

**Resolution of the Board of Governors
California Community Colleges
No. 2016-02**

WHEREAS, members of the Gavilan Joint Community College District Board of Trustees are currently elected in *at-large* elections, or elections in which “each member of the governing board [is] elected by the registered voters of the entire district” (Education Code Section 5030(a));

WHEREAS, *at-large* electoral systems have been subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA);

WHEREAS, *by trustee-area* electoral systems, or elections in which “one or more members residing in each trustee area [is] elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area” (Education Code Section 5030(b)) may be less vulnerable to challenge under the CVRA than *at-large* electoral systems;

WHEREAS, the Gavilan Joint Community College District Board of Trustees retained a redistricting consulting firm, held a series of public forums and determined that a move from an *at-large* election system to a *by-trustee area* election system was in the best interest of the District;

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 72036 authorizes community college districts to change to a *by-trustee area* electoral system with the approval of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges;

WHEREAS, the Gavilan Joint Community College District submitted a formal request to the Chancellor’s Office to change election systems on November 12, 2015 (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Gavilan Joint Community College District has complied with the requirements of Election Code Section 72036.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges directs the following actions:

1. The change from *at-large* to *by-trustee area* elections for the Gavilan Joint Community College District is approved.
2. The Chancellor shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Gavilan Joint Community College District.

Geoffrey L. Baum, President
Board of Governors
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