BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
CARLSBAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 05-1718

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MAP OF PROPOSED TRUSTEE AREAS, AND
RECOMMENDING THAT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH
TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH CARLSBAD UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED
IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Carlsbad Unified School District (“District”) currently has no trustee
areas, wherein each of the five members of the District’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) must
reside within the boundaries of the District but not within any specific geographical sub-region
of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District currently uses an at-large system of electing its Board members,
wherein all voters in the District elect each member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, at-large electoral systems such as that used by the District are subject to
challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, codified at sections 14025–14032 of
the California Elections Code (“CVRA”); and

WHEREAS, by-trustee area electoral systems are not vulnerable to challenge under the
CVRA; and

WHEREAS, in a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the Board must reside
within a specific geographic subarea of the District, called a trustee area, and candidates are
elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

WHEREAS, given the potential financial and other consequences of a legal challenge
under the CVRA to the District’s current election system, the Board considers it prudent to
initiate the process to transition to a by-trustee area system of election; and

WHEREAS, the Board took action at its regular meeting on May 17, 2017 announcing its
decision to change its election methodology from an at-large system to a by-trustee areas method
of election as described in Education Code section 5030(b) in time for the November, 2018
election; and

WHEREAS, one method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee
area electoral system is for the Board to petition the San Diego County Committee on School
District Organization (“County Committee”), by resolution, to initiate the transition under
California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the County Committee has indicated that it will initiate this process on
behalf of the District at the District’s request, and will consider any recommendation on specific
trustee areas made by the District; and
WHEREAS, District staff and consultants have prepared Draft trustee area Maps (the “Draft Maps”). Prior to the preparation and presentation of the Draft Maps, the Board held public hearings on May 31, 2017 and June 7, 2017, to allow for public input on the conversion and how to draw draft trustee area maps; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Maps were presented to the public on June 21, 2017, a public hearing was held on the same date to obtain feedback on the Draft Maps, and information regarding the Draft Maps was and is posted online on the District’s website; and

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted additional public hearings on July 19, 2017, prior to consideration, discussion, and action on this Resolution, and has received and considered any and all public input and comment on: 1) the Draft Maps; 2) the proposal to transition to establishing trustee areas; and 3) the proposal to adopt a by-trustee area system of election; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Carlsbad Unified School District as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.

2. That based upon its review of the public input and comment on the Draft Maps, its proposal to transition to establishing trustee areas, and its proposal to adopt a by-trustee area system of election, as well as input from staff and consultants, the Board hereby adopts and recommends Draft Map Green to the County Committee for its consideration. A true and correct copy of Draft Map Green is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. That this Resolution shall serve as the District’s petition to the County Committee pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c)(1), the Board hereby proposes and requests that the County Committee approve the establishment of trustee areas as defined in Exhibit A, and approves the adoption of the method of electing Board members specified in Education Code section 5030(b), whereby candidates for the Board must reside within a trustee area, and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area, effective with the November, 2018 regular election of District Board members.

4. That the Superintendent and/or her designee take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board’s determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 19th day of July, 2017.

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President, Board of Trustees
Carlsbad Unified School District

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathy Rallings, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Carlsbad Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of said
District at a meeting of said Board held on the 19th day of July, 2017, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Clerk, Board of Trustees
Carlsbad Unified School District