



El Monte Union Moving to By-Trustee Area Elections



The El Monte Union High School District is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input as it begins the process of shifting from at-large elections to by-trustee area elections.

The transition means that beginning in November 2022, residents will vote for a single candidate residing in their newly drawn trustee-area, usually one-fifth of the entire district, instead of voting for any board candidate on the ballot within the El Monte Union District boundaries.

The process will be divided into two parts. First, the District started reaching out to the community through postcards, a website, and several community meetings scheduled beginning in May.

The second, more formal part of the process, begins in August. The District will hold public hearings and work with a professional demographer who will develop several map options with five districts that meet legal requirements and best align with the criteria established by the Board of Trustees.

At that point, the District will hear formal comments on map priorities from the community and receive public input regarding voting area


boundaries that will ultimately help define the new by-trustee voting areas.

This change has been initiated by the Board to strictly adhere to the California Voting Rights Act, which calls for a shift from an “at-large” election system – where all trustees are elected by voters of the entire school district – to a system where the Board is divided into five trustee areas and candidates are elected by voters of each specific area.

“Our District is proud to be proactively beginning this important and historic process, ensuring that we adhere to the California Voting Rights Act and maintaining a fair election system that upholds representation, diversity and inclusivity,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “Every decision the EMUHSD Board of Trustees makes is always with the best interest of the students at the forefront. Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election formation will not change the way our District prioritizes its students and will help us to ensure that every part of our community is represented.”

The District will discuss districting criteria during public hearings, the first of which will begin Wednesday, Aug. 18 during a special board meeting. More information regarding this transition and the upcoming information sessions can be found on the District’s website: <https://emuhsd-by-area-trustees.com>

(Digital Subscribers to The Mid Valley News can click to access the District’s website)



El Monte Union High School District
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May 12, 2021

Dear EMUHSD Parent/Guardian:

The El Monte Union High School District is pleased to announce that we will be offering a Hybrid Summer School AVID Model, where every student attends their classes at school (in-person) & virtually (at home). As District facilities are starting to open at the present time and direction from the county on returning to school guidelines is being provided, our talented summer school team has developed a plan to deliver summer school courses through a Hybrid platform.

We appreciate your ongoing patience and flexibility as we adapt to this crisis in real time. Nothing is more important than the health, safety, and continued academic success of your child. We thank you for your partnership in this important endeavor now more than ever.

Please note all 2021 Summer School programs will be provided both:

- In-person (at school two days each week)
- Remotely in an Online Distance Learning format using Google Classroom (as well as other approved) Google Meet, and other online platforms and programs familiar to teachers, students, and parents will be used.

In a Hybrid & Online Distance Learning environment, students will need to take responsibility for their work and engagement. While set to as times will be held, teachers will meet with students both in-person and remotely at the same time.


At this time, we are asking for your assistance in planning for our Hybrid & Virtual (Online Distance Model). During the week of **May 17th-21st**, your student's school will be sending out an internet survey where you will be asked to indicate your preference for your student to attend either:

- Hybrid Model (in school 2 days and in home 3 days each week)
- Or
- 100% Online via Distance Learning this summer

Please respond to the survey by making your selection with the understanding that we will do our best to accommodate the requests. Your choice to select a virtual setting may obligate you to remain in a virtual setting for the entire summer. Any requested changes on your behalf will be addressed on an individual basis taking into consideration all health and safety guidelines for room capacity.

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Special Education Services
Your child's educational success is of utmost importance. To ensure that students across the district receive the support they need this summer, we are dedicating all of our efforts to provide summer learning programs, including Extended School Year (ESY).

Based on student need, instruction may be provided through our summer school Hybrid program or Distance Learning, as well as other forms of instruction.

Sincerely,

Larry Cecil
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Community Committed to College and Career

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Class of 2021 Graduation Dates

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (miercoles, 2 de junio del 2021)		
Adult Transition Program	Adult Transition Center	10:00 am
<i>Programa de transición para adultos</i>		
Thursday, June 3, 2021 (jueves, 3 de junio del 2021)		
Arroyo	Arroyo High School – B.L. Bergstrom Stadium	7:00 pm
El Monte	El Monte High School – Lion Stadium	7:00 pm
F.R. Ledesma	Fernando R. Ledesma Campus	6:00 pm
Mountain view	Mountain View High School – Viking Stadium	7:00 pm
So. El Monte	So. El Monte High School – Eagle Stadium	7:00 pm
Friday, June 4, 2021 (viernes, 4 de junio del 2021)		
Rosemead	Arroyo High School – B.L. Bergstrom Stadium	7:00 pm

El Monte - Rosemead Adult School
Summer Session Begins May 17, 2021

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EMRAS is excited to announce the return of in-person classes for the Summer 2021 session while continuing to offer blended and distance learning classes. A personal computer, laptop or tablet/iPad and internet access are required for Blended, Distance Learning and some in-person classes.

www.emuhsd.org/emras

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Panther Pride SCHOLARS Class of 2021

Congratulations!



Sheccid Rodriguez
Tulane University
Majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology

The Posse scholarship is awarded to individuals with extraordinary leadership potential. Posse Scholars receive full-tuition leadership scholarships from some of the best colleges and universities in the nation



David Diaz
Swarthmore College
Majoring in General Engineering

The Questbridge National College Match scholarship helps outstanding high school seniors gain admission and a full four-year scholarship worth over \$200,000 to the nation's most selective colleges.

"CRACKER BARREL" "EMUHSD Election Formation Process Starts"

by: Mike McClure, Staff Writer
El Monte

...so the other day I called into the first meeting of the El Monte Union H.S. District (EMUHSD) By-Trustee Area Election Formation Process public outreach that will outline the formation process, timelines and how the public can participate in creating new trustee areas.

EMUHSD currently has five Trustees who are elected in an at-large election. Under existing law, the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA), this is prohibited. The CVRA requires a court to implement remedies, including the imposition of district-based elections that are tailored to remedy a violation of the act.

The consultant for the District, Dr. Justin Levitt, is a Political Science Professor at Cal State University, Long Beach and the V.P. of National Demographics Corp.

Dr. Levitt recently served as consultant to the Los Alamitos Unified School District during their recent re-mapping for their District's election to meet the requirements of CVRA. EMUHSD will begin the official mapping process in August and will host a series of public hearings and meetings this fall.

The goal then will be for the Board to approve the maps in time for the next election in November of 2022 when three seats are up for election.

It will take a lot of work to get it done so that no protected class would be impaired their ability to elect candidates of their choice.

In the long run the district based elections encourages diversity and accountability. Superintendent Zuniga reminded everyone that whether the trustees were elected at-large or by districts they serve the entire EMUHSD, thank you Supervisor Zuniga and good luck to your team.

CDC Says No Masks for the Vaccinated

by Kenneth Ferreira, Editor and
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"Anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small, without wearing a mask or physical distancing," Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said last Thursday. "If you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing the things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic."

In California, people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask outdoors unless at crowded events. But they still have to wear a mask indoors unless meeting with other vaccinated people. The state has a number of other rules for businesses and other public places that vary by county based on the prevalence of the virus.

California's governor said Friday that his office is weighing issues of enforcement and workplace safety in considering whether and when to adopt the latest federal guidelines around masking.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, facing a recall due to a host of issues including the economic damage done by his Administrations response to the pandemic and a declining quality life in the State, said his office has been talking with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local health officers and other states since the CDC's announcement Thursday call-

ing for fully vaccinated people to skip face coverings and social distancing in most situations.

The state is on track to fully reopen its economy next month, signaling an end to most pandemic restrictions, with infection rates at record lows and more people inoculated against the coronavirus. On Thursday, the state began allowing children 12 to 15 to receive the vaccine.

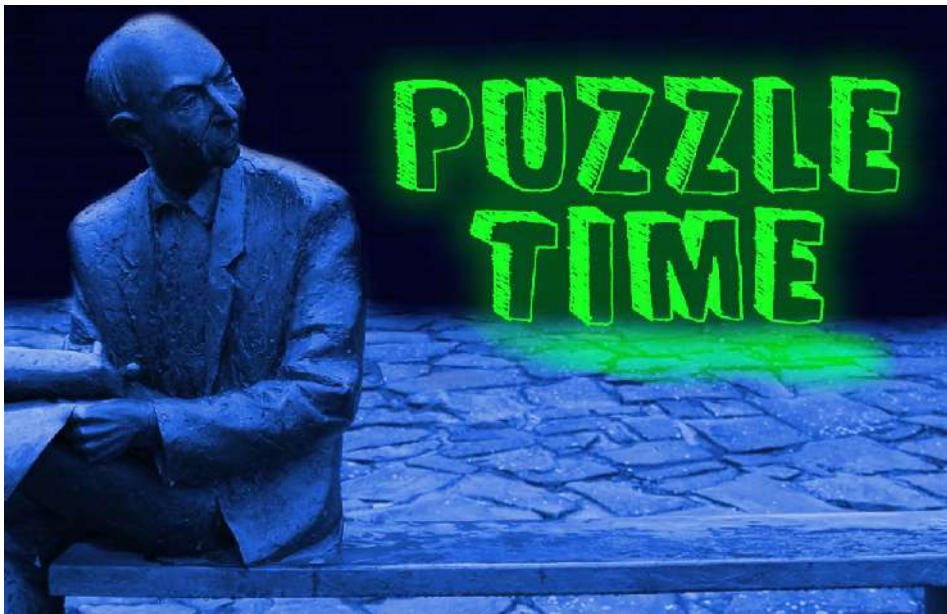
But what does "most" mean, and who enforces the latest restrictions without violating HIPPA laws? Remember, the vaccine cannot be made mandatory – it is an experimental therapy, not an approved therapy, used under an emergency use authorization provide by the FDA.

True and Misleading
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's official stance on outdoor transmission is that "less than 10 percent" of COVID-19 transmission has occurred outdoors, but that's like saying lightning strikes kill less than 10,000 people per year. According to the National Weather Service, an average of 26 people a year died from lightning strikes between the 2010 and 2019

In reality, multiple epidemiologists told The New York Times' David Leonhardt, who raised the possibility of the misleading number from the CDC last week, the actual figure is probably less than 1 percent, and may even be below 0.1 percent.

The CDC reportedly reached that

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- 21. EUR, pl.
- 22. Ensign, for short
- 23. Pieces of glass, e.g.
- 26. Vacuum cleaner alternative
- 30. "___ the land of the free..."
- 31. Oxygenate, as in lawn
- 34. Insane, in Spain
- 35. Just harvested, e.g.
- 37. A in IPA
- 38. Church song
- 39. Tiny amount
- 40. Military marksman
- 42. Fake tooth
- 43. Devoid of liquid
- 45. Jet setters' vessels
- 47. Address abbreviation
- 48. Sports stadium
- 50. Japan's highest mountain
- 52. *Capital that hosts Nobel Prizes
- 56. Sophia ____, Italian actress
- 57. Genesis twin
- 58. Curved molding
- 59. Tequila source
- 60. Non-permanent office worker
- 61. Like dental surgery
- 62. *Capital on a fjord
- 63. Possesses
- 64. Big top

- 7. Alexander Alexandrovich ____, Russian poet
- 8. *Also the capital of European Union
- 9. James ____, Jones
- 10. Paddy grain
- 11. To the ____ degree
- 13. Like voice after a pep rally
- 14. "A Fish Called Wanda" actor Kevin
- 19. Judea, alt. sp.
- 22. Mama sheep
- 23. *Bulgarian capital and actress Vergara's given name
- 24. Long-necked bird
- 25. Rocky ridge
- 26. Pas
- 27. Hunt illegally
- 28. Audience's approval
- 29. Frolics
- 32. "Atlas Shrugged" author Ayn
- 33. Cassius Clay
- 36. *Balkan capital and 1984 Olympics location
- 38. Practical joke
- 40. Canine command
- 41. Eyeball washing vessel
- 44. Offer two cents
- 46. Collusion
- 48. Away from harbor (2 words)
- 49. Drifts
- 50. *London was famous for these pea soup particulars
- 51. Russian mountain chain
- 52. Comedian Rogan
- 53. Shrek, e.g.
- 54. Not fatty
- 55. Patty ____
- 56. ____ Tzu

DOWN

- 1. Unit of pressure named after Torricelli
- 2. Post sun-bathing relief
- 3. Wallace & Gromit modeling material
- 4. Desire
- 5. Aussie gas station
- 6. Desert wanderer's hope

EUROPEAN CAPITALS

ACROSS

- 1. RPM gauge
- 5. Have a brawl
- 8. *"Neutral" capital
- 12. Paella pot
- 13. Mend, healthwise

- 14. Deadly snake of southeastern Asia
- 15. Multicolored horse
- 16. Estimator's phrase (2 words)
- 17. "The Addams Family" manservant
- 18. *Northernmost European capital
- 20. One of British Isles