## NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENTS, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF POTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election (a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election) will be held in POTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the District the following proposition:

### POTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPOSITION A

> THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of $0.9554 per $100 valuation in Poth Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 18 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional $120.

The election will be held in accordance with the following Order (adopted August 17, 2026, as amended by the Amended Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election):

### A RESOLUTION AND ORDER ADOPTING A TAX RATE AND CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Poth Independent School District (the "District"), located in the County of Wilson, Texas, adopted a budget on August 17, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year with an ad valorem tax rate of $0.9554 per $100 taxable assessed valuation that exceeds the District's 2026 Voter-Approval Tax Rate ("VATR") and, therefore, finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election ("VATRE") pursuant to Section 26.08(a), Texas Tax Code, as amended, and the Texas Election Code, as amended; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board hereby adopted the budget for the 2026-2027 school year on August 17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby adopts a maintenance and operations tax rate of $0.7869 per $100 taxable assessed valuation for the 2026 tax year, a rate that is $0.1700 higher per $100 taxable assessed valuation than the District's 2026 Maximum Compressed Tax Rate of $0.6169 for maintenance and operations; and

**WHEREAS,** the District will hold an election to ratify and adopt the above tax rate on November 3, 2026 (the "Election") at locations prescribed in this Order pursuant to the Texas Election Code, as amended.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:**

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Resolution and Order ("Order") are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The budget as presented at the board meeting for the 2026-2027 school year was adopted on August 17, 2026.

Section 3. The Board hereby levies or sets the tax rate on $100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2026 at a total tax rate of $0.9554, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

$0.7869 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and
$0.1685 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

Section 4. An election shall be held on November 3, 2026 (the "Election Date") in the District, a date that is thirty (30) or more days from the date of this Order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (as amended by the Amended Order):

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Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Election Precincts, Voting Locations, and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to designate voting locations. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Superintendent or their designee. The Superintendent or their designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A, and such locations are hereby approved. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 7. Early Voting Locations, Dates, and Times.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B and such locations are hereby approved.

(b) Marlana Janysek is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Poth Independent School District. Applications for ballot by mail or electronic mail shall be sent to: P.O. Box 250, Poth, TX 78147, or via electronic mail at mjanysek@pothisd.us. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. More information regarding the election can be found at www.pothisd.us/our-district/VATRE.

(c) Applications for ballots by mail via post or electronic submission must be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2026.

Section 8. Appointment of Election Officers.

(a) The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed; election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed.

(b) The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the presiding judges and alternate presiding judges appointed by the Wilson County Election Administrator, in accordance with the Education Code, the Election Code, the Constitution, and laws of the State and the United States of America. The presiding judges shall appoint not less than two (2) or more than three (3) qualified election clerks for the conduct of the Election. The Board hereby authorizes the Wilson County Election Administrator to appoint any such other officials not designated herein as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one (1) time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or otherwise complies with State law), (ii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election, and (iii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Proposition, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerk of Wilson County and the Elections Administrator not later than the 30th day before Election Day (consistent with Election Code § 4.008(b)).

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Tax Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition, which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

**POTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A**

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| ☐ FOR ) | | "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations of $0.9554 per $100 taxable assessed valuation in Poth Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 18 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional $120.00." |
| ☐ AGAINST ) | | |

Section 12. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.
PASSED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of August 2026 (as amended by the Amended Order).

*/s/ Clint Garza*
Clint Garza
President, Board of Trustees
Poth Independent School District

ATTEST:

*/s/ Erika Urbanczyk*
Erika Urbanczyk
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Poth Independent School District

EXHIBIT A
November 3, 2026 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

WILSON COUNTY

Box 101 WILSON COUNTY ESD #2 (WILLIAM D. "BILL" KINNEY STATION)
191 Cimarron Dr., Floresville, TX

Box 102 FLORESVILLE SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
921 3rd Street, Floresville, TX

Box 103 & 104 SPJST HALL
1156 FM 1303, Floresville, TX
(1 Mile N of Intersection FM 536 & 1303)

Box 205 ST. JOHN EDUCATION BUILDING
112 Titcomb, Poth, TX

Box 206 AMERICAN LEGION HALL POST 38
1412 Fourth Street, Floresville, TX

Box 207 WILSON COUNTY EXPO (FORMERLY SHOWBARN)
435 ST. Hwy 97 E, Floresville, TX

Box 311 LA VERNIA CHURCH OF CHRIST
131 Industrial Dr., La Vernia, TX

Box 312 S.S. WATER SUPPLY CORP.
10393 US Hwy 87 W., La Vernia, TX

Box 313 SUTHERLAND SPGS. COMMUNITY BLDG.
411 4th St., Sutherland Springs, TX
(1 block S. of US Hwy 87 @ corner of 4th & 14th)

Box 414 STOCKDALE COMMUNITY BUILDING
700 W. Main, Stockdale, TX

Box 415 LIFE CHURCH
7079 FM 775, La Vernia, TX

Box 416 WOOD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
715 Fuller Lane, Adkins, TX

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES & TIMES

Main Early Voting Location:

Wilson County Elections Office
1103 4th St, Bldg. B, Ste. 101
Floresville, TX 78114

Monday, October 19 – Friday, October 23 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Branch Early Voting Location:

La Vernia Church of Christ
131 Industrial Dr.
La Vernia, TX 78121

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Saturday, October 24 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.