

## APPENDIX A

### BALLOT PROPOSITION FULL TEXT

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To continue renovating, constructing and equipping existing classrooms/school facilities, building a new high school and elementary school, and to be eligible for State matching funds, shall \$87,300,000 of Central Unified School District bonds, an amount previously approved by voters in 2008, be reauthorized through issuance of new bonds, with no increase in total authorized District debt, interest rates within legal limits, annual audits, citizen oversight, all funds spent on local schools and no money for administrator salaries?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

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#### BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$87,300,000 in aggregated principal at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

The Bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the Bonds are issued.

District voters previously approved Measure B at an election held in the District on November 4, 2008. However, the general economic downturn which commenced in 2008 has resulted in lower assessed valuations in the District, and, as a result, due to State law limitations imposed on the issuance of bonds under Measure B, the District estimates that it will be not be able to issue all of the remaining Measure B Bonds in the immediate future without incurring excessive borrowing costs. The Board of Trustees of the District has found and determined that there continues to be an urgent need in the District for the completion of educational projects. If the Bonds are approved and issued, the Board of Trustees of the District has covenanted that it will cancel and shall not authorize the issuance of Measure B Bonds in a like amount.

#### 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 Board of Trustees has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects would be financed from a local bond. The Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees.

**Performance Audits.** The Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees 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 Fresno 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 Board of Trustees of the District 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.



## **BOND PROJECT LIST**

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended on the modernization, renovation, expansion, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of school facilities of the Central Unified School District, including the furnishing and equipping of such school facilities, located or to be located in the Central Unified School District,

**School Facility Project List.** The District intends to complete and/or commence the following projects using a combination of bond funding, and other anticipated sources, including State matching funds if available. The projects summarized on the following list are the types of projects to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. The specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the generality of the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure

### **New High School**

Construct, equip and furnish classrooms, support facilities, and gymnasium, and all related site improvements and infrastructure

### **Tilley Elementary School**

Construct, equip and furnish a permanent facility at Tilley including two-story classroom buildings, kindergarten classrooms, multi-purpose room, library and administration building and related site improvements and infrastructure

### **Madison Elementary School**

Renovate existing classrooms, make ADA improvements, and upgrade electrical system

### **Roosevelt Elementary School**

Renovate existing classrooms, upgrade fire alarm system, install/replace HVAC system, upgrade electrical system and lighting, and make ADA improvements

### **McKinley Elementary School**

Renovate existing classrooms, make ADA improvements, and replace roofs

### **New Elementary School**

Construct, equip, and furnish a new elementary school on property previously acquired by the District including all related site improvements and facilities

### **Herndon-Barstow Elementary**

Renovate existing classrooms, upgrade fire alarm system, upgrade electrical system, improve sewer, water and gas service, make ADA improvements, and install/replace HVAC system

### **Support Services**

Relocate maintenance and operations support services off of existing school sites and construct new facility and related site improvements

Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs incidental but directly related to the specific projects described above. This measure also authorizes the District to acquire interests in real property as needed for said projects. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to, costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, demolition and disposal of existing structures, rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction, interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities, addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary

improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, bond issuance costs and project administration during the duration of such projects.

Unforeseen conditions may arise during the course of design and construction which may require the District to alter the scope and nature of the specific projects identified above. In the event that a modernization or renovation project will result in higher costs than relocation and construction, this bond measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation and reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto, for said reasons or based on other considerations deemed in the best interest of the District by the Board of Trustees.

The District plans to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, including funding which may be eligible for joint-use projects, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects, and bond funds may be used to fund all or a portion of the District's share of such eligible projects as determined by the Board of Trustees. Project priorities will be determined by the Board of Trustees. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.