



Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

RESOURCE HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). This handbook provides a summary of the roles and responsibilities of the Committee members. It is a starting point for new members and includes information on the history of Measure O. Details and in-depth information is available on the Riverside Unified School (RUSD) District Measure O webpage: <https://bit.ly/38HflgO>

About Measure O

Measure O was approved in 2016 by more than two-thirds of voters, and was designed to upgrade and improve aging RUSD campuses and classrooms, including building new school facilities. It generated \$392 million for these improvements and makes RUSD eligible for an additional \$200 million in state funding.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is an independent oversight committee comprised of volunteers from the community and appointed by the Riverside Unified School District Governing Board. The committee's purpose is to inform the public regarding the expenditure of bond revenues.

The Committee consists of thirteen (13) members (7 per Prop 39, plus 6 members) appointed by the Board of Education from a list of candidates who submit written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit:

- One (1) member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council.
- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizens' organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large.

MEASURE O HISTORY

CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

In 2017, Riverside Unified School District established an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to oversee Measure O funds and satisfy the accountability requirements of Proposition 39.

Committee Member Duties Include:

- *Informing the public concerning the District's expenditure.*
- *Reviewing expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure O; and no bond proceeds were used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses in compliance with Attorney General Opinion 04-110, issued on November 9, 2004.*
- *Present an annual report to the Riverside Unified School District Board of Trustees.*

MAP OF ACTIVE AND COMPLETED PROJECTS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Andrew Jackson, Fremont, Harrison, Henry W. Longfellow, Highgrove, John Adams, Louisa May Alcott, Madison, Magnolia, Monroe, Thomas Jefferson



MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

Sierra, University Heights



HIGH SCHOOLS:

John W. North, Arlington, Riverside Polytechnic



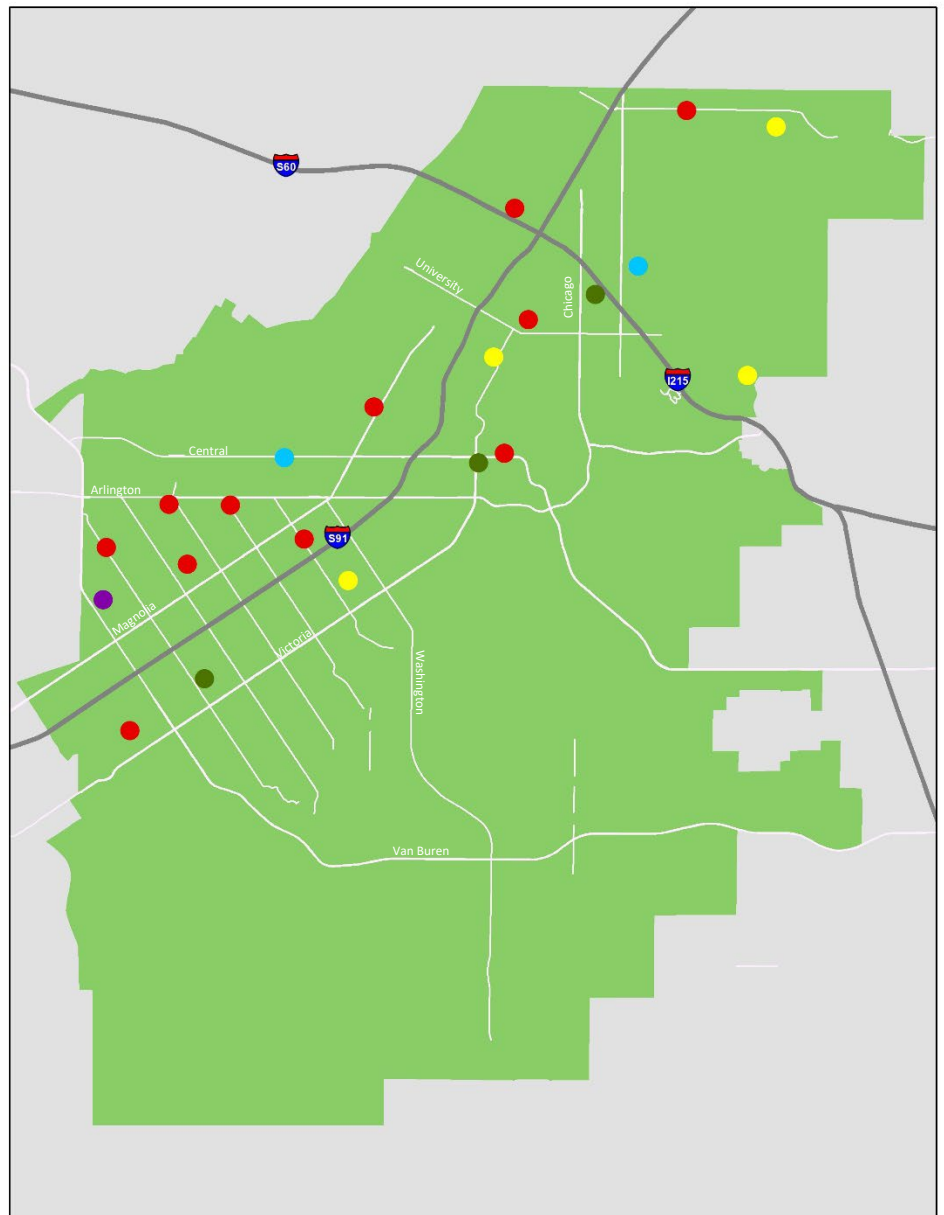
NEW SCHOOL PROJECTS:

Casa Blanca ES, Eastside ES, Highgrove II, STEM Education Center



SPECIALTY SCHOOLS:

Sunshine Early Childhood Center



Measure O Project List

Group A Schools	Group B Schools	Group C Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrison Elementary School Highgrove Elementary School Jefferson Elementary School Madison Elementary School Sierra Middle School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcott Elementary School Jackson Elementary School Monroe Elementary School Sunshine Early Childhood Center Riverside Polytechnic High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adams Elementary School Fremont Elementary School Longfellow Elementary School Magnolia Elementary School University Heights Middle School Arlington High School
Group D Schools	Group E Schools	Group F Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryant Elementary School Highland Elementary School Victoria elementary School Washington Elementary School Chemawa Middle School Gage Middle School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Elementary School Liberty Elementary School Mountain View Elementary School Pachappa Elementary School Woodcrest Elementary School Central Middle School North High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle View Elementary School Emerson Elementary School Lincoln High School STEM Academy Highgrove II Ramona High School
Group G Schools	Group H Schools	New Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rivera Elementary School Taft Elementary School Earhard Middle School Adult Education/Project Team EOC/Summit View 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beatty Elementary School Hawthorne Elementary School Kennedy Elementary School Lake Mathews Elementary School Twain Elementary School Miller Elementary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Education Center Casa Blanca Elementary School Highgrove II Eastside Elementary School

COMPLETED PROJECT SNAPSHOT



POLY HS



JACKSON



ARLINGTON HS



ADAMS



SUNSHINE



COMPLETED PROJECT SNAPSHOT



HARRISON



SIERRA



MADISON



JEFFERSON



MAGNOLIA



Highgrove

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Under Construction:

- Monroe Elementary School - New 5 Classroom Building
- Louisa May Alcott Elementary School – New 10 Classroom Building
- Fremont Elementary School – New 12 Classroom Building
- Longfellow Elementary School – New 12 Classroom Building
- University Middle School – New 7 Classrooms



MONROE



ALCOTT



FREMONT



LONGFELLOW



UNIVERSITY MS



PROJECTS IN PLANNING PHASE

Planning Phase:

Highgrove II Neighborhood School

Design Process:

Casa Blanca Neighborhood School

John W. North High School – Modernization

CEQA, Environmental, and Site Process:

Eastside Neighborhood School

STEM Education Center

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
BYLAWS**

Section 1. Committee Established. The Riverside Unified School District (the "District") was successful at the election on the November 8, 2016 in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$392,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's school facilities bonds ("Measure O"). The Measure O election was conducted under Proposition 39, being chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code of the State ("Prop 39"). Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is obligated to establish an Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee in order to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has established the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (the "Committee") for Measure O which and has granted it the duties and rights set forth in these Bylaws. The Committee does not have legal capacity independent from the District.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of the Committee are set forth in Prop 39, and these Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Prop 39 as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee shall be deemed to be subject to the *Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act* of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof. The District shall provide necessary administrative support to the Committee as shall be consistent with the Committee's purposes, as set forth in Prop 39.

The proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to Measure O are hereinafter referred to as "bond proceeds." The Committee shall confine itself specifically to bond proceeds generated under Measure O. Regular and deferred maintenance projects and all monies generated under other sources shall fall outside the scope of the Committee's review.

Section 3. Duties. To carry out its stated purposes, the Committee shall perform only the duties set forth in Sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 hereof, and shall refrain from those activities set forth in Sections 3.4 and 3.5.

3.1 **Inform the Public.** The Committee shall inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of bond proceeds. In fulfilling this duty, all official communications to either the Board or the public shall come from the Chair acting on behalf of the Committee. The Chair shall only release information that reflects the majority view of the Committee.

3.2 **Review Expenditures.** The Committee shall review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that (a) bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure O; and (b) no bond proceeds were used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses in compliance with Attorney General Opinion 04-110, issued on November 9, 2004.

3.3 **Annual Report.** The Committee shall present to the Board, in public session, an annual written report for Measure O which shall include the following:

- (a) A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution; and

(b) A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

3.4 Duties of the Board/Superintendent. Either the Board or the Superintendent, as the Board shall determine, shall have the following powers reserved to it, and the Committee shall have no jurisdiction over the following types of activities:

- (i) Approval of contracts,
- (ii) Approval of change orders,
- (iii) Expenditures of bond funds,
- (iv) Handling of all legal matters,
- (v) Approval of project plans and schedules,
- (vi) Approval of all deferred maintenance plans, and
- (vii) Approval of the sale of bonds.

3.5 Measure O Projects Only. In recognition of the fact that the Committee is charged with overseeing the expenditure of bond proceeds, the Board has not charged the Committee with responsibility for:

(a) Projects financed through the State of California, developer fees, redevelopment tax increment, certificates of participation, lease/revenue bonds, the general fund or the sale of surplus property without bond proceeds shall be outside the authority of the Committee.

(b) The establishment of priorities and order of construction for the bond projects, which shall be made by the Board in its sole discretion.

(c) The selection of architects, engineers, soils engineers, construction managers, project managers, CEQA consultants and such other professional service firms as are required to complete the project based on District criteria established by the Board in its sole discretion.

(d) The approval of the design for each project including exterior materials, paint color, interior finishes, site plan and construction methods (modular vs. permanent) which shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

(e) The selection of independent audit firm(s), performance audit consultants and such other consultants as are necessary to support the activities of the Committee..

(f) The appointment or reappointment of qualified applicants to serve on the Committee, subject to legal limitations, and based on criteria adopted in the Board's sole discretion as part of carrying out its function under Prop 39.

Section 4. Authorized Activities.

4.1 In order to perform the duties set forth in Section 3.0, the Committee may engage in the following authorized activities:

(a) Receive copies of the District's annual, independent performance audit and annual, independent financial audit required by Prop 39 (Article XIII A of the California Constitution) (together, the "Audits") at the same time said Audits are submitted to the District, but not later than March 31 of each year, and review the Audits.

(b) Inspect District facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended, in accordance with any access procedure established by the District's Superintendent.

(c) Review copies of deferred maintenance plans developed by the District.

(d) Review efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures.

(e) Receive from the Board, within three months of the District receiving the Audits, responses to any and all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in the Audits, and review said responses.

Section 5. Membership.

5.1 Number.

The Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by the Board from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit:

- One (1) member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council.
- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizens' organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large.

5.2 Qualification Standards.

(a) To be a qualified person, he or she must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The Committee may not include any employee, official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District.

5.3 Ethics: Conflicts of Interest.

(a) Members of the Committee are not subject to the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code §§ 81000 *et seq.*), and are not required to complete Form 700; but each member shall comply with the Committee Ethics Policy attached as “Attachment A” to these Bylaws.

(b) Pursuant to Section 35233 of the Education Code, the prohibitions contained in Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code (“Article 4”) and Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 1125) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code (“Article 4.7”) are applicable to members of the Committee. Accordingly:

(i) Members of the Committee shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacities or by the Committee, nor shall they be purchasers at any sale or vendors at any purchase made by them in their official capacity, all as prohibited by Article 4; and

(ii) Members of the Committee shall not engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties as a member of the Committee or with the duties, functions, or responsibilities of the Committee or the District. A member of the Committee shall not perform any work, service, or counsel for compensation where any part of his or her efforts will be subject to approval by any other officer, employee, board, or commission of the Board, except as permitted under Article 4.7.

5.4 Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a term of two (2) years, commencing as of the date of appointment by the Board. No member may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. At the Committee’s first meeting, members will draw lots or otherwise select a minimum of two members to serve for an initial one (1) year term and the remaining members for an initial two (2) year term. Members whose terms have expired may continue to serve on the Committee until a successor has been appointed.

5.5 Appointment. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board through the following process: (a) the District will advertise in the local newspapers, on its website, and in other customary forums, as well as solicit appropriate local groups for applications; (b) the Superintendent will review the applications; and (c) the Superintendent will make recommendations to the Board.

5.6 Removal; Vacancy. The Board may remove any Committee member for any reason, including failure to attend two consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse or for failure to comply with the Committee Ethics Policy. Upon a member’s removal, his or her seat shall be declared vacant. The Board, in accordance with the established appointment process shall fill any vacancies on the Committee. The Board shall seek to fill vacancies within 90 days of the date of occurrence of a vacancy.

5.7 Compensation. The Committee members shall not be compensated for their services.

5.8 Authority of Members. (a) Committee members shall not have the authority to direct staff of the District; (b) individual members of the Committee retain the right to address the Board, either on behalf of the Committee or as an individual; (c) the Committee may establish Ad Hoc Committees as they determine to be appropriate to fulfill their responsibilities; and (d) the Committee shall have the right to request and receive copies of any public records relating to projects funded by Measure O.

Section 6. Meetings of the Committee.

6.1 Regular Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least once a year.

6.2 Location. All meetings shall be held within the boundaries of the District, located in Riverside County, California.

6.3 Procedures. All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the *Ralph M. Brown Act*, Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.* Meetings shall be conducted according to such additional procedural rules as the Committee may adopt. A majority of the number of Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Committee.

Section 7. District Support.

7.1 The District shall provide to the Committee necessary technical and administrative assistance as follows:

(a) preparation of and posting of public notices as required by the *Brown Act*, ensuring that all notices to the public are provided in the same manner as notices regarding meetings of the Board;

(b) provision of a meeting room, including any necessary audio/visual equipment;

(c) preparation, translation and copies of any documentary meeting materials, such as agendas and reports; and

(d) retention of all Committee records, and providing public access to such records on an Internet website maintained by the District.

7.2 District staff and/or District consultants shall attend Committee proceedings in order to report on the status of projects and the expenditure of bond proceeds.

Section 8. Reports. In addition to the Annual Report required in Section 3.3, the Committee may report to the Board from time to time in order to advise the Board on the activities of the Committee. Such report shall be in writing and shall summarize the proceedings and activities conducted by the Committee.

Section 9. Officers. The Superintendent shall appoint the initial Chair. Thereafter, the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall act as Chair only when the Chair is absent. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve in such capacities for a term of one year and may be re-elected by vote of a majority of the members of the Committee.

Section 10. Amendment of Bylaws. Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 11. Termination. The Committee shall automatically terminate and disband concurrently with the Committee's submission of the final Annual Report which reflects the final accounting of the expenditure of all Measure O monies.

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ETHICS POLICY STATEMENT

This Ethics Policy Statement provides general guidelines for Committee members in carrying out their responsibilities. Not all ethical issues that Committee members face are covered in this Statement. However, this Statement captures some of the critical areas that help define ethical and professional conduct for Committee members. The provisions of this Statement were developed from existing laws, rules, policies and procedures as well as from concepts that define generally accepted good business practices. Committee members are expected to strictly adhere to the provisions of this Ethics Policy.

POLICY

- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds, or (2) any construction project which will benefit the Committee member's outside employment, business, or a personal finance or benefit an immediate family member, such as a spouse, child or parent.
- **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT.** A Committee member shall not use his or her authority over a particular matter to negotiate future employment with any person or organization that relates to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds, or (2) any construction project. A Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to any construction project involving the interest of a person with whom the member has an agreement concerning current or future employment, or remuneration of any kind. For a period of two (2) years after leaving the Committee, a former Committee member may not represent any person or organization for compensation in connection with any matter pending before the District that, as a Committee member, he or she participated in personally and substantially. Specifically, for a period of two (2) years after leaving the Committee, a former Committee member and the companies and businesses for which the member works shall be prohibited from contracting with the District with respect bidding on projects funded by the bond proceeds.
- **COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD LAW.** A Committee member shall uphold the federal and California Constitutions, the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California (particularly the Education Code) and all other applicable government entities, and the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Riverside Unified School District.
- **COMMITMENT TO DISTRICT.** A Committee member shall place the interests of the District above any personal or business interest of the member.

**MEASURE "O" – RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Riverside Unified School District.

"To repair and upgrade Riverside schools, including deteriorating roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, improve student safety, security, and seismic safety, upgrade classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities, computer systems and instructional technology to support student achievement in math, science, engineering and skilled trades, and construct, acquire, repair classrooms, sites, facilities and equipment, shall Riverside Unified School District issue \$392 million in bonds at legal rates, with citizen oversight, no money for administrator salaries, all money staying local?"

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District is committed to maintaining the quality of education in local schools with safe, secure, upgraded classrooms and labs for career and technology education to keep pace with 21st century technologies and learning standards. To that end, the Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size, computer and information technology, enrollment trends and prepared a Facilities Master Plan (approved by the Board on February 1, 2016) which is incorporated herein in its entirety, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input in developing this Project List. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. **The Board concluded that protecting the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community, and the value of our homes is a wise investment.** Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Education determines that the District must:

- (i) Upgrade or replace aging school infrastructure, classrooms and school buildings; and
- (ii) Modernize school facilities to improve access for students with disabilities; and
- (iii) Retrofit older buildings so they are earthquake safe; and
- (iv) Provide classroom and labs for career and technical education classes so students are prepared for college and good-paying jobs in fields like health science, engineering, technology, robotics, and the skilled trades; and
- (v) Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like reading, math, science and technology; and
- (vi) Adhere to specific fiscal accountability safeguards such as:
 - (a) All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial audits.
 - (b) No funds can be used for administrators' salaries and pensions.
 - (c) An independent citizens' oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools and sites:

IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING: Basic School Repair and Upgrade Projects

Goals and Purposes: Upgraded classrooms will ensure that students who plan to go to college are prepared to succeed, and those that don't plan to go to college receive career training they need to compete for good paying jobs in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics and skilled trades.

Since many Riverside schools were built more than 40-years ago, they need basic repairs, including roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, and other projects, including:

- Upgrade and construct classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities and computer systems to keep pace with technology.
- **Repair or replace aging roofs, floors, plumbing and electrical systems** where needed.
- Repair or replace outdated classrooms and school buildings with safe, modern facilities.
- Partner with U.C. Riverside and Riverside City College to build a Center for the Study of Advanced Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, that will give local high school students access to college-level instruction.
- Expand and upgrade existing libraries to improve students' research skills and preparation for college.
- **Build new classrooms and facilities to relieve overcrowding.**
- Upgrade or construct facilities for visual and performing arts.

IMPROVING SCHOOL SAFETY: Safety, Security and Energy Efficiency Projects

Goal and Purpose: WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, PROTECTING THE QUALITY OF OUR SCHOOLS, THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE VALUE OF OUR HOMES IS A WISE INVESTMENT. This measure will upgrade security lighting, fencing, smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinklers, and campus security systems for improved student safety. Schools will benefit from a variety of safety and efficiency projects, such as:

Student Safety and Security

- Replace aging, outdated portables with modern classrooms that meet 21st century health, safety and academic standards.
- Upgrade fire alarm systems to automatic systems, repair fire safety equipment, add smoke detectors and fire safety doors to make students safe in the event of an emergency.
- Improve older schools so that they meet the same safety and academic standards as newer schools.
- Retrofit older school buildings so they are earthquake safe.

- **Modernize school facilities to improve access for students with disabilities.**
- **Improve student safety and campus security systems, including security, lighting, and security cameras and classroom door locks.**
- Upgrade emergency communication systems to improve student safety.

Energy Efficiency - Returning Savings to the Classroom

- Make energy and water efficiency improvements that will free-up money to retain highly qualified teachers and improve the quality of classroom instruction.

21st CENTURY LEARNING FOR 21st CENTURY CAREERS: District-Wide Instructional Technology Projects

Goal and Purpose: If we want our kids to succeed in college and careers, they must be skilled in the use of today's technologies and have a solid background in math, science, engineering and technology. This measure will update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like reading, math, science and technology.

- Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like reading, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for career and technical education classes and computer systems to keep pace with technology.
- Upgrade computer systems to keep pace with technology; upgrade and replace computers, classroom and library technology and teaching equipment to enhance instruction.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and replace heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; acquire vehicles; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; construct District office and professional development center; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct support facilities, including administrative, physical education (including upgrading or adding gyms, stadiums and locker rooms) and performing arts buildings and maintenance facilities and yards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurface or replace hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; expand parking and drop-off areas; acquire land; construct new schools; upgrade interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; upgrade pools; upgrade central kitchen and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve playgrounds, athletic fields and play apparatus; replace outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade music labs, media centers, adult education facilities. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology and other miscellaneous equipment. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded 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. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

TAX RATE STATEMENT CONCERNING MEASURE "O"

**TAX RATE STATEMENT
REGARDING PROPOSED
\$392,000,000
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

An election will be held in Riverside Unified School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of issuing bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$392 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This 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 assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.059 per \$100 (\$59.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for the year 2017-18.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.059 per \$100 (\$59.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year 2025-26.
3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.059 per \$100 (\$59.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.
4. 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 \$705 million.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

By: Dr. David Hansen
Superintendent
Riverside Unified School District

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "O"

The Board of Education ("Board") of the Riverside Unified School District ("District") by adopting Resolution No. 2015/2016-56 ("Resolution"), elected to call an election pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Section 15100 and 15624 *et seq.* of the California Education Code to obtain authorization to issue and sell general obligation Bonds ("Bonds") in the aggregate amount principal amount of three hundred and ninety two millions dollars (\$392,000,000).

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of the District.

The Bonds may be used by the District to repair and upgrade District schools by upgrading or replacing aging school infrastructure, classrooms and buildings, modernize school facilities with 21st century technology, improve access for students with disabilities, provide classroom and labs for career and technical education classes. The Bonds may be used to improve school safety by modernizing security systems, retrofitting buildings to be earthquake proof, and upgrading emergency communications. The Bonds may also be used to District-wide technology improvements for updated instruction technology in classrooms and labs and upgraded computer systems. The Bonds would not be used to fund the salaries, pensions or benefits of any board members, administrator, and/or teachers or for other school operating expenses.

If Measure O is approved, the Board of the District will appoint a citizens' oversight committee, and conduct annual independent financial and performance audits to assure that bond funds are spent only on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and for no other purposes.

An ad valorem tax would be levied and collected on property within the boundaries of the District to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds.

The Resolution provides that the maximum interest rate on the Bonds will not exceed the maximum statutory interest rate set by statute and the maximum term of the Bonds, or any series thereof, will not exceed the statutory maximum period. The best estimate for the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the Bonds are issued and sold is seven hundred and five millions dollars (\$705,000,000).

For this Measure to be approved fifty-five percent (55%) of qualified voters who vote on the Measure must vote yes.

A "YES" vote on Measure "O" is a vote to allow the District to sell the Bonds and levy the necessary taxes to pay for the Bonds.

A "NO" vote on Measure "O" is a vote against allowing the District to sell the Bonds and levy the necessary taxes to pay for the Bonds.

By: Ronak N. Patel, Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "O"

Vote YES on Measure O to provide locally-controlled funding so Riverside students are better prepared for college and good paying jobs in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics, and skilled trades.

Our students deserve to have the same educational opportunities as others in our region. Over 30 of our schools in Riverside were built more than 40 years ago, and five are more than 100 years old.

If we want our kids to succeed in college and careers, they must be skilled in the use of today's technologies and have a solid background in science, engineering and math. Measure O will make essential repairs and improvements so that local schools can serve our community well for decades to come.

Measure O will:

- Improve student safety and campus security systems
- Repair or replace aging, outdated classrooms and school buildings
- Provide classrooms and labs for career and technology education (CTE) classes, including health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics and skilled trades
- Improve access for students with disabilities
- Retrofit older schools to enhance earthquake safety
- Update instructional technology for modern teaching standards in core subjects like reading, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)

Measure O ensures strict fiscal accountability:

- All funds raised by Measure O will stay in Riverside to support our students
- No funds for administrators' and teachers salaries and benefits
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits are required
- All funds would support local students and could not be taken by the State
- Measure O would qualify RUSD for millions of dollars in state matching funds that would otherwise go to other school districts

Strong schools make our community a desirable place to live, protecting and improving the value in our homes and quality of life.

Join parents, teachers, seniors, business leaders and many others — vote YES on Measure O.

By: John F. Tavaglione, Riverside County Supervisor
W.E. Rucker-Hughes, President, Riverside NAACP
Virginia Blumenthal, Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees
Matthew E. Webb, Business Owner
Gina Cheadle, Riverside Council PTA President

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "O"

CBOC MEMBER TERM DATES

Committee Members	Group Representation	Term	Board Approved Start Date	Term End Date
Amanda DeLao	Parent	1 st Term	1/21/2021	1/21/2023
Art Alcaraz	Community at Large	1 st Term	1/21/2021	1/21/2023
Douglas Kroon	Senior Citizen Organization	1 st Term	2/24/2022	2/24/2024
Tina Grande Field	Parent & PTA Member	3 rd Term	7/14/2022	7/14/2024
Sandra Roy	Parent & PTA Member	1 st Term	7/14/2022	7/14/2024
Keith Nelson	Community at Large	3 rd Term	2/24/2022	2/24/2024
Lara E. Martin	Business Organization	1 st Term	1/21/2021	1/21/2023
Marilyn Robinson	Tax Payer Association	1 st Term	1/21/2021	1/21/2023
Martin de Campo	Parent & PTA Member	1 st Term	1/21/2021	1/21/2023
Jessica Gomez	Parent	1 st Term	7/14/2022	7/14/2024
Beiwei Tu	Parent	1 st Term	7/14/2022	7/14/2024
Cheryl Tavaglione	Community at Large	1 st Term	7/14/2022	7/14/2024
Terry Walling	Community at Large	3 rd Term	7/14/2022	7/14/2024

ACRONYMS

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

CARB – California Air Resource Board

CASH – Coalition of Adequate School Housing

CBSC – California Building Standards Commission

CDAC – California Debt Advisory Committee

CDE – California Department of Education

CDFG – California Department of Fish and Game

CDHS – California Department of Health Services

CEC – California Energy Commission

CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act

CGS – California Geological Survey

CPUC – California Public Utilities Commission

DGS – Department of General Services

DIR – Department of Industrial Relations

DLSE – Division of Labor Standards Enforcement

DOF – Department of Finance

DOT – Department of Transportation

DPR – Department of Parks & Recreation

DSA – Division of the State Architect

DTSC – Department of Toxic Substances Control

FHA – Federal Housing Administration

LAO – Legislative Analysts' Office

LEA – Lead Education Agency

OAL – Office of Administrative Law

OPSC – Office of Public School Construction

PCC – Public Contract Code

PEA – Preliminary Endangerment Assessment

RWQCB – Regional Water Quality Control Board

SAB – State Allocation Board

SFPD – School Facilities Planning Division

SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board



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