

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE**

DATE: October 12, 2016

ACTION

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 16-04 – Resolution to Consolidate Mt. San Antonio
Community College District Board of Trustees Elections with Statewide
Elections per the California Voter Participation Rights Act

BACKGROUND

Last year, the California Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed SB 415 (Hueso), the California Voter Participation Rights Act, which requires a local government to hold an election on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout. The Bill would require the consolidation of elections starting on January 1, 2018.

"Significant decrease in voter turnout" is defined in the Act when voter turnout for a regularly scheduled local election is at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within that local government for the previous four statewide general elections.

The Mt. San Antonio Community College District has held its elections, as allowed under current law, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year.

ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT

To determine if the Mt. San Antonio Community College District is required to consolidate its Trustee elections with a statewide election per SB 415, voter turnout for all precincts within the Mt. San Antonio Community College District during the most recent 2015 Trustee election was compared to the average turnout for the preceding statewide general elections held in 2014, 2012, 2010, and 2008.

Because the voter turnout for the 2015 election was less than 75% of the average turnout for the 2014, 2012, 2010, and 2008 elections, the Mt. San Antonio Community College District is required to consolidate no later than 2022.

Following is data provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder Office:

General Election Year	Voter Turnout
2008	82.20%
2010	51.01%
2012	67.12%
2014	28.47%
AVERAGE TURNOUT	57.20%

Reviewed by: Jill Dolan

Recommended by: Bill Scroggins

Agenda Item: Action #

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 16-04 – Resolution to Consolidate Mt. San Antonio
Community College District Board of Trustees Elections with Statewide
Elections per the California Voter Participation Rights Act

DATE: October 12, 2016

Mt. SAC Board of Trustees Election Year	Voter Turnout
2007	14.2%
2009	13.6%
2013 (Trustee Area 3)	13.8%
2013 (Trustee Area 4)	11.2%
2015 (Trustee Area 1)	6.9%
2015 (Trustee Area 5)	11.3%

As currently scheduled, the Mt. San Antonio Community College District would hold its elections in 2017 and 2019. However, Elections Code 14052(b) allows the following: "A political subdivision may hold an election other than on a statewide election date if, by January 1, 2018, the political subdivision has adopted a plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election not later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election."

In order to comply with the Act, two options are presented to the Board for consideration:

1. Extend the current trustee terms by one year so that the next cycle of elections would be held in 2018 and 2020.
2. Change the next two trustee election terms from four years to five years by extending the 2017 trustee election term to 2022, and the 2019 trustee election term to 2024.

Consolidating the Mt. San Antonio Community College District's elections with the State of California and/or Los Angeles County will have an unknown fiscal impact for the College. However, a consolidated election may result in a higher cost than a stand-alone election. A cost analysis has yet to be conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office.

There is no fiscal impact by approving the resolution.

Funding Source

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 16-04, Resolution to Consolidate Mt. San Antonio Community College District Board of Trustees Elections with Statewide Elections per the California Voter Participation Act, with inclusion of one of the options above.

Direct staff to send copies of the adopted Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder Office and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-04
RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS WITH STATEWIDE ELECTIONS
PER THE CALIFORNIA VOTER PARTICIPATION RIGHTS ACT

WHEREAS, SB 415, The California Voter Participation Rights Act, as approved by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Brown last year, requires local governments to hold an election on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, "Significant decrease in voter turnout" is defined in the bill as the voter turnout for a regularly scheduled local election is at least 25 percent less than the average voter turnout within that local government for the previous four statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, Local elections in Los Angeles County and the Mt. San Antonio College Community College District have had extremely low voter turnouts when they are not consolidated with state and/or federal elections; and

WHEREAS, Mt. San Antonio Community College District holds its Board of Trustee elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year, which is an established election date under state law, but not concurrent with a statewide election; and

WHEREAS, According to the "significant decrease" formula in SB 415, the Mt. San Antonio Community College District would be required to take action to consolidate its elections with statewide elections by January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code 14052(b) allows the following: "A political subdivision may hold an election other than on a statewide election date if, by January 1, 2018, the political subdivision has adopted a plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election not later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election"; and

WHEREAS, modifying the current election terms by extending them for one additional year so that the next election cycles would be in 2018 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, modifying the next two trustee election terms from four years to five years by extending the 2017 trustee election term to 2022, and the 2019 trustee election term to 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt. San Antonio Community College District hereby approves the consolidation of Board of Trustees Elections with Statewide Elections, specifically the November general election cycle, per the California Voter Participation Rights Act by extending the 2017 trustee election term to 2022 and the 2019 trustee election term to 2024.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board of Mt. San Antonio Community College District of Los Angeles County, California, at its regular meeting on October 12, 2016.

AYES, and in favor of, Board Members:

NOES, Board Members:

ABSENT, Board Members:

William T. Scroggins
College President & CEO and
Secretary, Governing Board