

SECTION 1.

The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The Isla Vista community encompasses a population of over 20,000 residents situated within an area comprising of less than one square mile of land in Santa Barbara County. It is adjacent to the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) campus and its student population. Including university property, the area totals about 1,500 acres. Isla Vista represents one of the largest urban communities in California not governed as a city.

(b) Isla Vista faces various challenges in local governance. As a university town, Isla Vista must accommodate the service needs associated with its transient student population and a predominantly renter-oriented community. Isla Vista's situation is complicated by its unincorporated status, which limits its local participation in managing public services and providing needed public improvements.

(c) As an unincorporated area, various county agencies provide services to the residents and businesses of Isla Vista. Since these agencies must provide services throughout the whole county, Isla Vista must compete for attention and funding for the services they need. Isla Vista is represented at the county level by one of five supervisors and is situated in the largest and most diverse geographic district in the county. The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District is the only local district providing limited services exclusively to Isla Vista.

(d) There have been multiple attempts at achieving cityhood for Isla Vista, however, insufficient tax revenue prevents cityhood from being a viable solution. In 2003, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury found that establishing a community services district would be the best governance option to expand and improve services to Isla Vista.

(e) Over the last year, the Isla Vista community has been faced with many challenges due to tragic events, including multiple deaths from students falling off cliffs, two violent sexual assaults, a riot, a mass murder, and homicides that have brought focus to the unique needs of Isla Vista that can only be addressed by direct, local governance. Following these events, a local coalition was formed to determine the best direction for Isla Vista self-governance and the community services district has garnered much local support.

(f) Additionally, following these events, many trustees on the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board expressed a strong desire to support the chancellor and the university in efforts to create change in Isla Vista, to ensure a safer and more enhanced community for students. The UC Santa Barbara Foundation Trustees' Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies was formed to analyze the conditions and dynamics of Isla Vista and develop mid- and long-term recommendations to establish a viable, safe, and supportive environment. Among their recommendations is that the State of California create a Community Services District/Municipal Improvement District in Isla Vista with potential powers of infrastructure, utilities, garbage, police services, parks, recreation, cultural facilities, fire, security, and roads.

SEC. 2.

Part 4 (commencing with Section 61250) is added to Division 3 of Title 6 of the Government Code, to read:

PART 4. Isla Vista Community Services District

61250.

Notwithstanding Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 61010) of Part 1, the Isla Vista Community Services District may be established in accordance with this part. All other provisions of this division shall apply to the Isla Vista Community Services District upon its establishment, except as provided in this part.

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The formation process of the Isla Vista Community Services District shall comply with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Division 3 (commencing with Section 56000) of Title 5 of the Government Code), with the exception of the following provisions:

- (a) **Upon the effective day of this part, the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission shall initiate review of the formation of the Isla Vista Community Services District, consistent with Section 56668.**
- (1) **The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission shall appoint or assign staff personnel to employ or contract for professional or consulting services to carry out and effect the review.**
 - (2) **Professional or consulting services associated with the review shall be funded exclusively through donations for that purpose. The commission shall create an independent fund to receive donations.**
 - (3) **The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission shall complete the review no later than 90 days after receiving sufficient donations to fund the review.**
- (b) **Recognizing that an election is needed to form the Isla Vista Community Services District, the protest provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Reorganization Act of 2000 as they pertain to the formation of a district do not apply.**
- (c) (1) (A) **Upon completion of the review in subdivision (a), the board of supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara shall place the question of whether the Isla Vista Community Services District shall be established on the ballot at the next countywide election. If a majority of voters within the boundaries of the district, as specified in subdivision (d), vote in favor of the district, the district shall be formed in accordance with this part.**
- (B) **The board of supervisors shall additionally place the candidates for the five elected positions on the initial board of directors of the district on the ballot at the same election at which the question of whether to establish the district is placed on the ballot.**
- (2) **If the district is formed pursuant to paragraph (1), the board of the district shall place a utility user tax on the ballot, pursuant to paragraph (9) of subdivision (e). If the voters of the district do not vote to impose a utility user tax within the district on or before January 1, 2027, the district shall be dissolved as of that date.**
- (d) **Notwithstanding Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 61020), Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 61025), and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 61040) of Part 2, the board of the directors of the district shall be composed as follows:**
- (1) **Five members elected at large from within the district for a term of four years.**
 - (2) **One member appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara for a term of four years.**
 - (3) **One member appointed by the Chancellor of the University of California, Santa Barbara for a term of four years.**
- (e) **The boundaries of the district shall be contiguous with the area known as County Service Area No. 31 within the County of Santa Barbara and shall additionally include the University of California, Santa Barbara.**
- (f) **Section 61100 shall not apply to the district. The district may, within its boundaries, do any of the following:**
- (1) **Finance the operations of municipal advisory councils formed pursuant to Section 31010.**

- (2) Create a tenant mediation program.
- (3) Finance the operations of area planning commissions formed pursuant to Section 65101.
- (4) Exercise the powers of a parking district, in the same manner as a parking district formed pursuant to the Parking District Law of 1951 (Part 4 (commencing with Section 35100) of Division 18 of the Streets and Highways Code).
- (5) Contract with the County of Santa Barbara or the Regents of the University of California, or both, for additional police protection services above the level of police protection services already provided by either the County of Santa Barbara or the Regents of the University of California within the area of the district.
- (6) Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate community facilities, including, but not limited to, community centers, libraries, theaters, museums, cultural facilities, and child care facilities.
- (7) Acquire, construct, improve, and maintain sidewalks, lighting, gutters, and trees. The district shall not acquire, construct, improve, or maintain any work owned by another public agency unless that other public agency gives its written consent.
- (8) Abate graffiti.
- (9) Levy a utility user tax at a rate specified by the governing board of the district pursuant to approval by a ²/₃ vote in accordance with Section 2 of Article XIII C of the California Constitution.
- (g) The district shall not have the power to organize, promote, conduct, or advertise programs of community recreation in the same manner as the Isla Vista Parks and Recreation District.
- (h) As used in this part, the term "district" means the Isla Vista Community Services District formed pursuant to this part.

SEC. 3.

The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique community needs in the Isla Vista area that would be served by the Isla Vista Community Services District.

SEC. 4.

If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.