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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization to receive public testimony and input from the community on a proposal to transfer school district territory out of **Sierra Unified School District** and into **Clovis Unified School District**.

The public hearing shall be held as follows:

DATE: September 17, 2024

TIME: No earlier than 5:30 p.m. and as close to that time as the business of the County Committee on School District Organization permits.

LOCATION: Clovis Unified School District
Professional Development Building, Boardroom
1680 David E. Cook Way
Clovis, California 93611

Public hearing materials are available at the Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California 93721, during regular business hours. Prior appointments must be scheduled to review and receive copies of public hearing materials. To schedule an appointment, please contact Benjamin Rosenbaum at brosenbaum@fcoe.org or (559) 265-3003.

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AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

Una audiencia pública será llevada a cabo por el Comité del Condado de Fresno sobre la Organización del Distrito Escolar para recibir testimonio público y aportación de la comunidad sobre una propuesta transferir el territorio del distrito escolar fuera del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Sierra, y en al Distrito Escolar Unificado de Clovis.

La audiencia pública será llevada a cabo como sigue:

FECHA: 17 de septiembre del 2024

HORA: No más temprano de las 5:30 p.m. y tan cerca de esa hora conforme lo permita el negocio del Comité del Condado en Organización del Distrito Escolar.

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Los materiales de la audiencia pública están disponibles en la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Fresno, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California 93721, durante horas hábiles regulares. Una cita previa debe de ser agendada para repasar y recibir copias de los materiales de la audiencia pública. Para agendar una cita, favor de contactar a Benjamin Rosenbaum a brosenbaum@fcoe.org o (559) 265-3003.

PETITION DESCRIPTION
EDUCATION CODE § 35705.5(b)

The territory transfer petition proposes the transfer of the neighborhood currently under development commonly known as Ventana Hills, along with multiple parcels of undeveloped land to the West, out of the Sierra Unified School District and into the territory of the Clovis Unified School District.

Pursuant to Education Code, section 35705.5, subd. (b), at least 10 days before the public hearing, or hearings, on the petition, the county committee shall make available to the public and to the governing boards affected by the petition a description of the petition, including all of the following:

(1) The rights of the employees in the affected districts to continued employment.

The rights of school district employees in school district reorganizations are described generally in Education Code, sections 35555 through 35559. At this time, it is uncertain whether the proposed transfer of territory will or will not affect any district employees' right to continued employment.

(2) The local control funding formula allocation pursuant to Section 42238.02, as implemented by Section 42238.03, per pupil, for each affected district and the effect of the petition, if approved, on that allocation.

Due to the limited number of students currently encompassed by the proposed territory transfer, there is no measurable anticipated effect on the per pupil allocation for either district at this time. However, the results of the territory transfer, if approved, may impact the per pupil allocation in the future if the property in the territory continues to be developed and additional students move into the transferred area.

(3) Whether the school districts involved will be governed, in part, by provisions of a city charter and, if so, in what way.

Not applicable to this petition.

(4) Whether the governing boards of any proposed new district will have five or seven members.

Not applicable to this petition.

(5) A description of the territory or school districts in which the election, if any, will be held.

As a part of its review of the petition, the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization will determine the territory or school districts in which the election, if any, will be held pursuant to the circumstances surrounding the transfer and applicable law.

(6) Where the proposal is to create two or more new districts, whether the proposal will be voted on as a single proposition.

Not applicable to this petition.

(7) Whether the governing board of any new district will have trustee areas and, if so, whether the trustees will be elected by only the voters of that trustee area or by the voters of the entire school district.

Not applicable to this petition.

(8) A description of how the property, obligations, and bonded indebtedness of original districts will be divided.

The area of the proposed territory transfer does not contain any public school real property. If the transfer is approved, the plans and recommendations of the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization would dictate the division of any other property, funds, or obligations affected by the proposal. Absent any provisions of the County Committee to the contrary, if the transfer is approved the territory transferred would assume its proportionate share of any outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district of which it becomes a part.

(9) A description of when the first governing board of any new district will be elected and how the terms of office for each new trustee will be determined.

Not applicable to this petition.

Received

PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF TERRITORY

MAY 06 2024

To the Superintendent of Schools of Fresno County:

FCSS Legal Services

Pursuant to Education Code Section 35700, subdivision (a), the undersigned, constituting at least 25 percent of the registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be transferred, now within the boundaries of the Sierra Unified School District, Fresno County, petition that the boundaries of the Sierra Unified School District be changed to eliminate from it the territory hereinafter described. The undersigned persons petition that the territory be transferred to and included within the Clovis Unified School District of Fresno County.

The property to be transferred is described as follows:

Lots 1-91 and Outlots A-R of "Map of Tract No. 5100, Ventana Hills," recorded in the County of Fresno on March 9, 2005 in Volume 71 of Plats, at pages 84 thru 92. This territory transfer proposal also includes the land contained within Fresno County APNs 300-061-29, 300-061-30, 300-061-59, 300-061-62, 300-420-29S, 300-420-04S, 300-420-25S, 300-542-19, 300-542-20, 300-542-21, 300-542-22, 300-542-23. Please see Exhibit A for a visual delineation.

Affected school districts: Sierra Unified School District; Clovis Unified School District

The undersigned request the changes in the respective boundaries of the school districts for the following reasons:

- 1. Substantial community identity
- 2. Student safety and access to cocurricular activities

The Chief Petitioner(s) for the purpose of receiving notices and so forth are:

	<i>Name (print or type)</i>	<i>Address</i>
1.	<u>Marc A. Thurston</u>	<u>20243 Ventana Hills Dr</u>
2.	<u></u>	<u>Clovis CA</u>
3.	<u></u>	<u></u>

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

SIGNATURE PAGES REMOVED

Gov. Code §§ 7924.100-7924.110, Elec. Code §§ 17200, 17400

EXHIBIT A to PETITION for TRANSFER of TERRITORY

County Service Area No. 34 (Millerton New Town)

Authorized services: water, wastewater, street sweeping, street lighting

