

RESOLUTION # 17-21
A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Coast
Community College District
Initiating the Process to Transition from an At-Large Method of Elections to a
By-Trustee Area Method of Elections

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees seeks opportunities to increase voter involvement in the affairs of the District, and

WHEREAS, a by-trustee area method of election is considered by some to increase voter involvement, and

WHEREAS, the current electoral system in the District requires candidates to reside within a specific geographic trustee area but be elected at-large by all voters of the District, and

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

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 72036 allows community college districts to transition from an at-large election system to a by-trustee area election system, with approval by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees will transition from an at-large method of election to a by-trustee area method of election in accordance with Education Code Section 72036(a).
2. That the Board of Trustees, consistent with its goal to increase opportunity for voter involvement in the affairs of the District, will consider additional means to increase public participation in the electoral system of the District as part of this process.
3. That the Board of Trustees will hold two initial public hearings in the Board meeting room at 1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 during the regular Board meetings on August 2, 2017 and August 16, 2017 concerning: (a) transitioning from an at-large method of election to a by-trustee area method of election, and (b) additional means to increase public participation in the electoral system of the District.
4. No later than the conclusion of the public hearing on August 16, 2017, the Board will establish the schedule of further hearings with an estimated time frame of on or before October 18, 2017 for completing the process of transitioning from an at-large method of elections to a by-trustee area method of elections.
5. That the Chancellor or his designee is further directed to take all other actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

I, Jane Burton, hereby certify that on July 19, 2017 this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees by a vote of 4-0-0-1, as follows:

Aye:	Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle, Prinsky, and Moreno
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Trustee Patterson

Jane Burton, Interim Secretary of the Board of Trustees