RESOLUTION NO. 2017-8

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, RECOMMENDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF SUCH ELECTIONS FROM ODD-YEAR TO EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2020 ELECTION

WHEREAS, Wrightwood Community Services District ("WCSD") is a Community Services District organized and operating within the County of San Bernardino and the County of Los Angeles pursuant to California Government Code Section 61000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, WCSD was formed on or about May 25, 2017, pursuant to Resolution No. 3245 of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Bernardino ("LAFCO");

WHEREAS, Condition No. 5 of LAFCO Resolution No. 3245 expressly states that WCSD's Board of Directors ("the Board") "shall consist of five members, elected at-large, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 61020;"

WHEREAS, under Sections 61020 and 61021(c) of the Government Code, the elections and terms of office for members of the Board shall be determined pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law (Elections Code Section 10500 et seq.);

WHEREAS, by operation of Sections 10505 and 10507 of the Elections Code, districts such as WCSD that are formed in an odd-numbered year are required to hold their Board elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, by operation of Elections Code Section 10505(d), districts such as WCSD that elect members of the Board in odd-numbered years may, by resolution, require that its Board elections be held on the same day as the statewide general election;

WHEREAS, the current date for election of the Board is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g. the next election is scheduled for November 5, 2019);

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (Elections Code Section 1001);

WHEREAS, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (Senate Bill 415), approved by the Governor in September 2015 and effective January 1, 2016, prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date commencing January 2018 (Elections Code Sections 14050-14057);

WHEREAS, elections that are held in odd-numbered years have historically had lower levels of voter participation than statewide elections conducted in even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, since WCSD's Board-member elections are not held in conjunction with most state elections, WCSD would be forced to bear disproportionately higher election costs than if the elections were consolidated with statewide general elections in even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, WCSD wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members and to reduce expenses whenever possible;

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections;

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation;

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes there is a cost savings to WCSD resulting from aligning its election with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision, however, this incidental benefit furthers WCSD's policy of fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning WCSD's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10505(d), WCSD is authorized by Section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested the new election date be moved from November 2019 to November 2020 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2021 being extended to 2022, as required by Elections Code Section 10404(i) [refer to Exhibit A].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District that the above recitals are true and correct and that the Board hereby adopts this Resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California state general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District that the Board Secretary will notify the San Bernardino County Elections Office and the Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate all future elections for the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District with the statewide general elections to be held in even-numbered years, beginning on November 3, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2021 will be extended to November 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District that, upon consolidation with the statewide general election, all such future elections for the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District shall be conducted in accordance with, including dates that are consistent with, the primary or general election with respect to nominations, notices, canvass of votes, certification of election, and all other procedural requirements of the California Elections Code pertaining to the primary or general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District that the District's Board Secretary or designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Wrightwood Community Services District on December 5, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

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President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

EXHIBIT A

WRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Natalie Lopiccolo	2019	2020
Wes Zuber	2019	2020
Chuck Franklin (appointed to fill Stephanie Carroll vacancy)	2019 (appointed in first half of 4-year term ending 2021)	2020/2022
Michelle Schneider	2021	2022
Leo W. Hordyk	2021	2022