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AGENDA SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30 PM, Monday, October 2, 2017 Conference Room 525 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94063

- Call To Order And Roll Call
- 2. Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items*
- 3. Discussion With Demographer Paul Mitchell About The Process Of Establishing Zones For Upcoming Board Of Director Elections.
- 4. Public Input On Drawing Of The Five (5) Zones Within Sequoia Healthcare District.
- 5. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Directors Of Sequoia Healthcare District Is Scheduled For 4:30 PM, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 District Conference Room, 525 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94063

Kathleen Kane Board President

*Public comment will be taken for each agenda item prior to the board's consideration on that item.

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Future Board Elections

Introduction: Starting with the November 2018 elections, SHD will move to zone elections as opposed to the current District wide elections. Over the next few months the five zones will be drawn and adopted with public input.

- 1. Why go to zone elections? The California Voting Rights Act calls for zone elections to better assure that minorities will have a better opportunity to get elected.
- 2. How many zones will be up for election in 2018? There will be three zones holding elections in 2018 and two in 2020. All terms will be for four years.
- 3. Who draws the zones? SHD has hired a demographer to do this work. The demographer chosen has worked on behalf of other health care districts that have made the transition. Once the demographer prepares one or more draft maps, the final version must be approved by the Board.
- 4. Will voters only vote for candidates who live in their zone? Yes, the ballots will be organized so that only those candidates appear on the ballot.
- 5. What happens if no one runs for election in a given zone? The Board may appoint someone to represent that zone but that person must reside in the zone.

- 6. Will going to zone elections guarantee that there will be minority representatives on the Board? There is no guarantee.
- 7. Will Board members still work on behalf of the entire District? It is hoped that all Board members will still care about the health and well-being of all SHD residents and not just the residents of their zone.
- 8. Will SHD distribute its funds equally among the five zones? Probably not, there will not be policies that will require that action.
- 9. Will zone elections impact who become officers of the District?

 The officer selection system will remain with these positions being decided among the Board members. There is no guarantee of anyone becoming an officer or Chair.
- 10. Will the public have an opportunity to provide suggestions or comments? Yes there will be public hearings prior to the maps being drawn and public hearings once the maps are drawn. The public may also come to District Board meetings to comment.