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4CD Seeks Additional Community Input on Ward Redistricting

MARTINEZ, CA – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board (Board) is seeking additional community input to adjust trustee ward boundaries and ensure population balance based on Contra Costa County demographic changes identified in the 2020 Census.

The public can review three mapping options of how trustee boundaries could be balanced on the 4CD website located at www.4cd.edu/gb/redistricting. Community members can use a new interactive mapping feature that will help identify how each mapping option could change your trustee representation. The website also gives the public the opportunity to provide online comments and feedback that will be considered by the Board. In addition, 4CD will conduct a special Governing Board meeting via Zoom on Thursday, January 6, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a community roundtable and review the different mapping options, receive additional community input, and answer questions from the public. Zoom details can be found in the official Governing Board meeting agenda for this community roundtable.

The Board will review the additional community input and hold a second redistricting public hearing at their regularly scheduled public meeting on January 12, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this meeting in-person at 500 Court Street, 2nd Floor Board Room, Martinez, California, or via Zoom. Zoom details for this meeting are contained in the official Board meeting agenda located on the 4CD website.

“Based on the community input we received so far, the Board decided it was prudent to expand the redistricting choices available and provide more opportunity for the public to weigh in on this important decision,” said Governing Board President Dr. Judy E. Walters. “The additional steps we are taking, which are beyond what is legally required, are appropriate and convey to our community we are rebalancing our trustee wards in a transparent way, and is being completed in a fair, objective, and non-partisan manner.”

Special districts like 4CD are legally obligated to follow Education Code Section 5019.5, which highlights the process to follow, ensuring the population of trustee wards is balanced based on

the changing demographics of the community. Despite receiving the 2020 Census data six months late, 4CD is still required to complete this process by February 28, 2022.

After receiving the 2020 Census data in September 2021, staff began working with legal counsel to analyze and prepare its ward redistricting recommendation. The Board received a report outlining the plan to rebalance the ward boundaries at their November 10, 2021, meeting, including a review of the population changes throughout Contra Costa County. At their December 8, 2021, meeting, the Board reviewed a staff-recommended map that highlighted how trustee area boundaries could change, and received community input on the proposed map before determining the need for additional community input.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. 4CD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. 4CD is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. 4CD headquarters are located in downtown Martinez. For more information, visit www.4cd.edu.

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