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# Stanislaus County Measures Guide

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## DISCLAIMER

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This guide was developed in an effort to provide general information to assist County, Cities, School Districts and Special Districts who are considering placing a measure on the ballot. It is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In the case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registrar of Voters is not rendering legal advice and, therefore, this guide is not to be a substitute for legal counsel. Persons using this guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties. It is recommended that you review this guide carefully. Placing a measure on the ballot is an expensive process with laws that must be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Candidate Services Unit at (209) 525-5237 or email [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com) for assistance.



### **SUBMISSIONS TO THE STANISLAUS COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:**

Hard copy in person filing of the resolution, arguments and rebuttal arguments must be delivered to the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters at 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101, Modesto, CA 95354 (entrance facing the parking lot) prior to the filing deadline posted in the current [election calendar](#).

No appointment is required, however, if you call Candidate Services at 209-525-5237 to notify us when you anticipate arriving we can adjust our lunch/break schedule to ensure we are available during your arrival time.

Additionally, Email WORD versions to [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com) with "Attn: Candidate Services" in the subject line.

**NOTE:** For shared county jurisdictions, you must file the resolution requesting election services directly with the county elections official and Board of Supervisors of each county. Please include the shared county jurisdiction information within your resolution.

### **SUBMISSIONS TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Submit a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors via email to [cobsupport@stancounty.com](mailto:cobsupport@stancounty.com).

Hard copy and personal delivery are not required by the Board of Supervisors.

**NOTE:** The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will create a board agenda item and schedule the measure consolidation request on the meeting date provided in the measure consolidation calendar.

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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## Measures Guide

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### A GUIDE FOR COUNTY, SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS



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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

A measure is an ordinance, question, issue or charter amendment submitted to a vote of the people at any election. Local questions, issues or amendments are referred to as “measures,” while those that are voted upon statewide are called “propositions.”

The information provided in this guide is applicable to documents filed directly with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters for county, school and district elections.

City measures are under the jurisdiction of the city clerk as the elections official. Contact the city clerk directly for all information and deadlines related to a municipal measure. [www.stanvote.gov/city-clerks.shtm](http://www.stanvote.gov/city-clerks.shtm)

Individuals interested in state propositions should contact the Secretary of State’s office, Elections Division, at (916) 657-2166 for further information.

## **COST ESTIMATES**

The district can request a cost estimate for a special election or to consolidate with a regularly scheduled election. The form to obtain a cost estimate is available online at [stanvote.com](http://stanvote.com). It can take up to six weeks to prepare and respond so we recommend requesting the cost estimate as soon as possible.

[District Election Cost Estimate Request Form](#)

## **DETERMINING THE ELECTION DATE**

Except as provided in Elections Code § 1003, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, all state, county, municipal, district and school district elections shall be held on an established election date. Scheduled election dates are available online: [Available Election Dates](#)

Provided that the district can meet the Registrar of Voters Office’s administrative deadlines, districts may choose to consolidate with a scheduled election or declare a special election. Districts that consolidate with a scheduled election share costs with other districts, while a district that conducts a stand-alone special election is fully responsible for election costs.

For all elections, a vote by mail ballot will be mailed to all active registered voters eligible for the election. The district must pay ballot production and county voter information guide costs and postage. Additionally, if required, the district must pay for the costs of vote centers and ballot drop boxes. The number of locations depends on the jurisdiction’s voter count. Carefully review the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the District Election Cost Estimate for details on the required number of voting locations.

## **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS GUIDE**

### **Argument**

A 300 word statement FOR or AGAINST a measure.

### **Author of an Argument**

A proponent of a measure, an individual voter, a bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of bona fide associations and individual voters who write the text of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure.

### **Authorization for Signers**

A form that needs to be completed by the authors of an argument who wish to allow others to sign the rebuttal argument in their place. The form is filed with the Registrar of Voters at the time the rebuttal argument is filed.

### **Bona Fide Association of Citizens**

A recognized group of citizens bound together by a common interest or cause.

### **Committee**

Any person or combination of persons who, directly or indirectly, receives contributions or makes expenditures or contributions to support or oppose a measure. See Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) website for more information. <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/>

### **County Voter Information Guide**

A guide mailed to each registered voter prior to an election. It contains information on candidates, measures and instructions for voting. In addition, a sample of the ballot may be included.

### **District**

Jurisdictions including cities, county, special districts and school districts.

### **Elections Official**

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters office.

### **Electoral Jurisdiction**

The district or area in which the measure will be voted upon.

### **Filer of an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a Measure**

The author of the argument or any person the author authorizes to file the argument.

### **Proponent of a Measure**

A person or persons who initiate(s) the initiative petition process and has control of the circulation and signature collection for the petition. The proponent can also be the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for a countywide measure in this county. A proponent of a measure can author an ARGUMENT FOR their sponsored measure.

### **Public Review Period**

Following the deadline for filing ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure, rebuttal arguments, Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statement and Tax Rate Statement, the public has 10 calendar days to review these documents at the Registrar of Voters' office.

## **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS GUIDE**

### **Rebuttal Argument**

A 250 word statement that refutes an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure.

### **Signature Statement Authorization Form**

A form which must be submitted with each original ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST and rebuttal argument to the elections official. It includes information on each signer of the argument.

### **Signer(s) of an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST**

The author of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure or any person whom the author authorizes in writing to sign the argument.

### **Signer(s) of Rebuttal Argument**

The signer of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure unless the signer of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure authorizes in writing another person to sign the rebuttal argument in their place.

### **Writ of Mandate**

A written order issued by a Superior Court commanding a public official or body or a lower court to perform or cease to perform a specific duty or action.

## **MEASURE DUE DATES**

The administrative filing deadlines for submitting a resolution to request measure consolidation are based on the time reasonably necessary for the elections official to produce election material. The California Elections Code deadline is 88 days prior to an election, but this date does not allow sufficient time to coordinate scheduling the resolution for approval of election services with the Board of Supervisors, provide publication of the measure, argument and rebuttal filing timelines, 10-day public examination period, translation services, and final printing and mailing preparations of the Official Ballot and County Voter Information Guide.

A Measure Consolidation Calendar is prepared for every election, and all measure consolidation requests should follow the filing schedule unless prior authorization for an alternate filing schedule has been approved and provided to you by the elections official.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on any day that has a filing deadline.

Appointment is not required, however, if you call Candidate Services at 209-525-5237 to notify us when you anticipate arriving we can adjust our lunch/break schedule to ensure we are available during your arrival time.

**See current election calendar for deadlines: [www.stanvote.gov/calendars/](http://www.stanvote.gov/calendars/)**

The Measure Consolidation Calendar is the last page of the election calendar created for each election.

# **HOW TO PLACE A MEASURE ON BALLOT**

## **I. RESOLUTION TO CALL THE ELECTION AND CONSOLIDATE**

Your governing body must submit a resolution calling for the election and for the consolidation with a specific election. The resolution must be filed IN PERSON with the elections office and emailed to the clerk of the Board of Supervisors and must specify the election date, the purpose of the election and the exact form of any question to be voted upon. The resolution should include the language to “request the board of supervisors to permit the county elections official to render specified services to the city/district relating to conduct of election and specify the services requested. The city/district shall reimburse the county in full for services performed.” Elections Code § 10002

If the measure is shared with another county, please include that information in the Resolution.

- **Special Districts and Cities:** Submit a “Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election” along with the “Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters.”
- **County:** Submit a “Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election.”
- **Schools:** Submit a “Resolution Ordering Election, Specifications of the Election Order and Requesting Consolidation” along with the “Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters.”

Please email Word documents to [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com) in addition to the hard copy filed in person.

## **II. MEASURE TEXT**

We need clear instructions on what portion of the resolution or ordinance is considered the **Full Text of the Ballot Measure**. There is no word limit on the **Full Text**. A document clearly titled “FULL TEXT” should be provided to the elections office with the hard copy along with clear instructions to INCLUDE or EXCLUDE printing the full text in the County Voter Information Guide.

If you do not print the **Full Text** document in the County Voter Information Guide, voters will be directed to contact the elections official for a copy of the proposed measure. In this case, instead of **Full Text**, the following language will appear following the Impartial Analysis:

*“If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official’s office at (insert telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”* Elections Codes §§ 9160 (b)(3) 9312

If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, the ballot shall include in the statement of the measure to be voted on the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied. Elections Code § 13119(b)

The statement of the measure shall be a true and impartial synopsis of the purpose of the proposed measure and shall be in a language that is neither argumentative nor likely to create prejudice FOR or AGAINST the measure. Elections Code § 13119(c)



### III. 75-WORD BALLOT QUESTION

The ballot question must be no more than 75 words. Elections Code §§ 303, 9051, 10403, 13247

Please see the guidelines for counting words on Page 11.

The ballot question must contain the words:

“Shall the measure (stating the nature thereof) be adopted?”

To the right or below the statement of the measure to be voted on, the words “Yes” and “No” shall be printed on separate lines. Elections Code § 13119(a)

School reorganization measures are followed by the words:

“Reorganization of School Districts — Yes” and “Reorganization of School Districts — No.”

Similar words may be used. Education Code § 35762

The words to appear on the ballot for School Bond Measures are:

“Bonds—Yes” and “Bonds—No” Education Code § 15122

Jurisdictions are allowed to begin their ballot question with a few key words to summarize the measure. This optional summary heading is included in the 75-word limit.

Here is an example of a ballot question that includes an optional summary heading:

**SUNSHINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL TAX**

To ensure rapid fire protection and emergency medical response is continued in our community, shall the Sunshine Fire Protection District measure be adopted to levy an annual special tax for 13 years, including \$42.75/residential unit, raising approximately \$177,000/year, to acquire lifesaving equipment and emergency vehicles/apparatus, and to fund improvements to the fire station, with all money staying local with independent annual audits to protect the taxpayer investment?

### Supporters or opponents will not be listed in ballot label

Stanislaus County has elected not to list the supporters or opponents for any county, city, district or school measure within the ballot label pursuant to Elections Code § 9170(d). District and school measures for multi-county jurisdictions shall not include a list of supporters and opponents on any county ballot. EC 9170(d)(2)

### IV. VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

The resolution should specify the voter approval passage rate required by law for the type of measure submitted.

- Majority
- 2/3 or two-thirds, or
- 55%

## **MEASURE LETTER ASSIGNMENT**

Letters designating measures will be assigned by the elections official. Letters are typically assigned in the order measures are filed; however, the Registrar of Voters reserves the right to wait until all measures are filed prior to issuing letter designations. It is the policy of Stanislaus County not to designate the letters F and I. Elections Code § 13116

Letter allocation could be affected when a multi-county district places a measure on the ballot. The elections officials should mutually agree to use a specific letter designation that may create gaps in letter assignment.

Withdrawal of a measure from the ballot also may create a gap in the sequence of the assigned letters.

## **Impartial Analysis, Tax Rate Statement and Fiscal Impact Report**

An Impartial Analysis will be submitted by county counsel or the city attorney, whichever is applicable. Elections Codes §§ 9160, 9280, 9500

### **Impartial Analysis**

The Impartial Analysis is limited to 500 words.

If the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the County Voter Information Guide, there shall be printed immediately below the Impartial Analysis, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official’s office at (insert telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”

The elections official may, at his or her discretion, add the following message to the statement:

“You may also access the full text of the measure on the county Web site at the following Web site address (insert Web site address).”

### **Water District Impartial Analysis**

The counsel for the water district, or if there is no counsel for the water district, the county counsel of the county with the largest number of registered voters, shall prepare an Impartial Analysis. If there is legal counsel for the water district, the Impartial Analysis shall be subject to review and revision by the county counsel. Elections Code § 9314

### **Tax Rate Statement (if applicable)**

All bond measures proposed by a county, city, district or other political subdivision or by any agency, department, or board thereof that secure funding by property liens within the jurisdiction shall file a Tax Rate Statement. Elections Codes §§ 9400, 9401 (Senate Bill 798 makes changes to EC 9401 that take effect January 1, 2024)

### **Fiscal Impact Statement (if applicable)**

The Fiscal Impact Statement is limited to 500 words.

The county auditor-controller may be requested by the Board of Supervisors to prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement of a county measure. Elections Code § 9160(c)

## **State Matching Funds for School Bonds**

### **State Matching Funds** (if applicable)

Education Code 15122.5 requires a statement be published in the voter information guide if a school bond election involves a project for which state-matching funds may be required. This statement can be included within the full text of the document if printing full text in the voter information guide.

## **Transactions and Use Tax Measures**

### **Transactions and Use Tax** (if applicable)

California Public Utilities Code Section 180203(c) states: "The sample ballot to be mailed to the voters, pursuant to Section 13303 of the Elections Code, shall be the full proposition, as set forth in the ordinance calling the election, and the voter information guide shall include the entire adopted county transportation expenditure plan."

Districts who place a "Transactions and Use Tax" measure on the ballot have a legal requirement to include the full text of their Expenditure Plan in the County Voter Information Guide.

Revenue and Tax Code 8503 (a) states: "Prior to imposing the tax, the commission shall adopt a regional transportation expenditure plan for the revenues derived from the tax. The regional transportation expenditure plan shall describe specific proposed transportation projects and the estimated cost of each project."

See Revenue and Tax Code Sections 8500-8515 for a detailed explanation of the expenditure plan requirements.

## **ORDER OF APPEARANCE**

Measures will appear on the ballot in the following order: Elections Code § 13109

1. County Board of Education
2. Community College Districts
3. Unified School Districts
4. High School Districts
5. Elementary School Districts
6. County
7. Cities
8. Districts

To allow for the most efficient use of space, the county elections official may vary the order of the measures. However, the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction shall always precede any school, county or city office, and state measures shall always precede local measures. Elections Code § 13109(o)

The information provided for a measure will appear in the County Voter Information Guide in the following order:

1. Impartial Analysis
2. Full Text (optional)
3. Fiscal Impact Statement or Tax Rate Statement (if applicable)
4. ARGUMENT FOR a Measure
5. ARGUMENT AGAINST a Measure
6. Rebuttal to ARGUMENT FOR a Measure
7. Rebuttal to ARGUMENT AGAINST a Measure

# **ARGUMENTS IN MULTI-COUNTY JURISDICTIONS**

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Elections Code § 9611

If the boundaries of the district or school district contain more than one county, the provisions of this section prevail over any provision in those chapters to the extent they conflict.

For the purposes of this section, “lead county” has the following meanings:

- (1) For district elections, “lead county” means the county with the most voters within the district boundaries.
- (2) For school district elections, “lead county” means the county whose superintendent of schools covers the district.

The elections official for the lead county will set all filing deadlines for arguments and will be the filing officer to accept the arguments and rebuttals for the measure. The lead county will provide the final arguments to all counties involved in the shared jurisdiction boundaries for printing in their voter information guide.

## **SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS**

### **Deadline to File**

Check the website for the current election calendar at <https://www.stanvote.gov/calendars/>

The measures consolidation calendar will always be the last page of the election calendar.

### **Signature Statement Form (Elections Code § 9600)**

All arguments and rebuttals must be accompanied by the signature statement form provided by the county elections official. The signature statement form(s) may be obtained by calling the Candidate Services Division at (209) 525-5237 or by email request to [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com).

The signature statement authorization form is accompanied by a Primary Contact Information Form to be filed along with the argument so we can notify you of the results of the argument filing period.

When an argument has been filed, the primary contact person listed on the contact form filed with the signature statement form will receive an email notification from [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com) on the next business day following the applicable filing deadline. The primary contact person will be provided with an *Argument Submission Results Letter* and, when applicable, attached copies of the opposing arguments filed along with any upcoming filing deadlines.

When submitting arguments and rebuttals, in addition to your hard copy, please email Word documents to: [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com).

The signature statement form must include the printed name(s) and original signature(s) of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. **No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument or rebuttal.** In case any argument or rebuttal is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed. Elections Code § 9164

## WHO CAN FILE AN ARGUMENT FOR OR AGAINST A MEASURE

**School District Measure:** The governing board of the district or any member or members of the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens\*, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST any school measure. Elections Code § 9501

**County or District Measure:** The Board of Supervisors or any member or members of the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens\*, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST any county or district measure. Elections Code § 9162

The filer of an argument must be from the governing body, from a bona fide association of citizens\* or be a registered voter in the district. However, the signers of an argument need not meet these criteria.

## FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

### **Arguments and Rebuttals**

Limited use of enhanced words using **bolding**, underlining, CAPITALIZING or *italics* is permitted. Approximately 30 enhanced words is not considered excessive. Bullets are allowed using only small round bullet points.

The authors of an argument bear responsibility for errors and accuracy of the statement submitted. The Registrar of Voters does not review or proof arguments for an author's errors.

## TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

In compliance with federal law and state law, the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters provides official election materials to voters in English and Spanish.

**NOTE: Some common English phrases do not have the same meaning when translated into other languages.**

## **Arguments IN FAVOR or AGAINST**

The argument is limited to **300 words**. See Word Count Guidelines on Page 11.

*Exception: The word limitation is 500 words for an Argument to Reorganize a school or college district. Education Code § 35758*

Be accurate. Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the elections official. No profanity or other objectionable language may be used.

## **Rebuttals to Arguments IN FAVOR or AGAINST**

The rebuttal is limited to **250 words**. See Word Count Guidelines on Page 11.

Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the elections official. No profanity or other objectionable language may be used.

If an ARGUMENT FOR and an ARGUMENT AGAINST are submitted, filers will have the opportunity to submit rebuttals. Elections Code §§ 9167, 9285, 9317, 9504

When an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure has been selected for publication in the County Voter Information Guide, the elections official responsible for conducting the election shall send copies of the ARGUMENT FOR the measure to the authors of the ARGUMENT AGAINST the measure and copies of the ARGUMENT AGAINST the measure to the authors of the ARGUMENT FOR the measure. The elections official will email copies of the arguments to the person listed on the Primary Contact Information Form filed with the argument. Elections Code § 9167

The authors may prepare and file a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, file or sign the rebuttal argument. Written authorization must specifically designate the name of the substitute signer and must be signed by the original signer. The rebuttal argument shall be filed with the elections official conducting the election no later than a date designated by the elections official.

If only one ARGUMENT FOR is filed, and no ARGUMENT AGAINST there is no rebuttal period.

If only an ARGUMENT AGAINST is filed, and no ARGUMENT FOR, there is no rebuttal period.

## **PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD**

During the 10-calendar day public review period provided by law, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar day public review period. A fee will be charged to any person obtaining or requesting a copy of the materials. Elections Code § 9190(b)(1)

A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading or inconsistent with the requirement of law, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law. Election Code § 9190(b)(2)

The county elections official shall be named as respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as real party of interest. In the case of the county elections official bringing the mandamus or injunctive action, the Board of Supervisors of the county shall be named as the respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as the real party in interest. Elections Code § 9190(b)(3)

Should this be your course of action, contact the elections office immediately at (209) 525-5201. Timelines for County Voter Information Guide printing is critical at this point. Whatever you choose to do, it must be done as quickly as possible.

## **WORD COUNT GUIDELINES**

These are the guidelines utilized by the Elections Official in determining the number of words submitted on any Measure document whose content is limited by statute. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9, this section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations.

### **Counting of words shall be as follows:**

<b>Punctuation:</b>	Punctuation IS NOT counted.
<b>Proper Nouns:</b>	All proper nouns shall be counted as one word. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> John Smith = one word <b><u>Example B:</u></b> Modesto Police Department = one word Modesto Police = two words
<b>Geographical Names:</b>	All geographical names shall be counted as one word. Areas that have political boundaries with an elected or appointed board are considered geographic areas by this office. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> County of Stanislaus = one word <b><u>Example B:</u></b> Sunshine Unified School District = one word
<b>Abbreviations:</b>	Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> PTA = one word
<b>Hyphenations:</b>	Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary shall be counted as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as separate words. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> Fifty-fifty = one word <b><u>Example B:</u></b> Half-cent = two words
<b>Dates:</b>	All dates, regardless of letter or number combination, shall be counted as one word. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> 01/01/2016 = one word <b><u>Example B:</u></b> January 1, 2016 = one word
<b>Numbers:</b>	Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be counted as one word. Any number that is spelled shall be counted as a separate word or words. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> One hundred = two words <b><u>Example B:</u></b> 100 = one word
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Telephone numbers, email and website addresses shall be counted as one word. <b><u>Example A:</u></b> (525) 555-5555 = one word <b><u>Example B:</u></b> smithjh16@gmail.com = one word <b><u>Example C:</u></b> www.smithABC123.net = one word



# **CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Political Reform Act requires all proponents of ballot measures and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.

Refer to [Manual 3](#) of the Information for Ballot Measure Committees handbook provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

The statutory requirements of the Political Reform Act are contained in Government Code § 81000 et seq. Information and assistance relating to campaign reporting obligations under the Political Reform Act may be obtained from the Fair Political Practices Commission.

## **Committee Filing Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner.

## **Where to File**

The location in which campaign disclosure statements are to be filed depends entirely upon the jurisdiction where the committee is active.

## **When to File**

Refer to the FPPC Filing Schedule by visiting [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). It is the responsibility of the committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner.

## **Electronic Filing Offered for Local Committees**

We offer electronic filing via CampaignDocs for committees required to file with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters. Contact Candidate Services at (209) 525-5237 or email [CampaignDocs@stancounty.com](mailto:CampaignDocs@stancounty.com) to request an account be activated.

## **Forms, manuals, filing schedules and advice is available directly from the FPPC:**

Fair Political Practices Commission  
1102 Q Street, Ste. 300  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
(866) 275-3772  
[www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)  
[advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov)



## MEASURES SUMMARY OVERVIEW

1. **Submittal of Ballot Measures:**

- The Board of Supervisors or the legislative body of a jurisdiction has the authority to place measures before voters on the ballot.

2. **Impartial Analysis:**

- If a measure qualifies to appear on the ballot, the elections official provides a copy of the measure to the county counsel or city attorney. An impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law will be prepared.
- The impartial analysis is printed in the County Voter Information Guide.

3. **Labeling of Measures:**

- The elections official will assign a letter to each qualifying measure in the order they are submitted.
- If more than one qualifying measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters will determine the letter assignment and the order in which measures will appear on the ballot.

4. **Public Examination Period:**

- The elections office will provide any requesting person with copies of the Impartial Analysis, Arguments For and Against measures, and rebuttal arguments during a 10-day period following submittal of the document.

5. **Arguments For or Against Measures:**

- Submitting Arguments:
  - The Board of Supervisors, City Council, governing bodies within the jurisdiction and any registered voter eligible to vote on the measure may file a written Argument For or Argument Against a measure.
  - No argument shall exceed 300 words in length.
  - The deadline for submitting arguments is provided in the current Measure Consolidation Calendar.
- Selecting Arguments:
  - If more than one argument for or against the proposed measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters selects and prints one of the arguments for and one of the arguments against the measure for publication in the County Voter Information Guide.
- End of Public Examination Period for Arguments:
  - Ten days immediately following the deadline for submitting arguments.

6. **Rebuttals:**

- Submitting Rebuttals:
  - The authors of the arguments may submit rebuttal arguments to the elections official.
  - The rebuttals may not exceed 250 words.
  - The deadline for submitting rebuttals is provided in the current Measure Consolidation Calendar.
- End of Public Examination Period for Rebuttals:
  - Ten days immediately following the deadline for submitting rebuttal arguments.

7. **Election Day:**

- The qualifying measures appear on the ballot for consideration by registered voters.
- If the required amount of voters on a proposed measure vote in its favor, the measure becomes a valid and binding ordinance of the jurisdiction and is considered adopted, depending on the laws of that jurisdiction.

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) has established administrative deadlines necessary to meet vendor and print deadlines. Refer to the website: <https://www.stanvote.gov/calendars/> to verify the dates.

## MEASURES SUMMARY OVERVIEW

**Deadlines:** Election calendars are available at [www.stanvote.gov](http://www.stanvote.gov) under the Officials/Candidates tab. Measure consolidation calendars are included as the last page of each election calendar. Contact Candidate Services at 209-525-5237 for additional information. <https://www.stanvote.gov/calendars/>

**Where to File – Registrar of Voters:** Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters, 1021 “I” Street, Suite 101, Modesto, CA 95354. Our entrance faces the parking lot. Telephone: 209-525-5237 or 209-525-5201. The Registrar of Voters REQUIRES IN PERSON hard copy filing for measure documents. To help us ensure documents are printed exactly as filed, we also request electronic submission of all documents in Word format via email to [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com) with “Attn: Candidate Services” in the subject line.

**Where to File – Board of Supervisors:** Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1010 10th Street, 6th Floor, Modesto, CA 95354. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors DOES NOT require in person hard copy filing. You may submit your resolution via email to: [cobsupport@stancounty.com](mailto:cobsupport@stancounty.com).

**Arguments:** Arguments are due by 5 p.m. on the deadline date posted by the Registrar of Voters in the current election calendar. Once an argument for and against a measure is chosen, a copy will be provided to the opposing authors for the purpose of writing a rebuttal. Arguments are available to the public after the 5 p.m. deadline. Arguments must be accompanied by the required signature statement form and the primary contact information sheet available from the elections official.

**Rebuttal Arguments:** Rebuttals are due by 5 p.m. on the deadline date posted by the Registrar of Voters in the current election calendar. Typically it is about a week after the date the argument is due. Rebuttals are available to the public after the 5 p.m. deadline. Rebuttal Arguments must be accompanied by the required signature statement form provided by the elections official.

**Tax Rate Statement:** Tax Rate Statements must be supplied for each bond issue proposed by a county, city, district or other political subdivision. The statement shall be filed with the elections official with the resolution requesting services. Statements are available to the public after the 5 p.m. deadline.

**Impartial Analysis:** County counsel for the county where most voters reside will prepare an Impartial Analysis of each measure on the date set by the Registrar of Voters. If requested by the Board of Supervisors, the county auditor may also submit a fiscal impact statement.

**Confidentiality:** Arguments, rebuttals and analyses shall remain confidential until 5:00 p.m. on the date they are due.

**Withdrawal/Changes:** Arguments, rebuttals and analyses may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed for final submission to the county elections official. (EC 9163, 9316, 9601)

**10-Day Public Inspection:** For ten calendar days immediately following the deadline for final submission of election documents, including ordinances, analyses, arguments and rebuttals, the county elections official shall make a copy of the materials available for public inspection. A writ of mandate or injunction may be sought to require amendments or deletions to any or all of the materials. (EC 9190, 9295, 9380, 9509)

# **Argument Submittal Forms**

**Signature Statement Form  
Primary Contact Information**



# COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

## Argument / Rebuttal Signature Statement Form Elections Code 9600

The following statement shall accompany all arguments filed pursuant to Division 9 of the Elections Code and must contain original signatures of each author of the argument. No more than 5 signers will be printed with the written argument. Arguments must be filed in person prior to the filing deadline.



**The attached primary contact information form must be filed with the argument/rebuttal argument.**

The undersigned author(s) of the:

- ☐ Argument in Favor
- ☐ Argument Against
- ☐ Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor
- ☐ Rebuttal to the Argument Against

ballot measure (insert letter) \_\_\_\_\_ at the **Primary, General or Special Election** for the  
(letter) (circle applicable election type)

\_\_\_\_\_ to be held on \_\_\_\_\_  
(jurisdiction - name of district) (election date)

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

**Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below.** Printing will be in the order as listed unless directed otherwise at time of filing.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

## Rebuttal Argument - Alternate Signer Authorization Form

Elections Code 9167, 9317, 9504

### Rebuttal Argument Alternate Signer Authorization

(EC 9167, 9317, 9504)

Any original author who chooses to allow someone else to sign the rebuttal argument in their place must provide written authorization on this form.



**The attached primary contact information form must be filed with the argument/rebuttal argument.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the following person(s) to sign the

☐ Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor

☐ Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Measure \_\_\_\_\_ for the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(letter) (election date)

One or more people who signed the argument may be replaced with other people to sign the rebuttal.

**Please print clearly:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

Signature of Filer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clearly Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

Argument / Rebuttal - Primary Contact Information  
Elections Code 9600

The primary contact person will receive an email notification from [stanvote@stancounty.com](mailto:stanvote@stancounty.com) on the next business day following each applicable filing deadline. The primary contact person will be emailed an Argument Submission Results Letter and, when applicable, attached copies of the arguments filed along with any upcoming filing deadlines.

Primary contact information for (check one):

- ☐ Argument in Favor
- ☐ Argument Against
- ☐ Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor
- ☐ Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Measure Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Completing Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title of Person Completing Form

# **Sample Documents**

**Resolution**

**Full Text**

**Ballot Question**

**Tax Rate Statement**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06272022-F**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
PATTERSON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE  
THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS, ESTABLISHING  
SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION  
WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Patterson Joint Unified School District (the "District") in Stanislaus and Santa Clara Counties (the "Counties"), State of California (the "State"), is committed to providing quality education to its students; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's facilities are in need of construction and modernization including for repairs, upgrades, and safety improvements in order to provide the education District students deserve in a safe and modern environment; and

**WHEREAS**, a local funding source is needed to enable the District to provide said facilities for its current and future students; and

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the Board it is desirable to call an election in the District pursuant to the Law on November 8, 2022, which is the date of the statewide primary election, and pursuant to Education Code Section 15121 and Elections Code Section 10400 and following, to request consolidation with any and all other elections held in the District on such date, and to request the Registrar of Voters of each of the Counties to perform election services for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the calling of a bond election and in accordance with Education Code Section 15100 subparagraph (c), the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations within the respective Counties;

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

**Section 1. Recitals; Findings.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2. Call for Election.** The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the maximum principal amount of \$74,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purposes described in the ballot measure approved under Section 4 and attached hereto as Appendix A (Full Text of Bond Measure) and Appendix B (Abbreviated Text of Bond Measure), and paying all costs incident thereto. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the "specifications of the election order" pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

**Section 3. Election Date.** The date of the election shall be November 8, 2022, and such bond election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. The boundaries of the District have not changed since the District's last election.



**Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure.** The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a bond measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A and marked "Appendix A – Full Text of Bond Measure" (the "Full Text of the Measure"), containing the question of whether the District shall issue general obligation bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act. The Full Text of the Measure, which commences with the heading "FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE" and includes all of the text thereafter on Appendix A, shall be printed in the voter information pamphlet provided to voters, with such letter and/or number measure designation assigned to the measure by the county elections official inserted where appropriate. As required by Education Code Section 5322 and Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as Appendix B and is marked as "Appendix B – Abbreviated Form of Bond Measure."

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 8. Delivery of this Resolution.** The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to (1) the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, (2) each of the County Registrars, and (3) the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties (the "Clerks of the Board") for purposes of consolidation pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403. The Resolution shall be received by the County Registrars and the Clerks of the Board no later than 88 days prior to the election date, unless otherwise permitted by law.

The County Registrars are hereby requested to print the full text of the ballot measure in the ballot materials as it appears on Appendix A hereto and to provide all required notices of the election and other notices related thereto.

**Section 9. Consolidation of Election; Request to Provide Services.** The County Registrars and the Board of Supervisors of each of the Counties are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 8, 2022, within the District.

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

**Section 10. Approval of Tax Rate Statement.** Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9401, a tax rate statement has been prepared in the form attached hereto as Appendix C, which form of Tax Rate Statement is hereby approved for inclusion in the sample ballot. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute the tax rate statement, and to file said Statement with each of the County Registrars, in accordance with Section 8.

**Section 11. Ballot Arguments.** As provided in Elections Code Section 9501, any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument.

**Section 12. Maturity Limit of Bonds.** The Bonds may be issued in one or more series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature not more than the legal limit at the time of such issuance thereof. The Bonds shall be issued under the Act, under the provisions of Section 53506 *et seq.* of the California Government Code, or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts.

**Section 13. Estimates Included in Ballot Materials.** The measure authorized by this Resolution may include certain information which is based upon reasonable assumptions and current expectations, which may include information with respect to the amount of money required to repay issued bonds, the estimated rate of the approved tax per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the period through which the proposed tax supporting bond repayment will be levied and collected. Any such estimates have been provided by the District in good faith based upon information currently available to the District, but depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan. Such estimates and approximations are not intended by the Board to be additional restrictions on the District's bond program and bond issuances, and, other than the total principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the bond measure, do not represent legal maximums or additional limitations on bond issuance.

**Section 14. Engagement of Professional Services.** The firm of Dale Scott & Company is hereby designated to act as financial advisor to the District, and the firm of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, is hereby designated as bond counsel to the District, in connection with the election proceedings authorized under this Resolution and the issuance of any Bonds in the event such election is approved by the requisite percentage of voters. The Superintendent is authorized to execute an agreement with each of such firms providing for their respective services rendered in connection with the proceedings described herein.

**Section 15. Official Actions.** The President of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute and deliver to County officials any directions, requisitions, clarifications or other writings for the District, and to make any changes to the texts of the measure as described herein and in the tax rate statement, to conform to any legal requirements or the requirements of the County Registrars, in order to cause the election to be held and conducted in the District as provided herein.

**Section 16. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect on the date of adoption hereof.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Patterson Joint Unified School District of Stanislaus County and Santa Clara County, being the Board authorized by law to make the designations therein contained by the following vote, on July \_\_, 2022.

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

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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President of the Board

Attest:

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Clerk/Secretary of the Board

## **APPENDIX A**

### **FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The following is the abbreviated form of the bond measure:

To expand vocational career and technical education facilities; increase labs and training sites to prepare students for college and future jobs; and build new classrooms to relieve overcrowding; shall Patterson Joint Unified School District's bond authorizing \$74 million be approved with legal rates, projected levies below \$57/ \$100,000 of assessed valuation (generating \$3.9 million/ year while bonds are outstanding), annual audits, independent oversight and all funds spent locally with no money taken by the State and spent elsewhere?

#### **BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this Measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Patterson Joint Unified School District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$74 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits, having an estimated final maturity in 2058, and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** Following approval of this measure, the School Board will establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

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

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

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

#### **NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES**

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

## STATE MATCHING FUNDS

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

## INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District.

## BOND PROJECT LIST

**Joint Use.** The District may enter into agreements with the County of Santa Clara or the County of Stanislaus, or other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with 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 proposition hereby specifies and acknowledges that bond funds 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 School Board shall determine.

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities of the Patterson Unified School District, including furnishing and equipping, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses, in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3). This measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all current and future District sites and campuses.

**Specific School Facility Project List.** The items presented on the following list provide the types of school facilities projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The following types of projects are authorized:

### Projects to Construct, Renovate and Improve Classrooms and School Facilities

- Classrooms, labs, libraries, restrooms, locker rooms
- Career and technical education facilities
- Pre-school facilities
- Science, technology, engineering, arts and math
- Music and art room improvements
- Update classroom computers and technology infrastructure
- Outdoor learning spaces and amphitheaters
- Gyms, playground, playing field, fitness and other athletic facilities
- Multi-purpose room improvements

### Projects to Improve Student and Campus Safety

- Earthquake and fire safety improvements
- Fencing and security systems
- Replacement of portable classrooms
- Parking, walkway and student drop off improvements
- Fire sprinklers

#### Projects to Modernize Building Functions and Improve Energy Efficiency

- Roofs, plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling, ventilation systems
- Solar energy, shade and efficient projects
- ADA accessibility improvements
- District administrative office improvements

Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Each of the listed items include the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing buildings or new buildings.

Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; all finishing work such as painting, repainting, carpeting and flooring; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization including abatement and removal of hazardous materials and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election; project construction oversight, management and administration during the duration of such projects, including by District personnel, and bond issuance costs.

Unforeseen conditions may arise during the course of planning, design and construction resulting in the scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above being altered by the District. In the event that the District determines that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for the District or otherwise in the District's best interests to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction, including land acquisition, relocation, expansion and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto. 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. Further, authorized projects include reimbursements for project costs previously paid and paying and/or prepaying interim financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with funds generated by this bond measure. The District plans to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to provide additional funding to complete certain of the identified facilities projects. Many factors which the District cannot predict or control may impact its ability to address each of the projects, including but not limited to construction cost issues, supply chain issues which can cause project delays, labor shortages, and unknown environmental factors or site conditions, among others. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

The order in which projects are listed in the foregoing Bond Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the School Board.

## APPENDIX B

### ABBREVIATED FORM OF BOND MEASURE

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To expand vocational career and technical education facilities; increase labs and training sites to prepare students for college and future jobs; and build new classrooms to relieve overcrowding; shall Patterson Joint Unified School District's bond authorizing \$74 million be approved with legal rates, projected levies below \$57/ \$100,000 of assessed valuation (generating \$3.9 million/ year while bonds are outstanding), annual audits, independent oversight and all funds spent locally with no money taken by the State and spent elsewhere?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

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## APPENDIX C

### TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED

#### PATTERSON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Patterson Joint Unified School District (the "District") on November 8, 2022, to authorize the sale of up to \$74 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

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

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.05600 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$56.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value). The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2057-58.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.06000 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$60.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value). It is estimated that such rate would be levied starting in fiscal year 2023-24 and following.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$135.4 million.

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

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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