

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

A Resolution by the Governing Board of the Westside Elementary School District ("Board") for consolidation of future governing board member elections with the statewide general election pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the current date for election of governing board members of the Westside Elementary School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g., November 2019, November 2021) [Ed. Code, § 5000 and Elec. Code, § 1302(a)]; and

WHEREAS, statewide elections are held in California only in June and November of even numbered years (e.g., November 2022, November 2024) [Elec. Code, §1001]; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the California Voter Participation Rights Act [Elec. Code, § 14050, et seq.], the Legislature has indicated its interest in providing for the greatest possible voter participation in local elections, including school district governing board member elections; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout is generally greater for statewide elections than for special local elections including school district governing board member elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to change the date of future Governing Board member elections to be consolidated with the California Statewide general election in order to provide greater voter input into Governing Board elections; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 1302(b) authorizes the District to change the election date for its Governing Board members by adopting a resolution for consolidation of election and seeking approval of the change by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in accordance with Elections Code section 10404.5; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, the November 2023 District election date will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2024, with the terms of Governing Board members which would have expired in December 2023 being extended to December 2024 [Elec. Code, § 10404.5(g)].

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the District adopts this Resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Governing Board with the date for the California general election held in November of even-numbered years [Elec. Code, § 1001] pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent, or designee, is directed to submit this Resolution to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the Resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within sixty (60) days after submission, and after the Resolution has been posted in public places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the request for consolidation of election is approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, the District recognizes its obligation to pay the expense of mailing the notice of approval of the change in election date by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code section 10404.5(e).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the request for consolidation of election is approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, the date of the next scheduled Governing Board election in November 2023 shall be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2024 and each subsequent Board member election shall be held two (2) years thereafter in November of even numbered years in conjunction with the statewide general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the request for consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Governing Board members expiring in November 2023 shall be extended to November 2024.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Westside Elementary School District of Fresno County, State of California, this 31st day of January, 2023.

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Clerk of the Governing Board of the Westside Elementary School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 31st day of January 2023 and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Date: January 31, 2023

Clerk of the Governing Board of the Westside Elementary School District