



HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION; ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE
ELECTION ORDER; AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE TO
FILE A TAX RATE STATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BOARD TO
FILE A BALLOT ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE BOND MEASURE TO
BE VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board (the "Board") is committed to maintaining the quality of education in local public schools by continuing to fund advanced programs in math, science, technology and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that local neighborhood schools within the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (the "District") need to be provided with facilities and equipment to enable the District to provide career and technology education classes so students are prepared for college and well-paying jobs in fields like science, technology, and skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the District must maintain and repair classrooms, facilities and equipment, as needed, so that all facilities and campuses are clean and well-maintained; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is a wise investment to (i) continue to address facility improvements now before they become more pressing and more costly, and (ii) protect the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") is not providing the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain its educational facilities and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the District's only remedy to avoid the undermining of its educational programs is to secure local funding that the State cannot take away; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its impact on raising academic standards; and

WHEREAS, such a measure also can provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, such a measure must include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent properly; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State on June 3, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision that exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service on any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be enforced strictly by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District;

NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 et seq., 15264 et seq., and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$148 million (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.