

## RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Resolution Adopting a Position of Opposition to Proposition 50 on the November 2025 Ballot

September 3, 2025

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 50, appearing on the November 2025 California ballot, proposes to amend the California Constitution to alter the process for drawing congressional districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 50 would temporarily suspend the authority of California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission—established under Propositions 11 (2008) and 20 (2010)—and instead implement a new congressional map drawn by the legislature for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 elections, before reinstating the Commission in 2031; and

**WHEREAS**, the current process, established by voters, assigns the responsibility for drawing congressional districts to the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission, designed to operate in a non-partisan manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 50 would transfer the authority to draw congressional districts from the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to the State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission was created to ensure fair and impartial district boundaries, including safeguards to keep cities, counties, and local communities together; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 50 would remove existing safeguards intended to maintain the integrity of local communities in the redistricting process; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 50 proposes dividing communities, forcing some cities and counties to be split among multiple congressional districts under the measure's new maps and diminishing their voice in Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining a transparent and independent redistricting process to uphold public trust in electoral systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Board of Education believes that Proposition 50 undermines the voter-approved framework for fair redistricting in California; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Board of Education hereby adopts an official position of opposition to Proposition 50 on the November 2025 ballot; and

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of September, 2025, at a regular meeting of the Orange County Board of Education.

Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstained: 0

State of California     )  
                                      ) ss.  
County of Orange        )

I, Mari Barke, President of the Orange County Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of September, 2025, and passed by 5-0 vote of said Board members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of September, 2025.

*Mari Barke*

Mari Barke, Board President  
Orange County Board of Education

*Tim Shaw*

Tim Shaw, Board Vice President  
Orange County Board of Education

