



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.7

Meeting Date: May 2, 2024

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3400 Ordering a School Bond Election on November 5, 2024, Requesting Consolidation with other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024 and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection therewith

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Facilities Support Services

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 3400 Ordering a School Bond Election on November 5, 2024, Requesting Consolidation with other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024 and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection therewith

Background/Rationale: The District has passed three general obligation bond measures in recent years: Measures Q and R in 2012 and Measure H in 2020. Significant capital improvements have been undertaken with the proceeds of bonds issued under Measures Q and R and Measure H, which projects are still underway.

Per the Board's direction, staff has been working with its consultant team to prepare a new general obligation bond measure to be placed on the November 5, 2024 ballot to further the ongoing capital improvement work within the District. The projects authorized to be funded by the bond measure are in accordance with the District's Facilities Master Plan and equity lens.

The tax rate to repay the bonds under a new measure will remain at the same levels as the current tax rate levied to repay Measures Q, R and H, without an increase.

Approval of this Resolution by 2/3rds vote of the Board will provide direction to staff to file the election order with the County of Sacramento in order to request that the District's bond measure be consolidated with the County-wide general election

occurring on November 5, 2024. The election order must be filed with the County by August 9, 2024.

Financial Considerations: The bond measure will request that voters within the District authorize the District to issue \$543,000,000 in general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which can be used to improve school facilities on the voter-approved project list. The bonds will be repaid from property taxes to be levied within SCUSD and not from the general fund. The costs of holding the election will be paid from the District's general fund.

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy, Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3400 Ordering a School Bond Election on November 5, 2024, Requesting Consolidation with other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024 and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection therewith

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

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Support Services

Approved by: Janea Marking, Chief Business and Operations Officer
Lisa Allen, Superintendent

RESOLUTION NO. 3400

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER MEASURES OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District ("District"), first established in 1854, has provided high quality education to its more than 40,000 prekindergarten through 12th grade and adult school students in the local community over its long history, consistent with its mission to educate the public; and

WHEREAS, our community's support for general obligation bonds in the past, under Measures Q & R in 2012 and Measure H in 2020, has helped to meet critical renovation, modernization and safety needs at the District's schools; and

WHEREAS, though bond funding has made a significant impact, our local schools still have urgent needs that must be addressed to maintain academic excellence, and to enable the District to achieve its vision, that: (i) systemic inequities be confronted and interrupted to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow, and reach their greatness, and (ii) all students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options; and

WHEREAS, aging education facilities need repairs and upgrades to meet modern academic and safety standards, to ensure all schools have up-to-date technology, as well as safe, secure campuses to protect students and staff, and to provide modern classrooms that will attract and retain the best teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, the District has recently conducted and adopted a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan that identifies the upgrades needed at each school site in order to support STEAM and CTE programs, create academic and safety equal access, enhance technology, improve student and school site safety and security, support physical education and athletic programs, and improve schools and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure; and

WHEREAS, proceeds of bonds are the primary means by which the District is able to keep its school buildings and classrooms in good repair, safe, designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (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 ("Education Code") and 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 hereinafter specified, pursuant to Section 15100 *et seq.* of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution (also known as "Proposition 39"), and Section 15266 of the Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a fifty-five percent (55%) vote of those voting on a proposition for that purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition; and

WHEREAS, a bond measure will benefit the District's local schools only, and no funds may be taken away by the State or other school districts;

WHEREAS, any Proposition 39 local bond measure proposed by the District is legally required to include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised and that none of the money is spent on school operating expenses such as administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by Section 15266 of the Education Code, and on November 5, 2024, a statewide general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15270 of the Education Code, if the measure is approved by the voters, bonds may only be issued if the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements would not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) per year per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of taxable property when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution and

WHEREAS, the estimated tax rates, duration of tax collection, and total estimated amount of debt service, is described in the Tax Rate Statement contained in **Exhibit C** hereto; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of ballot arguments in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the Sacramento City Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. Specifications of Election Order. Pursuant to Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and Section 15266 of the Education Code, an election shall be held within the District on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the full ballot proposition contained in **Exhibit B** ("Full Ballot Text"), which Full Ballot Text is hereby approved.

Section 2. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election; Cost of Election. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") is hereby requested to

allow and order the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") to provide for the performance of its duties in accordance with Education Code section 5303, and pursuant to section 5303 and 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications. The District will reimburse the County Registrar and the County for costs associated with the election as required by law.

Section 3. Consolidation of Election and Canvass of Vote.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 5342 of the Education Code and Section 10400 et seq. of the Elections Code, the election is requested to be consolidated with other elections occurring on November 5, 2024.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, as necessary, pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

Section 4. Abbreviation of Proposition/Ballot Label. Pursuant to Sections 13119 and 13247 of the California Elections Code and Section 15122 of the Education Code, the Board hereby directs the County Registrar to use the ballot measure summary ("Ballot Label") that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Ballot Label shall function merely as an abbreviation of the Full Ballot Text and does not stand alone as a complete and binding statement of the measure, nor is it possible for the Ballot Label to contain all of the project and financial information a voter might wish to consider in casting a vote. Voters are urged to review the Full Ballot Text and the Tax Rate Statement to obtain a complete understanding of the measure, including all of the financial projections and estimates upon which the measure is based.

Section 5. Voter Pamphlet/Sample Ballot. The County Registrar is hereby requested to take the following actions with regard to the Voter Information Pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code:

- (a) To print the Full Ballot Text (**Exhibit B** hereto), without Exhibit references, in the Voter Information Pamphlet in its entirety. In the event the Full Ballot Text is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the County Registrar is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at _____ and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

- (b) In accordance with Education Code Section 15122.5, to print in the Voter Information Pamphlet the following statement:

"Approval of Measure ____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Sacramento City Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure ____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The school 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.”

Section 6. Accountability Measures. Pursuant to legal requirements, and as specified in the Full Ballot Text, the Board certifies that the District:

- (a) Has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in the Full Ballot Text;
- (b) Will appoint a new or empower an existing independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List, in accordance with Education Code section 15278 *et seq.*;
- (c) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List;
- (d) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List; and
- (e) Shall take all actions to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited, and to cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than each January 1 identifying proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year and the status of any project funded or to be funded with bond proceeds. The first report shall be due no later than January 1 of the first year after which bonds have been issued and proceeds spent.

Section 7. Required Vote. Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least fifty-five percent (55%) of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 8. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered, ***no later than the submission date of August 9, 2024***, one copy of this Resolution to the County Registrar with the Tax Rate Statement (in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**), completed and signed by the Superintendent or her designee, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County.

Section 9. Ballot Arguments. The members of the Board are hereby authorized to prepare and file with the County Registrar a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, and or a rebuttal argument, within the time established by the County Registrar.

Section 10. Intention to Reimburse. The District may incur costs associated with bond-funded projects described in **Exhibit B** hereto prior to the issuance of bonds. For purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the regulations of the U.S. Treasury Department, the Board hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of the bond to reimburse itself for lawful expenditures on capital projects as described on the Bond Project List, up to a maximum principal amount of \$54.3 million.

Section 11. Further Authorization. The Superintendent and the Chief Business and Operations Officer (each, a "District Representative") 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, including, without action of the Board, modification of the Full Ballot Text, the Ballot Label, and Tax Rate Statement if either determines such modifications are necessary and in the District's best interests. This Resolution and all of its Exhibits that are filed with the County Registrar by a District Representative shall constitute the final, binding ballot measure of the District.

Section 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, May 2, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Board President

Attest:

By: _____
Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT LABEL

With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere and no projected increase in current tax rates, shall Sacramento City Unified School District's measure to expand Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) classrooms; replace leaky roofs; and upgrade school security be adopted, authorizing \$543 million of bonds with legal rates, audits, average levies below \$35 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$36 million annually while outstanding), citizen oversight and full public disclosure of all spending?

Bonds – Yes _____

Bonds – No _____

EXHIBIT "B"

FULL BALLOT TEXT

Measure ___

[Letter designation to be assigned by Registrar of Voters]

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Sacramento City Unified School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$543,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

- Sacramento City Unified School District has provided high quality education to its more than 40,000 prekindergarten through 12th grade and adult school students in the local community over its long history, consistent with its mission to educate the public.
- In the past, local voters have approved school facility bonds to help the District meet critical renovation, modernization and safety needs at the District's schools, and a citizens' oversight committee verified that all funds expended thus far were spent in accordance with voter-approved priorities.
- District voters have previously approved bond authorizations in 2012 and 2020, the combined tax rate associated with these prior authorizations averaged \$120 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) of taxable property.
- Though bond funding has made a significant impact, our local schools still have urgent needs that reach beyond the scope of the District's annual operating budget, such that passing this bond measure provides a guaranteed and necessary source of local funding to maintain and improve the community's local school facilities.
- The District has conducted a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to identify the upgrades needed at each school site in order to: support STEAM and CTE programs, create academic and safety equal access, enhance technology, improve student and school site safety and security, support physical education and athletic programs, visual and performing arts and improve schools and classrooms.
- Bond revenue is the primary means by which all local school districts are able to keep its school buildings and classrooms in good repair, safe, designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.
- This bond measure will benefit local schools only and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions.
- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all 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 Section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board of Education has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall appoint a new or empower an existing independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board of Education enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board of Education shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board of Education shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Education shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Education no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

SECTION III: BOND PROJECT LIST

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District.

The specific school facilities projects to be funded include:

- **Earl Warren Campus Renewal** – Replace, repair, modernize property and building infrastructure including, but not limited to, roof and roof systems, sewer, storm-water, and water distribution systems, electrical and electrical distribution systems, windows, paint, fences, and landscape. Replace, repair, modernize classrooms and other school spaces, flooring, furniture, low voltage, window coverings, and technology. Security and sustainability work as needed to meet need and California building code.
- **New Elder Creek Elementary School** – Replace and modernize the campus as determined by sufficient exploratory means to provide best value and educational experience to the students and staff. Work may include, but not limited to,

replacement of buildings, new infrastructure in service of new space, sufficient classrooms and Multi-purpose space, STEAM education space, administration space, and student and family support spaces.

- ***New McClatchy Competition Pool*** – Replace and install a new, competition-size pool to sufficiently allow programs to complete per CIF regulations with a timing system, ADA code requirements for adjacent spaces, and spectator seating. The pool equipment will have modern and automatic controls to properly operate chemical balance and temperature. The district will consider all options that reduce the carbon footprint of the project and on-going maintenance when possible.
- ***Technology Upgrades***: Upgrade, install, expand district-wide technology including computers, tablets, peripheral hardware, software, classroom technology tools, data backup systems, remote learning software, internet, wi-fi, network connections and infrastructure, and other equipment conducive to a modern learning environment
- ***Hiram Johnson High School Campus Renewal*** - Replace, repair, modernize property and building infrastructure including, but not limited to, roof and roof systems, sewer, storm-water, and water distribution systems, electrical and electrical distribution systems, windows, paint, fences, and landscape. Replace, repair, modernize classrooms and other school spaces, flooring, furniture, low voltage, window coverings, and technology. Security and sustainability work as needed to meet need and California building code.
- ***Hiram Johnson High School Performance Art Center Modernization*** – Repair, modernize, replace systems and materials inside the Performing Arts Center including but not limited to flooring, stage, electrical, lighting, audio/visual equipment and controls, and seats. Provide for ADA and other code required work as possible.
- ***JFK High School Performance Art Center Upgrade*** - Repair, modernize, replace systems and materials inside the Performing Arts Center including but not limited to flooring, stage, electrical, lighting, audio/visual equipment and controls, and seats. Provide for ADA and other code required work as possible.
- ***Mechanical and Infrastructure Upgrades at Various Sites*** – Repair, replace, modernize components of the Heating and Cooling (HVAC) systems across identified campuses. Work will include replacement of equipment to all electric, upgrade controls, and highest level filtration practical. Work may include infrastructure upgrades and code compliance as required by the Division of State Architect.
- ***New Miwok Middle School*** - Replace and modernize the campus as determined by sufficient exploratory means to provide best value and educational experience to the students and staff. Work may include, but not limited to, replacement of buildings, new infrastructure in service of new space, sufficient classrooms and cafeteria space, gymnasium, administration space, including single point of access, and student and family support spaces.
- ***Rosa Parks Elementary/Middle School Campus Renewal*** - Replace, repair, modernize property and building infrastructure including, but not limited to, roof and roof systems, sewer, storm-water, and water distribution systems, electrical and electrical distribution systems, windows, paint, fences, and landscape. Replace, repair, modernize classrooms and other school spaces flooring, furniture, low voltage, window coverings, and technology. Security and sustainability work as needed to meet need and California building code.

- **Rosemont High School Campus Renewal** - Replace, repair, modernize property and building infrastructure including, but not limited to, roof and roof systems, sewer, storm-water, and water distribution systems, electrical and electrical distribution systems, windows, paint, fences, and landscape. Replace, repair, modernize classrooms and other school spaces, flooring, furniture, low voltage, window coverings, and technology. Security and sustainability work as needed to meet need and California building code.
- **Rosemont High School Performance Art Center Modernization** - Repair, modernize, replace systems and materials inside the Performing Arts Center including but not limited to flooring, stage, electrical, lighting, audio/visual equipment and controls, and seats. Provide for ADA and other code required work as possible.
- **Will C Wood Middle School Upgrades** - Replace, repair, modernize property and building infrastructure including, but not limited to, roof and roof systems, sewer, storm-water, and water distribution systems, electrical and electrical distribution systems, windows, paint, fences, and landscape. Replace, repair, modernize classrooms and other school spaces, flooring, furniture, low voltage, window coverings, and technology. Security and sustainability work as needed to meet current need and California building code.

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Education priorities and available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary. Bond projects are anticipated to provide benefit to all users of school facilities, sites and buildings, including charter schools that occupy school campuses, community members and other organizations.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Board of Education by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," "improve" and "repair" are used in the Bond Project List, the Board of Education has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. Where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations.

In addition to the specific projects listed above, bond proceeds may also be applied to the specific projects listed below if the Board of Education deems it to be in the best interest of the District as evidenced by their approval of such project:

- Replace, repair, modernize deteriorating roofs, leaking pipes, outdated plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, storm drains and valves, heating, cooling, ventilation systems and electrical systems

- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms and school facilities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (“STEAM”) instruction
- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms, learning spaces, and play areas for special education, transitional kindergarten, pre-kindergarten and after-school programs
- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms and school facilities for vocational and career training programs including coding, robotics, engineering, health sciences, creative arts, media and computer science and other academic, college and career pathways
- Ensure district-wide accessibility enhancements mandated by federal and state regulations for classrooms, restrooms, playgrounds, and walkways for students with disabilities
- Expand, renovate, modernize cafeterias and dining facilities, integrating energy efficient appliances while phasing out gas-powered appliances
- Improve energy efficiency and sustainability by incorporating renewables energy sources, installation of energy efficient lighting and systems, solar panels, battery storage, and other zero-carbon alternatives
- Acquire, install and/or upgrade campus safety and security systems, including intercom and emergency communications systems, video surveillance, lighting systems, bell systems, fire and life safety systems, installing fencing and gates, pedestrian access, walkways, lighting, reconfiguring entrances and drop-off/pickup locations, point of entry access, upgrading door locks and security systems
- Develop, construct, install and improve outdoor areas including, playgrounds , play structures and equipment, outdoor learning and meeting areas, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation improvements, removing asphalt, and building/installing shade structures and seating
- Renovate, construct and modernize classrooms, restrooms and school facilities including flooring, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, and paint
- Improve energy efficiency and sustainability including installation of energy efficient lighting and systems, solar panels and battery storage
- Renovate, expand, construct and modernize classrooms, facilities, workspaces, libraries, office and conference room spaces for media resource centers, mental health, wellness, counseling, and student and community social services
- Renovate, repair, replace, modernize, construct libraries, theater/auditorium, multipurpose rooms and classrooms for music and visual and performing arts programs
- Provide adequate furniture and equipment for all classrooms and school facilities
- Renovate, repair, replace, construct and/or install athletic playfields, playgrounds, play surfaces, grandstands, pools, other athletic facilities, locker rooms and all related improvements and equipment
- Repair, modernize or replace portable classrooms with permanent classrooms
- Make school site safety improvements to include repairing or replacing sidewalks, concrete and asphalt surfaces, including in the parking areas, the service areas, and the pick-up and drop-off areas and campus core areas;

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal, accounting and similar planning costs and professional services; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing, storage and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures. Land may be acquired for any project, and all projects may be furnished and equipped using bond proceeds to ensure the functionality and usability of facilities and sites constructed or reconstructed with bond proceeds. Bond proceeds may be used to retire any interim funding incurred to advance fund projects described on the Bond Project List or any outstanding lease revenue bonds or certificates of participation of the District. The upgrading of technology infrastructure listed above includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

The Board of Education 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 Board of Education 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.

SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

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

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board of Education pursuant to

requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that the average useful life of bonds sold will not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average life of the projects being financed or as otherwise provided by federal tax law. Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary or average payment estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply 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 construction 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.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

EXHIBIT C

TAX RATE STATEMENT

\$543 MILLION
SACRAMENTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held within the boundaries of Sacramento City Unified School District ("District") on November 5, 2024 to authorize the sale of up to \$543 million in bonds to finance facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property located within the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 to 9404, inclusive, of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate from official sources 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 the election and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$34.96 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2052-53.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$48.18 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation first occurring in fiscal year 2038-39.

3. The best estimate from official sources 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 \$994.3 million.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Sacramento County official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills 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 actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply 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 construction 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.

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Sacramento City Unified School District