alto, most of Los Altos and all of Mountain View together as is the case in every single federal, state or county election district areas.

Finally, both plans put the Mountain View Los Altos High School in the same district area as its two feeder districts (Mountain View Whisman and Los Altos); which matches the way our PTAs are already organized

See information about the Los Altos Mountain View PTA Council here.

http://ptac.mvwsd.org/leaders.html

Respectfully,

Serge Bonte

LASD / MVLA Parent & Resident
1625 Lloyd Way
Mountain View, CA 94040
Submitted February 14, 2012:

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the proposed "Map 9A" which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County's significant Latino community. As an alum of the Alum Rock School Union Elementary School District, a former employee in the Franklin McKinley School District, and a Latino parent of two elementary school children, I know that the issues facing this population are significant. I truly believe that this proposal will do wonders in beginning to address these issues in a meaningful and effective way.

Thank you for your time,

Ernesto Bejarano, MSW
Redistricting Plan Version 8

Redistricting Plan Version 8 is not my preferred redistricting plan for the seven SCCOE trustee areas.
Version Eight Redistricting Plan

Trustee Area 1, aqua areas
Trustee Area 2, purple areas
Trustee Area 3, green areas
Trustee Area 4, blue areas
Trustee Area 5, brown areas
Trustee Area 6, orange areas
Trustee Area 7, yellow areas

Source for county, school district, census tract, and census block boundaries: U.S. Census Bureau

Presented by J. Nakamura
Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support the proposed "Map 9A" which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-Mckinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. I believe the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County's significant Latino community.

Sincerely,

Lan Nguyen
Governing Board Member
East Side Union High School District
830 N. Capitol Avenue
San Jose, CA 95133

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Submitted February 14, 2012:

It has been called to my attention that there are Plans 9 and Plan 9A submitted for possible adoption. It seems the most vital factor in any of the districts needs to reflect the demographics of the voting residents. As such, Plans 9 and 9A diminish representation of the Asian community and would not serve their interests adequately. I urge a NO vote on Plans 9 and 9A. The Districts requiring careful attention are mainly Districts 6, 7, and 8. The Asian American community needs to be able to have their particular ethnic/cultural needs be addressed via their representative. The wide variety of community groups needs to each have a voice when it comes to matters of educating their children well.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Niizawa

Sunnyvale

Submitted February 14, 2012:

Dear Ms. Carrig:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) has concerns about Plans 9 and 9A, currently under consideration by the County Committee on School District Organization. The existing Trustee Area 6 has an Asian plurality, according to 2010 Census data for the voting age population. However, the proposed Trustee Area 6 in both Plan 9 and 9A would eliminate this Asian plurality. We hope the County Committee will consider alternative proposals to Plans 9 and 9A.

AACI’s mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals, families, and the Asian community. We do this by providing an array of high quality health and human services, sharing expertise about the Asian community’s needs and best service delivery practices, and providing Asian leadership in advocating on key health and human services issues. Founded in 1973, AACI is the largest community-based organization focused on the Asian community in Santa Clara County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lew
President and CEO
Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
Submitted February 15, 2012:

**Plans 9 and 9A should be rejected by the County Committee.**
Currently there is one Santa Clara County Board of Education Asian majority trustee area (Trustee Area 5) and one Asian plurality trustee area (Trustee Area 6, which is currently composed of the Evergreen, Franklin-McKinley, and Oak Grove School Districts). Plans 9 and 9A have one Asian majority trustee area (Trustee Area 5) and no Asian plurality trustee area. Thus, implementing either Plan 9 or 9A would lead to the elimination of an Asian plurality trustee area.
Both Plans 9 and 9A would place the Asian majority Evergreen Elementary School District with Morgan Hill Unified and Gilroy Unified instead of with Franklin-McKinley, which has a 2010 Census voting age Asian plurality.
Trustee Area 7’s voting age Hispanic percentages with Plans 9 and 9A are actually lower than with Plan 8 (see chart below); Trustee Area 7’s voting age Hispanic percentage with Plan 9A is slightly lower than with Plan 7 (even though Plan 7’s Trustee Area 7 includes all of Morgan Hill Unified and Gilroy Unified).
Unlike Plans 9 and 9A Plans 7 and 8 have an Asian plurality Trustee Area 6.
**Please do not adopt either Plan 9 or Plan 9A.**
Thank you.

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Presented by J. Nakamura
February 13, 2012

Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Subject: Redistricting County BOE Trustee Areas; Letter of Support for Map 9A

Honorable Committee,

After reviewing redistricting map scenarios 5a5%, 9, and 9A, it is my learned opinion that Map 9A best meets the Statement of Criteria your committee adopted on February 1, 2012. The redrawn trustee areas depicted in Map 9A are as geographically compact as possible amongst the mapping scenarios while also keeping local school districts and other communities of interest cohesive; it is the least disruptive while affecting the necessary changes required; and finally it is the fairest, ensuring each voter has the absolute best opportunity to elect the representatives of their choice.

The politics of my support is counterintuitive in that I would be drawn into an area with another board colleague forcing one of us out in 2014. However, my service to the community over the past 14 years has always been about what policies and what actions drive the best outcomes for the community, in particular for students.

In closing, please do the right thing and adopt Map 9A at your February 15th meeting.

Sincerely,

Craig Mann
Member, Santa Clara County Board of Education

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