

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY DISTRICT STATING THE INTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO TRANSITION FROM AN AT-LARGE ELECTION SYSTEM TO A DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10010, AND FINDING THIS TRANSITION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15061(b)(3), 15320, AND 15378(b)(5)**

**WHEREAS**, the Altadena Library District (“District”) has a five-person Board of Trustees and an at-large election system, where each of the Trustees is required to live within the boundary of the District but not in any one specific area; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) became law, which has sought to prevent the disenfranchisement of protected classes of persons;

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Trustees have discussed approvingly the CVRA and ensuring compliance with the CVRA within its own jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Trustees is interested in transitioning from an at-large election system to a district-based election system, which would have five divisions within the District boundary and one elected Trustee for each; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires adopt this resolution to start the process of transitioning from an at-large to district-based election system for the next general election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Library Trustees of the Altadena Library District hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals: The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution and made findings of the Board of Trustees.
2. CEQA. Based upon the whole of the administrative record before it, the District hereby finds that a transition from at-large to district-based elections is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) sections 15061(b)(3), 15320, and 15378(b)(3). Adoption of this Resolution is an organizational and administrative activity of the District, does not have the potential to result in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project for purposes of CEQA. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(5).) In the event adoption of this Resolution does constitute a project, it is categorically exempt under the Class 20 (Changes in the Organization of Local Governments) categorical exemption. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15320.) Further, none of the exceptions to the exemptions found in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply. Staff is

hereby directed to prepare, execute and file with the Los Angeles County Clerk a CEQA Notice of Exemption within five (5) working days of the adoption of this Resolution.

3. Intent to Change to District-Based Election System: Consistent with Election Code section 10010, the District hereby expresses its intent to transition from an at-large to district-based election system and instructs staff to take the necessary steps to do so. As established by California Elections Code section 10010, the following actions shall be undertaken by the District in accordance with Elections Code section 10010 (a):
  - (a) Conduct public outreach, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation;
  - (b) Before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed district boundaries, hold at least two public hearings within 30 days of each other at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts and to consider district boundaries as provided in Elections Code Section 10010;
  - (c) After drawing a draft map or maps, publish the draft map(s) and the potential sequence of the district elections, and hold at least two public hearings within 45 days of each other at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable; and
  - (d) Hold a public hearing after which the District Board of Trustees will consider and adopt a district boundary map and the sequence of the district elections, as may be necessary.
4. Severability. If any provision or clause of this Resolution is held invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise repealed by act of law, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or clauses of the same which can be given effect without the invalid provision, clause, or application. To this end, the provisions and clauses of this Resolution hereto are declared to be severable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Katie Clark, Board Secretary

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Terry Andruess, Board President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ruben Duran, General Counsel