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FORM OF TAX RATE STATEMENT

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TAX RATE STATEMENT CONCERNING MEASURE __

TAX RATE STATEMENT
REGARDING PROPOSED
\$6,000,000
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
K-8 SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Caruthers Unified School District K-8 Facilities Improvement District (the "District") on November 8, 2016, to authorize the sale of up to \$6,000,000 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 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 tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for fiscal year 2017-18.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for fiscal year 2017-18.
3. 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 \$0.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value), which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.
4. 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 \$12,200,000.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. 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 are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, the tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The date of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of 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.

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