

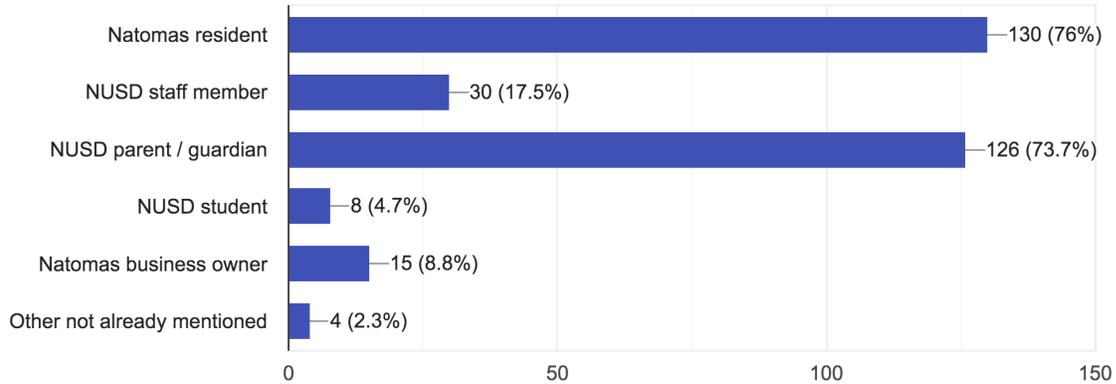
1st Community Survey

Feedback on Transition to By-Trustee Area Elections

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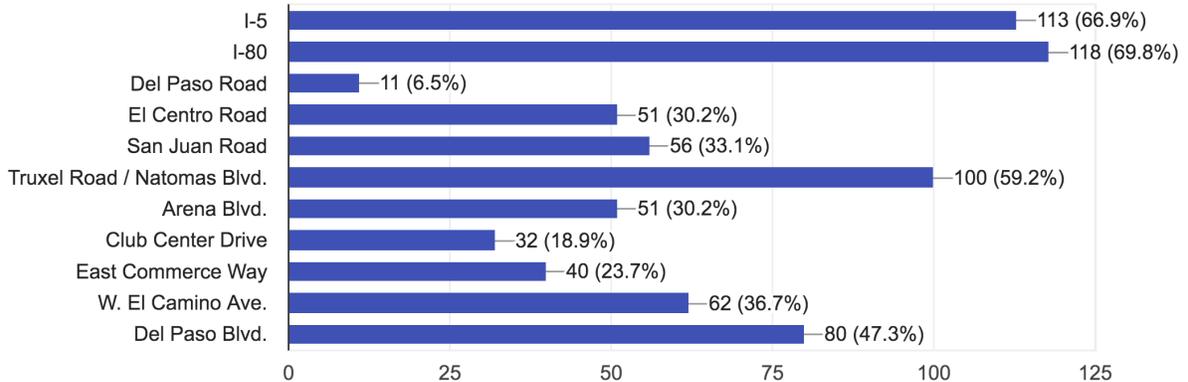
Please mark the boxes that best describe you (check all that apply)

171 responses



Major streets/highways can often act as natural boundaries and help map makers (demographers) when they draft Trustee Areas. Which streets do yo...hers. Check all that apply from your perspective:

169 responses



**What major landmarks do you feel can also help with identifying Trustee Areas?
(Examples: Natomas High School, Aquatic Center, Fire Station on El Centro, etc)**¹⁰⁹

responses

Natomas High School

Aquatic center

Arena

South Natomas, North Natomas, Natomas High, Inderkum

Kohl's, H Allen Height, Paso Verde School, Natomas High School, Leroy Greene

None.

NUSD School District

Librarys

Northgate Blvd

West lake Park, Natomas Regional Park, NHS

McClellan

I don't know

Natomas high and Inderkum

I don't believe this matters as trustees should represent every child and landmarks have nothing to do with learning

none

Elkhorn blvd is the end on the north and west elcamino in the south.

Inderkum HS, Natomas HS and Fire Station at Club Center

Zip code

Canal

NHS

natomas high, natomas charter, Allen Hight middle, pfaa, garden highway

Natomas High, Inderkum,

All of the schools in the district

Neighborhoods like NextDoor does, ie Natomas Park, Village 5, South Natomas, Creekside, Witter Ranch

PFAA Campus, Inderkum HS

Elkhorn Rd

Water Tank on Elkhorn

South Natomas Library, North Natomas Library

Huckleberry

Natomas elementary school

Currently existing schools and fire stations

El centro

NA

North Natomas Library

I think major roadways would be better suited.

Public libraries, aquatic center, westlake park, blackbird park, natomas regional park, former arco

High Schools

Westlake Area (PVS, Witter), Natomas Park Area (NMS, HAH, Heron, IHS, Creekside), East NP (NP Elem, Natomas Crossing), Natomas HS (JF, AL, BC), and SW area (Two Rivers Elem, LGA)

Westlake, Natomas High, Inderkum, LGA -

Inderkum HS; Aquatic Center, Sleep Train

na

Club center Area

All NUSD schools, parks and community centers, commerce and retail centers

TARGET, PARKS, AND GROCERY STORES

The existing school boundaries should inform the boundaries so parents can escalate issues to a trustee over their school.

Westlake, west shore, the clubhouse

Inderkum High School

Natomas High School

Fire Station on W. El Camino

Probably by subdivisions/developments as they are listed on city maps.

Inderkum high school and the club center

Natomas high school, el centro, San Juan, arena blvd

Charters

Fire Stations

Natomas High, Leroy Greene Academy, El Centeno Fire Station, inderkum high school

Doc does not allow East Commerce Way to be checked. I don't think landmarks should be used.

None, its a bad idea.

Acro Arena

The 2 high schools

Aquatic Center on Del Paso Blvd.

South Natomas Library, North Natomas Library, Natomas Marketplace/Promenade, Northgate Blvd,

Ideally create trustee areas that have vertical integration- where a trustee would represent portions of north and south Natomas where feasible

El Centro, Garden Highway, Sacramento & American Rivers,

Aquatic Center

Sleep Train Arena

Each high school, including charters- Natomas, Inderkum, PFAA, NP3, WCHS, North & South Natomas libraries

Community centers

Use census population data to draw the boundary. Follow standard process followed by city and county across the country to draw their boundary every 10 years

School geographic area boundaries

Natomas High

Inderkum and Natomas High Schools also the Fire Station

Inderkum High School, Club House on Club Center

Aquatic Center and Fire Station in El Centro

schools

bannon creek parkway, north natomas regional park

Natomas library on truxel road south

Arco Arena

truxel road. El Camino east commerce

South Natomas Library

South Natomas Library/Community Center, North Natomas Library

Whittier Ranch school

Natomas high school

Arco Arena, Natomas high school

We should use a mathematical model based on population, or this BS.

Inderkum High, Natomas High

Natomas High School, Leroy Green, Inderkum

Northgate corridor, parks or neighborhood centers

Natomas High School, H. Allen Height, Fire Station on El Centro, Fire Station on Club Center,

Each public high school (IHS, NHS-DHS, NP3)

Our existing schools

I'm new to the area so I'm not sure.

Truck Stop on El Centro, Elkhorn Blvd, all of Natomas Park West

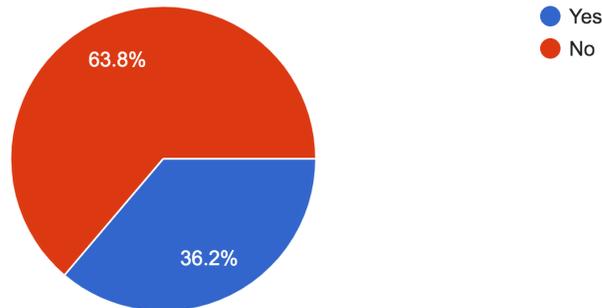
Natomas High Inderkum High Leroy Greene Fire Stations, and Community Centers

poor grammar in question - someone should have proof read! Irrelevant question to me.

South Natomas Library,

As of today, Natomas has three city council member districts. Should city council districts play a role in NUSD boundary setting?

163 responses



If you would like, please briefly explain why you answered the previous question the way you did. 93 responses

I think we should have new boundaries for new roles, especially because existing ones may favor specific groups because of segregation, redlining, etc.

The council districts struggle with fragmentation of services.

Different geographic areas and agendas

Consistency & less confusing if they align

Should be kept in house.

Wouldn't it be easier to use boundaries that are already set? That way you only need to make up two more districts for trustees, correct?

I live out of the "norm" district

I don't think city council district representatives really represent their districts as well

Balance of power

See answer above - every trustee represents every child and the city council districts should not influence the maps drawn.

Because the city council districts are gerrymandered garbage.

Because it's all Natomas and they should have a say so

It should be the area covered by NUSD.

It politicizes academics very very negatively

South Natomas should not be obliterated by the power, money, and influence of the north.

I'm not entirely sure it would be inclusive/representative of the diversity

I do not think the City Council member district accurately depicts the demographics or represents the student body in the district

For more equal representation, the 5 districts should be divided equally by population density so that each of the 5 represents the same approx number of students/families. How would you decide the other 2 if you went by city districts? Also, the city districts are based upon population density of entire city, so it would screw the districts in NUSD boundaries.

"I don't know" wasn't an option, and I think it would be better to at least take them into consideration than not at all.

I live in Natomas (off East Commerce and Greg Thatch), however my child has to attend school in Twin Rivers school district. It's a five minute walk to a NUSD school in our neighborhood but instead she is required to attend a school 8 miles away.

Based on Natomas population

City council districts aren't chosen with any regards to kids - this is about what's best for the kids

Designate by Natomas Communities and not political boundaries

They have a more in depth information and understanding.

Tying NUSD boundaries to city districts adds another level of unnecessary bureaucracy.

City council should play a role for NUSD

N/A

I would like it to be a committee of stakeholders in the district instead.

Efficient election process, work together cohesively, same grouping demographics, similar landmarks and issues

they can be natural boundaries

No, those are based on city wide demographic data, I think that isn't equal to Natomas. Natomas should be divided based on Natomas only

It should be parents of NUSD students and local business owners - not politicians

Natural geography, rather than political map is more logical

Avoid setting up political office stepping stones. Political competition by local electeds keeps them all focused on a bigger picture.

It will create power imbalances. City council districts should have ZERO impact upon NUSD boundaries. Also, the city is undergoing redistricting, so what is true now might not be true 2 or 3 years from now. Also, there are SIGNIFICANT equity and equality issues.

City of Sacramento redistricting should have no impact on NUSD boundaries....it doesn't work that way in other area school districts.

I have no idea what those are.

The school board does not need to align with any other political bodies and should be focused and responsive to the community regardless of how the city divides areas

Boundaries already established I assume based on populations.

It is easier to use any existing boundaries in place that work.

Most do not live in Natomas

City council districts don't split just The district. They include other areas/districts.

City Council members may politicize School Boards, should be kept separate and apart

Redlining and boundary-setting is serious political work. You do not want the city council boundaries the same as the trustee boundaries. It can duplicate and exacerbate inequities.

If you actually live in Natomas you should be apart of the NUSD instead of Twin Rivers

These are distinct and separate reasons

Cross representation will better serve our students, instead of Trustees or Council members only focusing on their area

City Council already does a poor job with their current duties there is no reason to give the city council more responsibility to screw up.

It is my understanding that only five trustees will be chosen. The only way to distribute these districts fairly would be to have six trustees or two per district. Otherwise lines should be drawn in a more diplomatic fashion to fairly and evenly represent Natomas.

Knowledge of city, experience

The boundaries should be newly defined. The city council boundaries were decided before recent construction.

The council districts seem to have no correlation to school districts

The city council should have no influence. The public should be able to vote for whoever lives in the school district.

The way those districts are broken up won't make sense to how our schools would be divided by Trustee areas.

There may be a benefit to trustees/board members being defined along with the council districts to align with council members on the local area needs

It seems logical to use the City Council boundaries, since they already exist. I'm not sure if those boundaries reflect our district's diversity though.

No comment

Those lines will likely be redrawn this year, possibly making them irrelevant. Also, we don't need to be a political stepping stone.

This will bring politics into decision making process

City council districts are unbalanced within NUSD and we're drawn to protect existing council members.

NUSD should remain independent.

Preference to keep separate.

Manage their own respective areas includes schools. Overlap may conflict with other events that represent I've may not be fully versed in

Change

n/a

city council districts are already wonky and poorly represent natomas. linking those to new trustee districts will reinforce the poorly designed city council districts at the natomas level.

For better development and empowerment decision making

I would like an impartial body deciding I feel politicians may have a different motive than educators

I don't feel council member agree and can cause conflict

City Council can't find their way out of a box. They wouldn't add anything.

Council areas stretch outside NUSD boundaries which may complicate the issues of accurately representing the various parts of our district

They know the city

City council play important rule in society

I would like to see 1 or at the most 2 council districts in Natomas

Because we do not want undue influence from the city council.

Those districts are completely irrelevant to NUSD

Not necessarily, NUSD trustee boundaries should be based on neighborhoods. I'm not sure how the city Council draws their lines.

Consistency, sustainability, and integrity of rules

Only if the city council members are aware of the needs of their constituents when it comes to education.

Could lead to political favoritism

The focus should be on schools not the general population

No because all right the trustees should be knowledgeable to set the boundaries that will best benefit each School and sector

I don't like the idea of sectioning out the district as kids go to schools outside what would be considered boundaries in Natomas. My kids go to different Natomas schools and neither are near our house. This makes absolutely no sense.

Not sure that matters

With city council politics can get in the way- instead of an objective decision based upon the best interests of the children

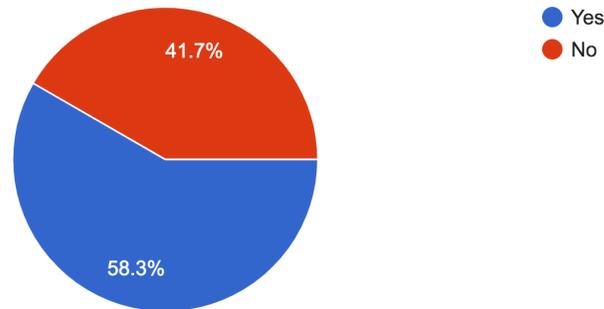
They have the experience with the neighborhoods.

They have expertise on enrollment and population in the district

Do not want to encourage people to run for school board only because it would appear to be a stepping stone for city council.

NUSD has 21 schools including charter schools. Do you think there should be a minimum or maximum number of schools included in each Trustee area?

168 responses



If you would like, please briefly explain why you answered the previous question the way you did. 93 responses

Just because certain schools/areas may have more people, and I think it's more important for there to be a number of people to be represented, then a number of schools. Thus, everyone despite their school is getting a say.

There are many Charter Schools in Natomas, there needs to coordination with the district to determine the best place for Charter Schools as well as traditional schools.

There should be some balance

I think the break up should distribute the areas schools as evenly as possible also keeping the population even.

Enrollment # makes more sense than # of schools Divide each area to include similar # of students

If there is a minimum and maximum number of schools in an area, it would hopefully prevent one school from dominating an area and setting up boundaries that would lead certain schools (students and parents) to be more dominant and have more impact when voting

So the trustees have an equal as possible to look after an not have one overwhelmed by too many schools to look after.

The trustees are meant to represent the schools and it doesn't make sense for one district to have two and another to have 10. They don't have to have the exact number for each district, but numbers should be close.

To keep it a manageable size to oversee accountability

Fairness

Balance

Each district should have the same number of charters - spread evenly through the trustee areas as they are independent charters. It would be nice if districts represented 3 or 4 schools each including charters.

Trustee areas should include roughly the same number of students but also not be concentrated in just a few schools. Minimum number of schools is a good idea. Don't care about maximum number nor do I think it makes sense.

Due to lack of schools in Natomas, we need to make sure we are at the max. They keep building all these over priced homes in Natomas and no schools.

Trustees should know and represent several schools.

Schools need flexibility to support those children being serviced. Sweeping accountability inevitably leads to inequities and lessening responsibility.

The less schools, the more attention each school can receive.

student population averages or maximums may be more telling?

I think there should be a certain number to give a better depiction of the students

The trustees need to have non-charter schools in their areas. Right now, the charter schools are far superior than the non-charter. It creates a disproportionate learning experience in the district for those students who did not "win the lottery" or those socioeconomically disadvantaged who cannot afford the transportation & other expenses that come along with the charter schools. We need trustees who are going to level the playing field so we stop losing families moving out or transferring to private because the local non-charter school is low quality.

Areas should be roughly balanced, but may vary by location.

Too many schools in one area doesn't allow the trustee to invest adequate time into the schools.

Schools need to be all open for enrollment based on location

Fairness and representation

Each area of Natomas is different and should be represented

Trustees should represent roughly the same population/area as other trustees

It shouldn't matter how many schools a trustee has in his/her area

N/A

Most of the charter schools are independent and do not represent the interest of Natomas Unified. It should be based mostly on population and diversity. Further there are many charters in the north area of Natomas. There are no charters located in South Natomas bordered by I-5 to the west, Garden Hwy to the south, and I-80 to the north.

Hard for Trustee to meet each pta and principal and group needs if one has more schools constitutes to manage than the other.

Areas should be based on resident population.

It should be geographical, and balanced by population.

This should be based on demographics of the population, some of those are charters. School numbers can change

It will be easier to have Trustees with knowledge of their neighborhood schools- kind of a local expert

I support the goal of having the map makers look at facility equity when approaching their task.

Are we talking about charter schools operating under the NUSD or the county?

At least a minimum number.

The focus should be number of students or households represented.

Attempt to divide schools evenly among trustee areas.

To evenly distribute the influence each Trustee has

I think if more NUSD students live in a particular geographic area, that area should have more board trustee representation.

The 5 areas should operate uniformly, the idea of giving min/max lends to open up disparaging inequities

Natomas is growing, more people are moving here, there should be a sufficient number of schools for kids

Construction may not have kept up with population growth. Let the schools and boundaries fall where they may.

Each Trustee area should have no more than 1 charter school in their area, and should represent at least 2 Natomas Unified Schools

We need people who live here to represent our schools. Any out of town principal can work here and not do it for the district but for the salary. We need to focus on local accountability

While each area should evenly represent residence and students we must also be cautious that there is not a largely uneven amount of schools represented in any given area. Perhaps setting a minimum such as three would help in this.

It would seem odd to have, say, 3 schools in one district and 10 in another

The trustee areas should be roughly equivalent based on number of students/residents in each area, not based on geographic size

Vote for whoever lives in the district. The five people with the most votes win.

Trustee areas should represent number of students, not number of schools in an area

One person cannot be effective if they have too many schools under them - additionally, if the schools they are covering include elementary, middle, high and charter, the obvious differences that occur in the needs of them would also bog down the trustee/board member from being able to provide proper service to all.

The borders and locations of the schools don't exactly match the different concerns of each area of Natomas.

This way all schools may have equal(ish) representation to the governance of the district

No comment

A somewhat equal amount of schools and population should be represented

Trustee role and responsibility should be equally divided.

Each should have approximately the same number of schools

Too many become unmanageable.

This will help ensure equity in responsibility.

Each trustee should be responsible to consider impact on children's education.

Share the duties

The more school the better parents and teachers need to know their community school is reliable instead of going some place else

Reasonable class sizes is a priority for me and less schools means teachers will have more workload and would not have the time needed to help students

Every school every student needs a trustee in their area that they can focus on or parents know they can reach if there is an issue

Considering charter schools, the number of schools in a district is not necessarily representative of that area's population and school attendance.

I think this should be considered, but more importantly the consideration should be around school populations and communities with similar needs should be represented by a candidate who can truly understand those needs.

We need more middle and high schools

Easier to handle

A minimum number of schools in each district

With the population growth and new developments, we have to look at where the constituents are and will be. Schools properly reflect population density and thus have an impact on representation.

Yes, because, some schools will have more influence than others or more population.

It should be by area

I think the areas should be based on population and geography, not school sites.

It's similar to the population demographic regulations for city council district boundaries

I think it should be geographical.

Just so the Trustees have a bit of similarity in the work they are doing.

Putting a max on number of schools per rep will prevent any one board member from having more power than the others

I feel they should be split close to evenly. It won't be exact. Ideally a mixture of schools would be best
NSM

It should be divided by population

Trustee areas make no sense and my kids go to different schools in Natomas and my house is in a different area so the Trustee would make no sense. I am not alone in taking my kids to schools not in my neighborhood.

Everyone should have several schools so the workload is spread out

Not enough data to make an educated answer

fairness

Number of schools is not the same as enrollment. Both factors should be considered, perhaps additional factors as well.

It should be by area, whatever happens to be there

This whole plan is a bad idea. The evidence all points to elections by area as resulting in worse governance of the school district.

North Natomas and South Natomas - How important is it for you to have South and North representation?^{142 responses}

Very important

Very

Very important

Very

Important

VERY! South Natomas gets dealt way less resources than North Natomas and they need to be heard!

All parts of the community should be represented. Each neighborhood has unique issues that need representation.

All areas should be represented

Very. All students should have someone living in their immediate area to fight for them.

Very Important

It's a boundary so it's important

Very important since there are different beds for each section.

Both should be represented. There are different needs at times in these areas of Natomas. One area should not be overly represented. This could lead to de facto segregation and unequal representation

Very important. So all schools are looked after and have representation.

Both are important.

Not important

I'd rather have left and right of I-5 and north and south of Arena/Del Paso

It is not important- more important that maps are drawn so there is not a N/S Natomas fight - maybe draw districts east to west

The geography is not relevant. It is if the residents within the trustee areas have common concerns and issues. I do think those concerns and issues are likely to be different in north and south natomas due to different demographics. But there is nothing inherently important about the geography.

Extremely important

Very...The energy is very different. I'm not a big fan of South Natomas. North Natomas is safer to me.

Not important. When you have north and south, you should have East and West

As long as they are from the areas where the schools are, they will represent that geography.

Meh

Very important

VERY important to have both halves represented so there don't end up being unequal representation/large disparities.

Very as the needs in each area are very different

Very important to have both sides represented as each have different needs and concerns

Very important. South represents a lower socioeconomic population & those children deserve high quality education as well.

Yes, better to have both represented.

Not important. We should be ONE Natomas. Separation has caused a stigma to be placed on residents in South Natomas.

Vital

very important

South Natomas is grossly underrepresented in many aspects and it is the lower income area with older schools

very

As each area has its own libraries, community centers it is important

It's important to represent both sides of Natomas

Very important to have South Natomas representation

Important. Different demographic and issues. Deserve equal voice.

It is most important since south Natomas is currently not physically represented except for Trustee Harden.

South must be, it is not now.

VERY! each community is unique and knows their neighborhood the best. They are able to decide the priorities that best meet the needs of that neighborhood

I support 5 district trustee seats that are as equal in shape, population, diversity and economics as is possible.

VERY South Natomas has been ignored for SO LONG. Also, South Natomas is more diverse and less wealthy. Please make sure to center and amplify South Natomas!!

Extremely...South Natomas was developed before North Natomas, and often gets neglected.

South Natomas is underrepresented

Extremely important!

Most important issue to those of us who live in South Natomas, because we are often left out when it comes to representation

I think representation should be based on population and not on number of schools,

Very important because both areas are totally different

Very Important

We're ALL Natomas !!!

I prefer not to continue the stigma of North or South, but trustee areas should be drawn to include both North and South in them. If we were to only draw N/S - South Natomas would only have 2 trustees and it would always continue the us vs them - which is inappropriate when dealing with children and their education.

Very important. Natomas is not meeting the needs in either case.

All of Natomas should be represented to create the equity the board is seeking.

Important— these areas have a history of claiming inequity

Very. South Natomas is under represented and each area has unique needs

The board represents the entire district, not just the area where each member lives.

important

Very Important. There should be representation in both North and South Natomas..

I believe this need to be broken down even further. I live in North but just above San Juan Road. Our community is significantly different that say the Regency Park or Club areas while still being different than the South. People need to be familiar with the subtle differences that exist in all of Natomas's great neighborhoods.

100% vital

Ideally both. Trustees should have the interests of all nUSD students - not just one geographic area.

very important!!! I've only lived here for six months, but even I can see the wonderful diversity in South Natomas as compared to north natomas.

Representation should reflect the population

Fairly important

Very important because of the growing community

Unsure

not really

Very important to ensure South has fair representation

Don't care.

Very keep them separate!

Important

All should be represented.

somewhat. the demographics, house values, and family income levels are quite different. this change will inherently reinforce those disparities.

South is a must, currently South is overlooked and ignored, took forever to update Jefferson while north had new schools built.

100% agree we need all hands on deck to make all matters work best for the community

very important all should be heard, each area have different priorities

Somewhat important

very important

Extremely. Needs ans demographics differ.

It is not important

North Natomas is important to me.

N/A

Both areas has different envirnoment so its better to have thrie own representatives

South Natomas will have less proportionate representation because you will carve it out that way.

South Natomas is poorer and poorer places always get fucked in these situations. As a south Natomas resident I am fully against the idea of making representation l've boundaries.

Not very important

Extremely important because they represent different demographics.

VERY IMPORTANT.

Critical.

Not important as long as there is equal representation based on population.

All NUSD area should be represented.

No

Very: utmost importance that South be represented fairly and equitably

Of course. Isn't that the point?

i want North represented

I think it should just be divided by population in numbers not by distance

It is very important that South Natomas schools have same representation and resources as North Natomas Schools. It is a known and felt divide amongst staff, students and families.

Both should be represented as we have schools in both areas. Income disparities should not affect their ability to be represented on school trustee issues.

I live in So. Natomas and I don't think it matters they should represent all areas the same.

What else would you like to know about the change from At-Large Trustee elections to By-Trustee Area elections?⁶⁶ responses

None

Nothing

NA

We have a north and a south...how will we break up the five trustees? Do we make north Natomas have two larger areas and south of three smaller areas or vice versa?

Good change 👍

Not sure yet

If you live in Natomas- you should attend school in Natomas USD not twin rivers

I would like to know all the benefits. It is a good idea because living inside the district you represent encourages the Trustee to be invested

The specific district boundaries

Can the district approve maps and still get elected district wide b/c it doesn't make sense that a trustee only represents a certain area.

What is the justification for this change? is it mandated by law? Because explanation didn't say that. Making each trustee accountable to a smaller group of citizens is completely negative. The explanation of lower cost campaigns is ridiculous. It is already extremely low for school board trustee.

Not at the moment

Just keep it simple - a paragraph will do.

that it will create better representation and not have the same board members on the board for years
Hopefully this will make things better for the students and lessen the inequalities between the charter and non-charter schools that harm students.

What will the areas be? How can I get information about trustees from my area?

Results

What does it change?

When is this change effective?

How many ppl and schools in each area. How will first election work.

How will it affect current sitting members?

What is the first election that these will be in place? 2022? 2023? 2024?

How will change be implemented in terms of voting cycles.

This is good and long overdue.

I would like to know population and demographic information about the new districts to ensure they are fair.

In the last election there were 3 great candidates from the same small neighborhood, How do we ensure that we have the best board members and are not missing out on great leadership because of where people live?

Everything I need to know, as a resident & tax payer

Transparency is key

Why

How much money from their affiliate political parties are helping or donating to elect trustees. The board is very one way politically and will not acknowledge their failings

Impact on current trustees. How many are at risk of losing their seats? Will every seat be up for reelection with the shift to by-trustee area election process takes effect?

Are citizens in the district limited who they can vote for based on where the citizen lives?

What the territory's are going to be and who is in my territory in term of Trustee. in my territory

Updates and ways to participate

What exactly it means

Just updates

What are the possible benefits of this way, what could we lose?

Bring diversity, make minimum education requirement for trustee. should not have conflict of interest, religious & political affiliation etc....

Nothing.

Background, accomplishments (data), intent, impacts, etc.

n/a

Nothing much. Just equal share of what is given

What happens if no one in a trustee area wants to run?

Will there be an opportunity to provide additional input after a draft of trustee districts is available?

Nothing. Don't do it. It is a terrible idea for such a small region. Living on a particular street does not drastically change ones needs from a school board.

Must make sure the Trustee elected does live in the specified area and it must be their main residence.

Transparency in process and outcomes and current members' voting records on the process and decisions

What happens if a trustee moves out of their elected area?

What differences will occur?

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why would this be beneficial other than for election purposes. Hopefully its not just for trustees to get votes

Terrible idea, don't know why this is being done. I know folks from all Natomas areas and feel we are all represented the same.

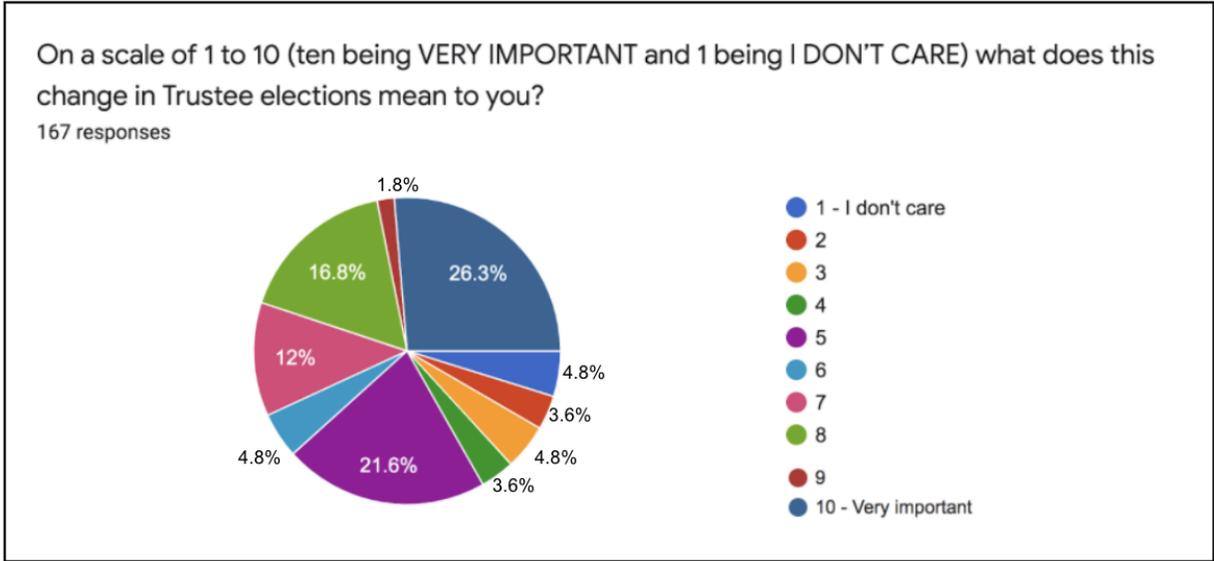
Is there a possibility there will not be anyone running in 2022

What specific improvements for equity for students will come about due to this change?

The impact on current Trustees. Will they need to move?

Who came up with this idea?

What options do we have to stop this from happening?



What are your biggest worries or negatives about new Trustee Areas? 101 responses

- None
- Certain schools or people will dominate the board/ elections.
- Limiting good representatives who happen to live in the same area.
- I am afraid that as population grows, South Natomas will lack representation.
- Maybe the best candidates won't always be able to run
- I want all students to be represented and fought for, including lower income, extra needs and charter.
- Nine it's being taken very slowly
- That it is done in a transparent and equitable manner. It needs to be thought out and responsible.
- I just don't want it to become a political mess. Will Natomas be able to move forward without selfishness?
- Some areas are none to minimally represented
- None, I'm hopeful it can represent and address the neighborhood challenges that can affect my child's education
- Perception of a North / South fight... making sure that maps are drawn that cross boundaries and are not just aligned with a neighborhood so that Trustees represent cross sections of Natomas not just their area. Not sure why we have to go to trustee areas when what Natomas has is working and has diversity on the board.

Making each trustee accountable to smaller portion of residents is entirely negative. Allows for even smaller groups of people to exert too much influence which already happens because so few people engage in this area.

People being segregated based on neighborhood values.

I don't know

Parents/voters not invested.

unsure yet

I have no worries or negatives I think anything is better than what we currently have

That they will favor some higher performing schools and leave out lower performing schools.

What will happen if there is not a competent candidate in an area? What happens when their interests are at odds with other trustees?

Busing of out of neighborhood kids

I don't know how it will change things so transparency is key

Lack of candidates to volunteer to run for elections in certain areas

Making sure our area has adequate and informed representation

NA

I'm not even sure what it means honestly

I do not have any big worries about this.

Potentially less representation since we only have one person vs "all" trustees and we may be stuck with a "bad" one until election. Will they represent NUSD demographics.

Experienced trustees will be removed from the Board and replaced by inexperienced members based on their residence

None. It will be a positive move, and we have needed it for a while.

That they are gerrymandered

No worries at all.

That the those in power (who all live in North Natomas) will do all they can to keep power concentrated in North Natomas.

The area is growing a lot. Hope it is representative of our community.

Loss of institutional knowledge and squeezing out great board members because they live in the same area

Only on fairness of area division.

South Natomas being left out

With all the leadership failures in our public service, everything is suspect if people being appointed have hidden agenda or are there to be of service to all people

I want the Trustee Areas to be equally represented

No representation or advocates for underrepresented or underserved students

North / South us vs them mentality, too many charter schools in one trustee area, making sure that a district is drawn with a minority - majority is very important. Not always sticking with the freeway as a natural barrier when drawing maps b/c that would segregate Natomas...

My worries are that the budgets get spent and the schools don't get any better. The ROI is pretty low and home school is looking better all the time

Unsure

The potential siloed thinning that can arise from Trustee Areas could cause rifts when all system initiatives are presented.

Fairness in division of the area

I don't want to lose institutional knowledge of current trustees. Is there a way to phase this in?

Can residents in the district vote for anyone living in the district, or only candidates who live in the residents Trustee Area?

None

We all know that certain schools get more attention than others because of greater parent involvement, I hope schools without that parent involvement are not taken for granted in decision making; there is a north side school that has an AP; many south side schools don't have that, but really need one, if not more because the support at home is not as great or available.

They do not know the area and the school's in that area.

The delays that will inevitable exist until everyone is up to speed - in the end, however, it should be better for all.

That the power will be uneven towards richer and whiter neighborhoods

It would be sad if NUSD became like SacCity or Twin Rivers with in fighting

Funding to local schools and parent/student representation

Over representation of one side versus the other.

Don't know

Pitting neighborhoods against one another for services and money

Segregation

not have right representation from some area

Inclusiveness.

Inequity. False promises with little action.

misrepresentation or manipulation

I fear this will reinforce a system in which south natomas schools are underresourced and north natomas schools receive more focus.

South N trustees will be ignored

People would have more say and not one sided

nothing getting done, yearly objectives should be clear

Unqualified trustees who run opposed.

We are too concentrated they all seem to live in my immediate neighborhood

No concerns.

That South Natomas area school will not be adequate representation by someone who understands the unique needs of our students/families.

That we get bumped into South Natomas

No idea

Segregation by income

It will not represent the will of the people because the top candidates in the district will not be chosen. It will be gerrymandered. It will be poorly representative, especially for poorer people.

Due to lack of participation or unequal population there will be lack of resources and advocacy.

That there will be a bigger division between North and South.

My neighborhood won't be represented.

As always, I want to make sure every school is represented fairly.

Boundaries will be drawn to penalize lower income areas and further isolate their representation

Want to make sure the needs of residents is met. I moved from Regency Park still in North Natomas to Natomas Park because we had no real choice of where my kids went to school. Regency Park Elementary is great but didn't want to bus my kids out of North Natomas for middle and high school.

Isn't Regency Park part of Natomas

No

Gerrymandering of the 5 areas

Having Trustees from each area that understand education and the process and commitment of being a board member.

Not clear on how the changes will benefit my child specifically

i think it's dumb. it's a way for the voters to purposely not be allowed to vote for who we want
Kids go to schools not in their neighborhood so having someone represent the area you live in is a terrible idea. They should represent the entire district.

None at this time

I want South Natomas to have 2 representatives; one from each side of I-5; biggest concern is you won't do it

That it will make equity worse on accident

the unknown

Lack of qualified candidates in a given area. It is a critical job and far more time consuming and thankless than most people realize. I'm also concerned about politics getting in the way. Special interest groups taking this opportunity to push an agenda such as white washing history or banning books.

Equity instead of equality.

They will not be qualified to serve and do not understand what the role of the school board is. This is what happens when you go down this route.

What are the biggest plusses or positives about new Trustee Areas?^{98 responses}

Better representation of ALL natomas students and schools

Not sure

I hope more underrepresented communities will be represented and get the resources they need.

May help ensure schools get more equal attention.

Might offer better overall representation

It would spread if the trustees over the whole of Natomas.

Representation seems fair

Hopefully, this will lead to a better representation of Natomas

Already mentioned in previous question

Add options

Fairness

Not sure I know what positives there are

Residency requirement within trustee area is good. Would be even better if they had to have their children (if they have any) enrolled in purely public (not charter) NUSD schools.

Better ability to address needs in our area from other drama unfolding elsewhere
unsure yet

It will give those who are really invested in the community to represent the students of their area and it promotes equity and fairness in giving opportunities for those to run for a trustee position who may not have

See previous answer

More opportunity for representation of all schools.

Grid and guidelines

Better community representation

Represent where you live

NA

They would be more vested in the schools they represent in their area.

Better representation since person lives in boundary and has similar areas and potentially "designated" schools in their zone area. Less schools to worry about so more focus on their schools and pta. North and South better represented

We won't have 3 trustees congregated into one gated community as we do now. We will have south Natomas represented physically which is important for equity.

Knowing all areas are represented-Trustees are are not all from one neighborhood

More representation

Active, local and focused representation

Smaller and more grassroots election appeal, lower election costs and more targeted campaigning to voters, more diversity of candidates coming from the district community.

More equitable representation!

Geographic representation is better for low-income and minority students.

Better representation & accountability for the areas.

More responsive board members.

More concentration in each area by a designated individual.

South Natomas becoming represented

New communities in Natomas may be represented

I can't answer until I understand why the change.

Making sure South Natomas is represented.

Nothing verifiable.

In order to truly represent and make decisions for every student we must ensure that our trustees understand Where they are coming from. The new structure will allow for this.

Each area has dedicated i socials to communicate with. Learning about an area helps inform voting.

Having each area equally represented

I want to ensure all trustees are actively engaged. Some areas of Natomas seem to be currently underrepresented

None

Maybe each school, area, can be better represented.

Hopfully, they will be able to be transparent with the funding for our school.

A better understanding by the representatives as to the unique needs of the neighborhoods.

If down probably it can ensure each neighborhood has a voice

Easier elections = pro. Negatives are the potential infighting and less global perspective on the district as a whole.

Equality and diversity

Don't know

Possibly greater representation

More people to work together to help the communities

all areas will be equally represented in the board

Fair representation of older areas, smaller campaign expenditure

More representation,

n/a

People are more likely to elect one of their neighbors, who is more closely connected to the direct issues of that particular neighborhood

Finally someone who actually lives in S. Natomas representing the area

More empowerment

equity in areas

you would have representation that is familiar with the issues in their area;

Underrepresented areas will finally get some attention.

We are too concentrated they all seem to live in my immediate neighborhood

Ensures participation and representation from all neighborhoods and school communities in Natomas.

Positive: they can be more representative of their constituents.

The opportunity for trustees to live in and represent an area they are familiar with.

New hopes

Trustee must live in district

None. It is a useless plan and will not yield any benefits.

The new trustee area will be more specific and have a true representative who is invested because he/she will be from the area.

The possibilities of having reps that actually understand what South Natomas faces - not just on paper.

Better demographic representation

I don't know yet!!

Equity

I don't know

All neighborhoods will be represented, not just 1 or 2

Everyone feeling represented.

cant say since i am not clear on why this is needed in the first place other than for election purposes
nothing

Increased diversity in terms of perspectives related to the needs of our students and families through lived experience/closer proximity to the diversity of our district.

Hopeful for South Natomas representation

What is the plus, I have no idea. I think it is a silly idea.

It's long overdue and the South will finally get representation

great representation; and hopefully a more engaged board who know the schools and neighborhoods they represent; and are held accountable

Better representation for all residents

equity

More representative voices.

Actual representation of people that live in those areas.

There are no positives about election by area. Only negatives.

Other comments or questions: 41 responses

None

No

NUSD has to do better with the board selection and stop the inequity

Stop overcrowding our kids schools. They don't learn when teacher/ student ratio is outnumbered.

N/A

NA

Make sure community is involved and informed about process.

Suggest: West El Camino as the southern boundary, Truxel or I-80 as the midpoint between two southern areas/districts, I-80 as the southern border for 3 northern districts, I-5 as one boundary and Truxel as another middle of 3 northern areas/districts is what makes the most sense.

Looking forward to meetings

I have continued interest in this project.

The district should mail information to everyone who lives in the district and not just parents and guardians.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment!

Charter schools draw from all parts of Natomas (geography doesn't play a role), so how does this change support (or not support) charter schools?

Why is del paso blvd on the list of boundaries? Shouldn't it be del past road?

The new community (Parkebridge) behind Natomas High School should be apart of NUSD instead of Twin Rivers

Publish the school budget. Don't make the parents who are unable to find the budget work so hard to look.

Probably should have been done sooner

Natomas is still in a state of high growth. Staggered board elections are a good thing in my opinion.

How often will trustee districts be redrawn (and by whom) to reflect our communities' ongoing growth, while also hopefully preserving staggered terms?

What happens if a Trustee Area has one candidate? Does that person win the election with no competition?

Thanks for the opportunity to give input

Why would you say more money in elections is a good thing?

n/a

Could not been better

Don't go forward with this plan.

Please continue to be transparent and provide all communications to all Natomas Residents. Thank you.

American Lakes needs an assistant principal. More new building of schools in South Natomas are needed.

Bravo to nUSD for adopting these equitable practices

Nothing

I would recommend offering informational meetings for candidates that are "required" at least strongly encouraged. It's a big responsibility and a long commitment that people should be informed before they try to run.

IF you can answer my questions/comments under each question would be great.

I would like to know if it is possible to receive School transportation for out of district students.

Why is the district doing this? I have two kids who go to different schools in Natomas and I live in a different area, so my family/kids won't be represented if we have someone represent us from our neighborhood. Why can't all the Trustees represent all residents? I have friends who live in different areas but our kids attend the same schools so it means our kids school isn't represented. This makes no sense, they should represent all families the same regardless of where you live. Truly disappointed.

I don't really understand.

This was a very vague form

I'm sorry the district doesn't think non-parents aren't worthy of being surveyed. this was forwarded to me - you need to ask the general public in Natomas - who pay for bonds not just the parents

Could we develop an academy for potential future trustees? I realize there are statewide trainings once folx are elected, but what about a pre-run shadowing program? Help people see if the position is a good match for them and their lifestyles. Trustess are out many evenings.

This seems more feasible with the proposed changes. If we move to a regional model, those with experience from a different area would not be in a position in which they are assisting those they would be running against.

I would like to know what options parents have to stop this from happening. In Sac City Unified, the voters approved this shift. What is NUSD's justification for thinking this change can be made without voter approval?

I need more information before having much more to say about this subject