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NOCCCD Board of Trustees to Move to By-Trustee Area Elections

The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Board of Trustees has started a process that will result in major changes to the way trustees are elected as well as boundaries of areas they represent.

On December 13, 2011, the NOCCCD Board of Trustees approved a plan to transition from “at-large” elections to “by-trustee area” elections. While NOCCCD is currently divided into four trustee areas, all voters within the District elect members of the Board. After this transition, which will go into effect starting with the November 2012 election, there will be seven trustee areas with each member elected only by voters residing within their area.

NOCCCD is the first community college district in Orange County to voluntarily transition from an at-large election method to a by-trustee area election method.

“We have chosen to implement this change to ensure the trustee areas represent a more equitable division by population, and to define more carefully communities of interest,” said Molly McClanahan, NOCCCD Board of Trustees President. “Board members, current and future, will by tradition represent the interest of the entire District.”

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College districts, school districts, and city councils across the state are making similar transitions in response to the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 and the availability of data from the 2010 Census.

The Board of Trustees is now in the process of drawing seven areas that are roughly equal in population as required by the Constitution and the Federal Voting Rights Act. Two redistricting scenarios were prepared and presented to the Board for review and comment at the December 13 meeting.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend three public input meetings that are scheduled for the week of January 16, 2012 at the District's three campuses: Fullerton College, Cypress College and the School of Continuing Education. Attendees can learn more about the process, review the scenarios, and offer comments and feedback that will be compiled and presented to the Board of Trustees.

The Board is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing at its February 14, 2012 meeting and consider approval of a redistricting plan to create the seven trustee areas.

The initial redistricting scenarios are available on the District's website at www.nocccd.edu for review and comment.

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