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HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT


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County of San Luis Obispo
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DEPUTY CLERK

Re: General Obligation Bond Election — November 5, 2024

Dear Ms. Cano:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of a resolution adopted on June 12, 2024, by the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the “District”) ordering a school bond election to be held in the District on November 5, 2024 (the “Resolution”), and requesting consolidation of the election with any other election to be held in the District on the same date, delivered to you in accordance with Elections Code Section 10403. Section 3(b) of the Resolution includes the statement of the bond proposition for inclusion on the ballot. Please note that all or a portion of certain of the projects proposed to be funded by the proposed bonds will require state matching funds to be completed. Therefore, the sample ballot should contain the statement provided in Section 15122.5(b) of the California Education Code that appears in Section 3(d) of the Resolution.

Exhibit A to the Resolution includes the full text of the bond proposition and Exhibit B to the Resolution includes the tax information statement with respect to the election in accordance with Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Election Code. Please also note that the District, in Section 3(c) of the Resolution, requests that the full text of the measure included on Exhibit A be printed in its entirety in the voter pamphlet.

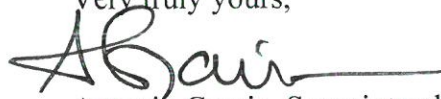
The District requests that the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters and the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters come to a mutual agreement for the performance of the elections duties in connection with the proposed measure in compliance with Section 5303 of the California Education Code.

Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1118, school districts are no longer required to deliver resolutions ordering school bond elections to county superintendents of schools and there is no longer any formal notice of election required to be delivered to your office under California Education Code Section 5325.

Therefore, you should not expect to receive a formal notice of election or the election order from the County Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you for your assistance. If you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 922-4573 Ext. 4201 or the District's bond counsel, Don Field of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, at (949) 852-7727.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Garcia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Antonio Garcia, Superintendent

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-2023-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA MARIA JOINT
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, AND
AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District") serves almost 9,000 local students at three comprehensive high schools, providing the knowledge and skills graduates need to succeed in college and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the District strives for every student to graduate with a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering, math, and skilled trades so they are equipped for the world ahead; and

WHEREAS, all local high schools in the District are severely overcrowded, most having been built for 2,000 students and now serving more than 3,000 students, with student enrollment continuing to grow; and

WHEREAS, overcrowded schools make it difficult for students to access classes, programs, support, and activities needed to succeed academically and for a well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, studies show that overcrowded schools are not safe, increasing health risks, campus violence, and complicating responses to school emergencies; and

WHEREAS, each day, hundreds of students attend class in more than 50 portable classrooms that are more than 20 years old, are deteriorating, have structural damage, and leaky roofs; and

WHEREAS, to relieve student overcrowding and provide the classrooms, labs, and job training facilities needed to prepare students for graduation, the District is planning for a new high school; and

WHEREAS, because the State does not provide dedicated funding for school facility improvements, classrooms and school facilities must be funded locally; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District believes that locally controlled funding from a school facilities improvement bond measure is needed; and

WHEREAS, funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern classrooms, labs, career training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction; and

WHEREAS, funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would provide classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high-quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology; and

WHEREAS, funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would improve student safety with modern campus security systems, including fencing, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would replace aging portables that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms; and

WHEREAS, a local school facilities improvement bond measure would require strict fiscal accountability protections, including public disclosure of all spending, an independent citizens' oversight committee and audits to help ensure funds are spent as promised; and

WHEREAS, no funds from a school improvement bond measure could be taken away by the State or used for any purpose other than improving local high school facilities; and

WHEREAS, no funds from a school improvement bond measure could be used for administrator salaries, pensions, or benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes authorized pursuant to California Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, under paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State of California (the "California Constitution") and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, and Section 15266 of the California Education Code, the Board is further authorized, pursuant to a two-thirds vote and subject to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, to seek approval of bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a 55% vote of the voters of the District voting on the measure for the purposes hereinafter specified, provided certain accountability requirements are included in the measure, including (a) that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses, (b) that a list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded be included and certification that the Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list, (c) that the Board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed, and (d) that the Board 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; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a school improvement bond measure to the electors, which, if approved by at least 55% of the votes cast, would permit the District to issue its bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has evaluated the facilities needs of the District to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the facilities needs of the District, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to fund the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled "BOND PROJECT LIST" included in the full text of the bond measure set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Bond Project List"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the projects listed on the Bond Project List are authorized to be financed with bonds of the District under subsection (a) of Section 15100 of the California Education Code and are for purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and as provided in the full text of the bond measure, the Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and as provided in the full text of the bond measure, annual, independent performance and financial audits shall be required as part of the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15278 of the California Education Code, if a bond measure is authorized in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the Board must establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that (a) bond revenues are expended only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and (b) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 15278 of the California Education Code, and as provided in the full text of the bond measure, an independent citizens' oversight committee shall be required as part of the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, Section 5303 of the California Education Code provides that in an election to be conducted in a district situated in two or more counties, the county elections officials in the counties in which any part of the district territory is situated, shall, by mutual

agreement, provide for the performance of the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of all district elections; and

WHEREAS, the District is located primarily in the County of Santa Barbara (“Santa Barbara County”) and partially in the County of San Luis Obispo (“San Luis Obispo County”) and together with Santa Barbara County, the “Counties”); and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that the Registrar of Voters of Santa Barbara County (the “Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters”) shall bear primary responsibility for conducting the election; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to request that the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters and the Registrar of Voters of San Luis Obispo County (the “San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters” and together with the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters, the “Registrars of Voters”) come to a mutual agreement for the performance of such election official duties in connection with the bond measure to be submitted to the voters in compliance with Section 5303 of the California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, a bond election authorized pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the District are entitled to vote, as required by Section 15266 of the California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, a statewide general election is scheduled to be conducted throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, subsection (c) of Section 15100 of the California Education Code provides that, before the Board may order an election pursuant to California Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, it shall obtain reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the county assessor; and

WHEREAS, although neither the Santa Barbara County Assessor nor the San Luis Obispo County Assessor make projections of assessed property valuations beyond the next succeeding tax year, the Board has been presented with projections of assessed property valuations of the property within the boundaries of the District in connection with developing the bond measure that take into consideration, among other things, the long-term historical average growth rates of assessed property valuations of the property within the boundaries of the District and the Board finds those projections to be reasonable and informed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that, based upon such projections of assessed property valuation, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the maximum tax rate permitted by Section 15268 of the California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the California Elections Code requires that a tax information statement be contained in all official materials, including any voter information guide prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the bond measure to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, the District expects to pay certain expenditures (the “Reimbursement Expenditures”) in connection with the projects listed in the Bond Project List prior to financing the costs associated with such projects on a long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, the District reasonably expects that certain of the proceeds of the bonds proposed to be issued under the bond measure, if approved by voters, will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations requires the District to declare its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the projects listed in the Bond Project List with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing; and

WHEREAS, if any project to be funded by the bonds will require State of California matching grant funds for any phase, the sample ballot must contain a statement, in the form prescribed by law, advising the voters that such project is subject to the approval of State matching funds and, therefore, passage of the bond measure is not a guarantee that the project will be completed, and the Board finds that completion of all or a portion of certain projects listed in the Bond Project List will require State matching grant funds for one or more phases thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Specifications of Election Order; Required Certification. Pursuant to California Education Code Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and 15266, and paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, a special election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the bond measure contained in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. In accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and as provided in the full text of the bond measure, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Section 3. Conduct of Election.

(a) *Request to County Officers.* Pursuant to Section 5303 of the California Education Code, the Registrars of Voters are required to, and are hereby requested to,

take all steps to hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications. The District hereby further requests that the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters and the San Luis Obispo County Registrar of Voters come to a mutual agreement for the performance of elections clerk duties in connection with the bond measure in compliance with Section 5303 of the California Education Code.

(b) *Abbreviation of Measure.* Pursuant to Sections 13119 and 13247 of the California Elections Code and Sections 5322 and 15122 of the California Education Code, the Board hereby directs the Registrars of Voters to use the following statement of the bond measure on the ballot:

“Santa Maria Joint Union High School District College/Career Preparation Measure. To provide up-to-date classrooms/labs/career training facilities that prepare students for college and in-demand careers in science, engineering, technology, skilled trades; make student safety/school security improvements; replace aging portables; and construct school facilities to relieve overcrowding, shall Santa Maria Joint Union High School District’s measure authorizing \$194,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, be adopted, levying approximately \$24/\$100,000 assessed valuation (\$13,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight/audits/all funds controlled locally?”

(c) *Voter Information Guide.* The Registrars of Voters are hereby requested to reprint the full text of the bond measure as set forth in Exhibit A in its entirety in the voter information guide to be distributed to voters.

(d) *State Matching Funds.* The District hereby requests that the Registrars of Voters include the following statement in the sample ballot, pursuant to Section 15122.5 of the California Education Code:

“Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure ___ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure ___. The District’s proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.”

(e) *Consolidation Requirement.* Pursuant to Section 15266(a) of the California Education Code, the election shall be consolidated with the statewide general election on November 5, 2024, and pursuant to California Education Code Section 5342 and Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the California Elections Code, the Registrars of Voters and the Board of Supervisors of the Counties are hereby requested to order consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the

same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same. The District hereby acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by Section 10418 of the California Elections Code.

(f) *Canvass of Results.* The Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

(g) *Required Vote.* Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, the bond measure shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the measure.

(h) *Election Costs.* The District shall pay all costs of the election approved by the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties pursuant to California Education Code Section 5421.

Section 4. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Clerk of the Board of the District is hereby directed to cause to be filed as soon as practicable, and in any event no later than June 18, 2024 (which date is the earliest of the measure submission due dates set by the Registrars of Voters for the election), one copy of this Resolution to each of the Registrars of Voters, including the tax information statement attached hereto as Exhibit B, containing the information required by California Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.*, completed and signed by the Superintendent of the District, with such technical corrections or additions as deemed necessary by the Superintendent of the District, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties. With respect to the tax information statement attached hereto as Exhibit B, the Board hereby adopts the procedures set forth in California Elections Code Section 9405.

Section 5. Ballot Arguments. The President of the Board, or any member or members of the Board as the President shall designate, are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with each of the Registrars of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the bond measure and a rebuttal argument to the argument against the bond measure, if any, within the time established by the Registrars of Voters, which shall be considered the official ballot argument of the Board as sponsor of the bond measure.

Section 6. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse. The District hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of the bonds proposed to be issued under the bond measure to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures. This declaration is made solely for purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the District to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Section 7. Further Authorization. The members of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, and all other officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or

advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in accordance with the terms hereof and of applicable provisions of law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board pursuant to a two-thirds vote.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, June 12, 2024, by the following vote:

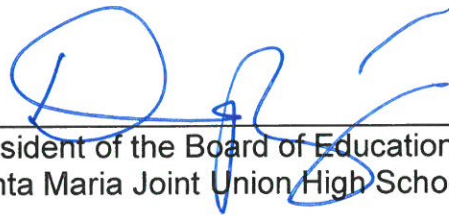
AYES: Perez, Aguilar, Baskett, Hernandez, Garvin

NOES: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

APPROVED:



President of the Board of Education of the
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

Attest:



Clerk of the Board of Education of the
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

EXHIBIT A
FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLLEGE/CAREER PREPARATION MEASURE**

This measure may be known and referred to as the “Santa Maria Joint Union High School District College/Career Preparation Measure” or as “Measure ___”. *[designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters]*

KEY FINDINGS

- The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the “District”) serves almost 9,000 local students at three comprehensive high schools, providing the knowledge and skills graduates need to succeed in college and the workforce.
- The District strives for every student to graduate with a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering, math, and skilled trades so they are equipped for the world ahead.
- All local high schools in the District are severely overcrowded, most having been built for 2,000 students and now serving more than 3,000 students.
- Overcrowded schools make it difficult for students to access classes, programs, support, and activities needed to succeed academically and for a well-rounded education.
- Studies show that overcrowded schools are not safe, increasing health risks, campus violence, and complicating responses to school emergencies.
- Each day, hundreds of students attend class in more than 50 portable classrooms that are more than 20 years old, are deteriorating, have structural damage, and leaky roofs.
- To relieve student overcrowding and provide the classrooms, labs, and job training facilities needed to prepare students for graduation, the District is planning for a new high school.
- Because the State does not provide dedicated funding for school facility improvements, classrooms and school facilities must be funded locally.

- The Board of Education (the “Board”) of the District believes that locally controlled funding from a school facilities improvement bond measure is needed.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern classrooms, labs, career training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would provide classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high-quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would improve student safety with modern campus security systems including fencing, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would replace aging portables that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms.
- A local school facilities improvement bond measure would require strict fiscal accountability protections, including public disclosure of all spending, an independent citizens’ oversight committee and audits to help ensure funds are spent as promised.
- No funds from a school improvement bond measure could be taken away by the State or used for any purpose other than improving local high school facilities.
- No funds from a school improvement bond measure could be used for administrator salaries, pensions, or benefits.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the measure, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$194,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled “BOND PROJECT LIST” below (the “Bond Project List”), and allow the district to qualify to receive potential State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

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

Evaluation of Needs. The Board has evaluated the facilities needs of the District to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. To address the facilities needs of the District, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to fund the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. More specifically, the Bond Project List provides for the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure and such proceeds shall be applied only to those specific purposes.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*, the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the California Education Code, to ensure that (a) bond revenues are expended only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and (b) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses. In accordance with Section 15282 of the California Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. The committee may be comprised of the same members of the citizens' oversight committees for other District bond measures. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(D) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53410 and following, upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be deposited. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53411, as long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the chief fiscal officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board at least once a year, stating (a) the amount of funds collected and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the chief fiscal officer of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Joint-Use Projects. The District may enter into agreements with other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of the school facilities financed with the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure in accordance with California Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this measure hereby specifies and acknowledges that, subject to the limitations on the uses provided for herein, the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this

measure will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board shall determine.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this measure shall be united and voted upon as one single measure, pursuant to California Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Bonds may be Issued in Excess of Statutory Bonding Limit. Issuance of all of the authorized bonds might require the outstanding debt of the District to exceed its statutory bonding limit (currently 1.25% of the total assessed valuation of taxable property in the District). In that event, the District intends to seek a waiver of its bonding limit from the State Board of Education, which has the power to waive certain requirements of the California Education Code applicable to the District. By approval of this measure, the voters have authorized the District to seek such a waiver, and to issue authorized bonds in excess of the District's statutory bonding limit as the State Board of Education may approve. No such waiver has yet been sought or granted.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this bond measure and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond measure. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or school facility site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. In so far as permitted by law, each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, permitting and entitlements, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim facility costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans

are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain project funds expected from non-local bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bond proceeds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-local bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure are as follows:

DISTRICT WIDE PROJECTS
<p>The following projects are authorized to be financed at all school facilities sites District wide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct or acquire and install additional classrooms and related facilities. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install restrooms. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install skill shops and community services buildings. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install physical education facilities and grounds, including gymnasiums, weight rooms, locker rooms, fields, courts, turf, outside instructional areas, paved and other hard surfaces, and replace, acquire and/or install furniture, equipment and fixtures in such facilities and areas. <p>All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the California Education Code (or any successor provision).</p>
CONSTRUCT HIGH SCHOOL
<p>Acquisition and construction of a new high school and related facilities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of land and any rights-of-way and easements made necessary by construction of such facilities. • Planning, designing and constructing the school and related facilities, including digital arts labs, science labs, a culinary arts classroom, wood and welding shops, a band room, a choral and drama room and sports facilities. • Associated onsite and offsite development and other improvements made necessary by construction of such facilities. • Acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment related to the newly constructed facilities. <p>All or portions of this project may be used as a joint-use project within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the California Education Code (or any successor provision).</p>

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Planning and designing necessary for listed bond projects.
- The inspection, sampling and analysis of grounds, buildings and building materials to determine the presence of hazardous materials or substances, including asbestos, lead, etc., and the encapsulation, removal, disposal and other remediation or control of such hazardous materials and substances.
- Seismic and historical evaluations, site surveys (including topographic, geological and utility surveys), and infrastructure analyses.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings or other temporary buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; and relocating fire access roads or ingress/egress pathways.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct other improvements required to comply with building codes, including seismic safety requirements, the Field Act, and access requirements.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, licenses and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property made necessary by the listed bond projects.
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel.
- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other school facilities; furnishing and equipping shall include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of technology.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, or make lease payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance or refinance the listed school facilities projects.
- All other costs and work necessary or incidental to the listed bond projects.

PROJECTS INVOLVING RENOVATION, REHABILITATION OR REPAIR

For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition) if the Board determines that replacement new construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation or repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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 measure within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such words as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used in the Bond Project List to describe school facilities projects in plain English and are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond, or have an effect on, and shall be interpreted to only permit, what is authorized under Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. In this regard, 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, operations or repairs. The school facilities projects on the Bond Project List only authorize capital expenditures.

Estimated Ballot Information. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this bond measure concur, that the information included in the statement of the bond measure to be voted on pursuant to Section 13119 of the California Elections Code is based upon the District's projections and estimates only and is not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Headings. The headings or titles of the sections of the bond measure, including any headings or titles included in the Bond Project List, are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of the bond measure.

Severability. The Board and the voters hereby declare that every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, application and individual project (individually referred to as "Part" and

collectively as "Parts"), of this bond measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each Part hereof regardless of whether any other Part of this bond measure would be subsequently declared invalid. Upon approval of this bond measure by the voters, should any Part of this bond measure 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 Parts of this bond measure are severable.

EXHIBIT B

TAX INFORMATION STATEMENT

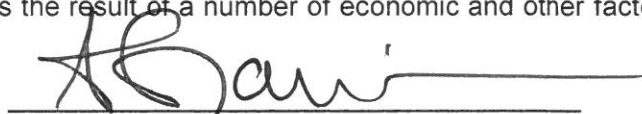
An election will be held in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$194,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If the bond measure is approved by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the bond measure, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$24.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2062-63.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$24.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2062-63.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$438,139,696.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. 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.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate, the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected and the year or years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, due to variations in the timing of bond sales, the amount or amortization of bonds sold, market conditions at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount or amortization of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. Market conditions, including, without limitation, interest rates, are affected by economic and other factors beyond the control of the District and will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process. The growth or decline in assessed valuation is the result of a number of economic and other factors outside the control of the District.

Dated: June 12, 2024.



Superintendent
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Feliciano Aguilar, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District held at the regular meeting place thereof on June 12, 2024, and entered in the minutes thereof, of which meeting all of the members of the Board of Education had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present, and that at said meeting the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Perez, Aguilar, Baskett, Hernandez, Garvin

NOES: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

An agenda of the meeting was posted at least 72 hours before the meeting at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, California, a location freely accessible to members of the public, and on the District's website at https://www.smjuhsd.org/23_24agendas, and a brief description of the resolution appeared on the agenda.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in the District administrative office; the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said meeting and entered in said minutes; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

Dated: June 12, 2024

Attest:



Clerk of the Board of Education of the
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

