

## Impartial Analysis of Measure H-24

Bonds are financial instruments used to borrow money. Under the California Constitution, school districts may issue bonds if approved by at least 55 percent of voters within the district boundaries who are voting on a measure authorizing the issuance of bonds. Obtaining voter approval for the issuance of bonds is a common financing method used by school districts for funding new school construction and improvements to existing school facilities. The bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. The principal and interest on the bonds are repaid by an annual property tax levy on all taxable real property within the school district's jurisdiction, calculated on the current assessed value of each property ("an *ad valorem* tax").

The Board of Education of the Lucia Mar Unified School District ("the District") has placed Measure H-24 on the ballot, proposing the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$143,220,000 and at interest rates not exceeding the legal limits. The District's Tax Rate Statement, included in the voter information guide mailed to voters of the District, reflects an estimate of the maximum property tax levies required to service the bonds.

Proceeds from the bond sales (i.e., funds generated by the bonds) may only be used for the purposes identified in the measure. The general purposes are to upgrade, repair, expand, improve and modernize school facilities and infrastructure, including to ensure school facilities meet current health and safety standards and are accessible to those with disabilities. The specific types of projects to be funded by the sale of bonds are more specifically described in the full text of the measure. Depending on the final costs of each project, certain projects listed in the measure may be delayed or not completed.

The law prohibits use of bond proceeds to pay for teacher and administrator salaries or other operational expenses. The District must follow certain accountability requirements for overseeing the funds collected and expended, including the establishment of an independent citizens' oversight committee, the annual completion of performance and financial audits, and issuance of annual reports detailing the proceeds received by bond sales and the expenditures made. These requirements are reflected in the full text of measure.


The District's Tax Rate Statement provides the District's best estimate of the highest tax rate to be levied, which is 2 cents per \$100 (or \$20 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2059-60.

A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of issuing \$143,220,000 in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure H-24.

A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against issuing \$143,220,000 in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure H-24.

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