

Atascadero Unified School District

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May 24, 2024

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Re: Atascadero Unified School District
55% Vote General Obligation Bond Election on November 5, 2024

Dear County Registrar Cano and County Administrative Officer Pontes:

Attached is the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Atascadero Unified School District ordering a general obligation bond election to be held in the District on November 5, 2024. This election is being ordered under the provisions of Proposition 39 and requires a 55 percent vote for passage. The statutory authority that allows for said election date is the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 commencing at Section 15264 of the California Education Code and including specifically Section 15266(a) thereof authorizing the question to be presented at a general election. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year is a statewide general election date. See Election Code Section 1200.

The Board has adopted a full ballot text to be printed in the ballot pamphlet and an abbreviated (75 words or less) form of measure (Appendix A and B to the Resolution) to be used on the ballot label. Where letter designations need to appear, it is requested that the Registrar insert said assigned letter designation following the County letter designation process.

The Board of Education has requested consolidation of this election with others occurring on the same day, and the District acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the Elections Code. The District is submitting this resolution to you in your capacity as Elections Official and as the official serving the functions of Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of consolidation.

Appendix C of the Resolution consists of the signed Tax Rate Statement for this measure in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9400 and following.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions on the attached at 805-462-4224 or via email at jackiemartin@atasusd.org.

Yours very truly,



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**ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MAY 21, 2024**

RESOLUTION #27-23-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN
ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER,
AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS
OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Atascadero Unified School District (the "District") in San Luis Obispo County (the "County"), State of California (the "State"), is committed to providing quality education to its students; and

WHEREAS, the District's facilities assessments have identified a pressing need for construction and modernization of its school facilities including for repairs, upgrades, and safety improvements which are critical in order to provide District students with the education they deserve in safe and modern environments; and

WHEREAS, in order to address these needs a local funding source must be identified as the State does not provide the District with funding to address these facilities needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") hereby determines that it is necessary to address the foregoing concerns, among others, to ensure that its schools are upgraded, repaired, improved and equipped; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 39 ("Proposition 39"), which amended Articles XIII A of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") to allow for the levy of *ad valorem* property taxes for the payment of bonded indebtedness of a school district, community college district or county office of education approved by at least 55 percent of the voters voting on such proposition; and

WHEREAS, upon the passage of Proposition 39, the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bond Act of 2000, being California Education Code Section 15264 and following (the "Act"), became operative; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the facilities needs of the District as described herein, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to call an election pursuant to the Act to submit to the electors of the District the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold pursuant to the authority of Article XVI Section 18 of the California Constitution and Article XIII A (together with the Act, the "Law") for the purposes

authorized by the Law and as described in Appendix A hereto (the “Full Text of Bond Measure”); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the election may be ordered at a primary or general election, a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the District are entitled to vote, or a statewide special election, upon a two-thirds vote of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to call an election in the District pursuant to the Law on November 5, 2024, which is the date of the statewide general election, and pursuant to Education Code Section 15121 and Elections Code Section 10400 and following, to request consolidation with any and all other elections held in the District on such date, and to request the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters (the “County Registrar”) to perform election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the calling of a bond election and in accordance with Education Code Section 15100 subparagraph (c), the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County assessor (if any have been made available); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the calling of a bond election, the Board has been presented with information about related estimated property tax rates and such information will be presented to District voters in accordance with Elections Code Section 9401 and in the form of the Tax Rate Statement set forth as Appendix C hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to United States Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2, the Board desires to declare its official intention at this time that if the measure submitted to voters hereunder is successful and bonds are issued pursuant to such measure, that it intends to reimburse from said bond proceeds expenditures (if any) made by the District prior to the date of issuance of said bonds for the purposes described in the measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the maximum principal amount of \$110,000,000 for the purposes described in the ballot measure approved under Section 4 and attached hereto as Appendix A (Full Text of Bond Measure) and Appendix B (Abbreviated Text of Bond Measure), and paying all costs incident thereto. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the “specifications of the election order” pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

Section 3. Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 5, 2024, and such bond election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. The boundaries of the District have not changed since the District’s last election.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a bond measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A and marked “Appendix A – Full Text of Bond Measure” (the “Full Text of the Measure”), containing the question of whether the District shall issue general obligation bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act. The Full Text of the Measure, which commences with the heading “FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE” and includes all of the text thereafter on Appendix A, shall be printed in the voter information pamphlet provided to voters, with such measure designation as is assigned to the measure by the County elections official.

As required by Education Code Sections 5322 and 15122, Elections Code Section 13247, and in accordance with Elections Code Section 13119, the abbreviated statement of the measure to appear on the ballot label is attached hereto as Appendix B and is marked as “Appendix B – Abbreviated Form of Bond Measure.”

The President of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby separately authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the bond measure as described herein to conform to any requirements of the Law or the County Registrar, to changes in applicable legal provisions, to address word count limitations, and upon the advice of its legal counsel. Any such changes shall be directed in writing by the Superintendent to the County Registrar.

Section 5. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 *et. seq.* of the Education Code, Article XVI Section 18(b) of the California Constitution and paragraph (b) subsection (3) of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code. The vote passage requirement for the measure is least 55 percent of the voters voting on the measure.

Section 6. Proceeds for School Facilities Projects. The Board certifies that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) as further specified in Appendix A, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Further, as required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth in Appendix A.

Section 7. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate; Accountability Measures. As required by Article XIII A, Section 15278 of the Act, and Government Code Section 53410, in the event 55 percent of the voters voting in the District approve of the Bonds, the Board shall:

- (a) conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the projects listed in Appendix A;
- (b) conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Appendix A;
- (c) establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act;
- (d) apply the Bond proceeds only to the specific purposes stated in the ballot proposition;
- (e) cause the creation of accounts into which bond proceeds shall be deposited; and
- (f) cause the preparation of an annual report pursuant to Government Code Sections 53410 and 53411.

Section 8. State Matching Funds. The Board hereby finds that some of the projects identified on the Full Text of Measure may require state matching funds for completion, which the District intends to pursue. As such, the statement required by Education Code Section 15122.5 has been included in the Full Text of Measure attached hereto which shall be reproduced in the sample ballot.

Section 9. Delivery of this Resolution. The Secretary or Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to (1) the County Registrar, and (2) the San Luis Obispo County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (the "Clerk of the Board") for purposes of consolidation pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403. The Resolution shall be received by the County Registrar and the Clerk of the Board no later than 88 days prior to the election date, unless otherwise permitted by law.

The County Registrar is hereby requested to print the full text of the ballot measure in the ballot materials as it appears on Appendix A hereto and to provide all required notices of the election and other notices related thereto. A sample Notice of Election is attached hereto as Appendix D.

Section 10. Consolidation of Election; Request to Provide Services. The County Registrar and the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024 within the District.

Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County is requested to permit the County Registrar to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse San Luis Obispo County in full upon presentation of a bill from the County, such services to include the publication of a formal Notice of School Bond Election (see Section 9 herein) and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code).

Section 11. Approval of Tax Rate Statement. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9400 and following including as amended by SB 798 (chaptered October 10, 2023 and effective January 1, 2024), a tax rate statement has been prepared in the form attached hereto as Appendix C, which form of Tax Rate Statement is hereby approved for inclusion in the sample ballot. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute the tax rate statement, and to file said Statement with the County Registrar, in accordance with Section 9 hereof.

Section 12. Ballot Arguments. As provided in Elections Code Section 9501, the Board or any member or members of the Board, are hereby authorized to (but not required nor directed to) act as an author and signatory of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument, each of which if filed shall be filed within the time frame established by the County Registrar.

Section 13. Maturity Limit of Bonds. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature not more than the legal limit at the time of such issuance thereof. The Bonds shall be issued under the Act, under the provisions of Section 53506 *et seq.* of the California Government Code, or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts.

Section 14. Estimates Included in Ballot Materials; More Complete Meaning of Measure. The measure authorized by this Resolution includes information presented to voters with respect to the estimated amount of money required to repay issued bonds, the estimated rate of the approved tax per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (*ad valorem* tax), and the estimated duration through which the proposed tax supporting bond repayment will be levied and collected, among others. Each of the estimates relating to the bonds provided herein and in the appendices hereto have been provided by the District in good faith based upon information currently available to the District, but depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan. Such estimates and approximations are not intended by the Board and shall not be interpreted or construed as additional restrictions on the District's bond program, bond issuances and related tax rate, and, other than the total principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the bond measure, do not represent legal maximums or additional limitations beyond applicable legal requirements.

Finally, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure set forth in Appendix B, limited by State law to 75 words or less, does not limit the scope and broader and more complete meaning provided in the Full Text of Bond Measure, set forth in Appendix A.

Section 15. Reimbursement. Pursuant to United States Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2, the District hereby declares that it may (i) pay certain costs of the projects listed in Appendix A prior to the date of issuance of bonds and, in such case, (ii) intends to use a portion of the proceeds of bonds for reimbursement of said expenditures for the projects that are paid before the date of issuance of bonds.

Section 16. Engagement of Bond Counsel. The Board has previously retained the law firm of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation as its legal counsel in connection with proceedings for bond elections and for the issuance of bonds which are subsequently issued pursuant to the authority of the elections. The Board confirms said engagement pursuant to the terms of a fee agreement on file with the Superintendent which the Superintendent is authorized to execute on behalf of the District.

Section 17. Official Actions. The President of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute and deliver to County officials any directions, requisitions or other writings, and to make any changes to the texts of the measure as described herein and in the tax rate statement, to conform to any legal requirements or the County Registrar, in order to cause the election to be held and conducted in the District.

Section 18. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Atascadero Unified School District of San Luis Obispo County, being the Board authorized by law to make the designations therein contained by the following vote, on May 21, 2024.


Adopted by the following votes: *[2/3 vote of Board required for approval]*

AYES: Tracy Ellis-Weit, Corinne Kuhnle, Denise McGrew-Kane,
Matt Pennon, Vy Pierce, Terri Switzer

NOES: Rebekah Koznick


ABSENT: *none*

ABSTAIN: *none*



President of the Board

Attest:



Clerk/Secretary of the Board

APPENDIX A

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

The full text of bond measure to be printed in the election material begins below the following line. Letter designation of measure is requested to be assigned and input into applicable blanks by the County Registrar.

**ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE ____
FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE**

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Atascadero Unified School District (the “District”) will be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal of up to \$110,000,000 at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements imposed by law and specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the “School Board”) has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the School Board will establish an Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The Oversight Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the Oversight Committee.

Performance Audits. The School Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The School Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the San Luis Obispo County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the District Board not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), those being for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that each of the proposed projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume or require the receipt of additional funds such as State matching funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in this bond measure and related ballot materials, including relating to estimated rates of *ad valorem* property taxes, the duration of issued bonds until fully repaid and related levies and collections of *ad valorem* property taxes are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate required to fully

amortize the bonds or the duration of the levy supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. While each of the estimates and approximations relating to this bond measure are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, all such estimates and approximations are not limitations nor maximums on the terms of the bonds nor on the related tax levies. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters on the ballot label which is subject to a 75-word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and broader, more complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Scope of Projects. Bond proceeds will be expended on the construction, modernization, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, or otherwise improve school facilities of the Atascadero Unified School District, including furnishing and equipping, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses, in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3). The projects in the Bond Project List are authorized to be completed at any current and future District properties and sites.

School Facility Project List. The types of projects authorized to be funded with bond proceeds are set forth below. Specific examples included on this project list of the more general types of projects authorized are not intended to limit the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure.

The types of projects authorized pursuant to this measure are:

- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms, labs, workshops, school facilities and equipment for vocational and career training programs including robotics, coding, welding, construction, engineering, agriculture mechanics, woodworking, design and programming and the arts pathways, including ceramics, art, music and performing arts
- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms, labs and school facilities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (“STEAM”) instruction
- Replace, repair, modernize deteriorating roofs, leaking pipes, outdated plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, water pumps, wells, storm drains and valves, heating, cooling, ventilation systems and electrical systems

- Modernize, upgrade, renovate existing classrooms and construct new classrooms, multipurpose rooms and multipurpose spaces
- Retrofit classrooms or other existing facilities
- Construct a high school career center and agriculture center, including new classrooms, workspaces, barns, and show arena
- Acquire, install and/or upgrade campus safety and security systems, including intercom and emergency communications systems, lighting systems, bell systems, video surveillance systems, alarms, install additional fencing and gates, pedestrian access, walkways, lighting, reconfigure entrances and drop-off/pickup locations, point of entry access and upgrade door locks
- Make health and safety improvements, such as installing necessary seismic reinforcements, repairing termite damage and repairing and/or replacing aging building materials including removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction
- Repair, modernize outdated portable classrooms or replace with permanent modern facilities
- Improve, upgrade and expand student and staff access to updated and modern technology, including acquiring and installing all necessary network infrastructure and connections, internet, wi-fi, wiring, hardware, software, computers, devices, classroom technology tools, data backup systems and remote learning software
- Renovate and modernize classrooms and school facilities including flooring, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, and paint
- Renovate and modernize school libraries and media centers
- Renovate, expand and modernize classroom, workroom, office and conference room spaces for mental health, wellness and counseling
- Expand, renovate, construct and equip new transitional kindergarten, pre kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade classrooms, facilities, learning spaces, playgrounds and other play areas
- Expand, renovate, construct and equip special education and student intervention classrooms, facilities, learning spaces, playgrounds and other play areas
- Develop, construct, install and improve outdoor areas including playgrounds, outdoor learning and meeting areas, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation improvements, and building/installing shade structures and seating
- Provide adequate furniture and equipment for all classrooms
- Renovate, repair, replace, expand, construct and/or install playfields, turf fields, running tracks, gyms, courts, playgrounds, play surfaces, other indoor and outdoor physical education and athletic facilities, locker rooms and all related improvements and equipment

- Renovate and repair restrooms
- Repair or replace deteriorating asphalt, concrete, sidewalks, parking lots, driveways and walkways
- Construct, modernize, retrofit central kitchen, cafeteria, serving and indoor and outdoor dining areas
- Improve energy efficiency and sustainability including installation of energy efficient lighting and systems, solar panels, battery storage, electric fleet, buses and electric vehicle charging stations
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades district-wide including site access, walkways, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment and classrooms

Furnishing and Equipping; Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above.

Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect including DSA fees, legal and other professional and consultant services including fees relating to litigation, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management by third parties, general contractors and/or District personnel, and other planning and permitting, environmental review, rezoning and municipal license fees if any, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; all federal, state and locally-mandated safety upgrades; the costs of new or expanded infrastructure; the cost of providing parking and other facilities to accommodate new or expanded facilities; addressing any unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; complying with all access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and similar laws and regulations; costs of the election including other costs arising directly from the bond measure; litigation costs; project construction oversight, management and administration during the duration of such projects including by District personnel, and bond issuance costs.

Alternations to Scope and Nature; New Construction. The School Board is hereby authorized to alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above as required or recommended by new conditions, discoveries or any other factors including economic factors and/or factors relating to the most effective delivery of the District's educational programs that may become apparent during the course of facilities planning, design and construction. In the event that the School Board determines that a

modernization or renovation project is in the best interests of the District and its students to be undertaken as new construction based on cost or safety considerations or other compelling factors, this bond measure authorizes said project to be undertaken in whole or in part as new construction, including land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, to accomplish any of the projects included on the above list, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests.

Interim Financing Included: Joint Use Projects Authorized. In addition, authorized projects include reimbursements for paid project costs and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes or lease financings including certificates of participation relating to facilities projects and/or equipment previously financed. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

Unforeseen Circumstances; Limited Funding Sources. Many factors may impact the District's ability to address each of the projects described herein, including but not limited to construction costs, supply chain issues which can cause project delays, labor shortages, unknown environmental factors or site conditions, overall facilities needs and related costs which exceed available bond funding sources, among others. The District is unable to anticipate all circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed. Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within the Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with funds generated by this bond measure. The District plans to pursue additional funding such as State matching funds, if available, to address its facilities needs.

Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. The order in which projects are listed in the foregoing Bond Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the District Board.

Interpretation. The terms of this Bond Measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Words used in the Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe school facilities projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by law. The Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Severability. The District Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value,

and the District Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

The Full Text of Measure ends above the line.

APPENDIX B

**ABBREVIATED FORM OF BOND MEASURE
FOR BALLOT LABEL**

With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall Atascadero Unified School District's measure to renovate vocational and career technical education labs; expand classrooms for Robotics, Coding, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics; and repair leaky roofs, plumbing and classrooms be adopted, authorizing \$110 million of bonds with legal rates, average levies below \$46 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$6.4 million annually while outstanding), audits, taxpayer oversight and full public disclosure of spending?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

APPENDIX C

TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED \$110 MILLION ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Atascadero Unified School District (the “District”) on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$110 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District’s assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$45.19 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2054-55.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$49.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal year 2025-26 through 2049-50.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$191.8 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on San Luis Obispo County’s official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner’s exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts or durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the San Luis Obispo County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Superintendent
Atascadero Unified School District

APPENDIX D

**FORM OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION NOTICE
TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Atascadero Unified School District (the "District") located in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, that in accordance with applicable law, an election will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, in the District, at which election there will be submitted to the voters the question of issuing and selling bonds of said District in the amount of not to exceed \$110 million in accordance with the actions relating thereto taken by the Board of Trustees of the District.

The abbreviated statement of the measure limited to 75 words or less to appear on the ballot label is as follows:

With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall Atascadero Unified School District’s measure to renovate vocational and career technical education labs; expand classrooms for Robotics, Coding, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics; and repair leaky roofs, plumbing and classrooms be adopted, authorizing \$110 million of bonds with legal rates, average levies below \$46 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$6.4 million annually while outstanding), audits, taxpayer oversight and full public disclosure of spending?

All of the purposes enumerated in the measure are united and shall be voted upon as one single proposition. The bonds proposed to be issued and sold shall bear interest at rates that do not exceed statutory limits per annum, and the number of years the whole or any part of any series of bonds are to run shall not exceed the statutory maximum.

Each qualified elector of the District shall be entitled to vote only in the District election precinct of which he/she is a resident. If 55% of the qualified electors voting on the measure vote “YES”, then the measure is approved.

The Board of Trustees of the District, pursuant to a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Board held on May 21, 2024, ordered the election described in this Notice pursuant to the terms contained in such Resolution and in accordance with all legal requirements.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2024.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:**

By: _____