

EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

for

FIREBAUGH-LAS DELTAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIREBAUGH-LAS DELTAS SCHOOL REPAIR/SAFETY MEASURE

INTRODUCTION

The Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District serves the Firebaugh community with a population approaching 2,400 students in 5 schools, including two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school, plus one alternative education school. The District was established as a joint elementary school district in 1878 and became a joint unified school district in 1976 and has several aging schools in need of repair, and it faces other challenges to its capacity to adequately house all of its students in efficient facilities that are free of asbestos and lead paint. The District also has identified a need for providing facilities for music and performing arts education. Upgrading our schools will help retain and attract quality teachers because classrooms will be up-to-date, and schools will be clean and safe. A much larger, and much longer term solution to address issues of equity and facilities upgrades and modernization, will be the consideration of the District asking the voters to approve a general obligation bond.

The State of California requires a local match, funded primarily through local, general obligation bonds, for school districts wishing to pursue matching state funds for the upgrade or replacement of school buildings and facilities. The millions of dollars potentially available through the State match allows local taxpayers to benefit from the tax dollars they already pay to Sacramento.

It is imperative that our students are housed in safe schools. In addition, our students would benefit from complete, comprehensive, and efficient schools. We need to act locally to build safe and modern schools to ensure our students have the educational opportunities they deserve.

BONDS

To repair aging classrooms; remove asbestos/lead paint; upgrade school safety/security; water conservation/ recycling systems; improve agricultural education; technology, computer/science labs, vocational programs; repair, construct/retrofit classrooms, sites/equipment; maintain student health/safety and retain/attract quality teachers, shall Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District issue \$15,000,000 in bonds , at legal rates, requiring independent annual audits, citizens' oversight, no administrator salaries, preventing Sacramento from taking funds, and keeping all funds local?

SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses. 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 the bond projects.

The following list describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The scope of specific projects, the order of construction, and their completion is contingent on final project costs and the availability of needed funds. Further, projects on the project list are of the type that issuing the authorized general obligation bonds as stated will not cause the State to reduce any financial hardship contribution that would otherwise be available to the District had these bonds not been authorized, issued, and or expended for their stated purpose.

These projects may include participation in the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program to gain matching funds for teacher education, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, childcare, and other qualifying Joint-Use facilities. With respect to such joint-use projects, the bond funds authorized by this bond measure may be used to pay all of the local share needed to qualify the projects for special State matching funds under the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program requirements.

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 Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District, including the furnishing and equipping of such school facilities, located or to be located in the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District, including at the following school sites and properties which have an average age of 52 years:

School Facilities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Hazel M. Bailey Primary	64 years
Arthur E. Mills Intermediate	62 years
Firebaugh Middle School	67 years
Firebaugh High School	37 years
FACE	28 years

School Facility Project List. The projects summarized on the following list (“Project 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. The types of projects authorized are:

- Construct, modernize, upgrade and expand classrooms and other learning facilities, including vocational education facilities such as agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare and technology skills;
- Make health and safety improvements to older schools to repair deteriorating restrooms and leaky roofs, remove asbestos and lead paint, replace outdated heating and air conditioning systems, security systems, fire alarms, and communications systems;
- Upgrade and construct music and performing arts facilities and science/computer labs and technology infrastructure to provide students with access to technology needed for a 21st Century economy;
- Repair and upgrade outdated electrical wiring;
- Ensure and upgrade disabled/ADA accessibility to schools;
- Create and equip quality classrooms, labs, libraries and community-use areas equally across District schools;
- Improve school libraries;
- Provide local matching funds for school facility grant opportunities;
- Build, renovate and equip special education facilities in order that students’ unique academic, social or physical needs can be met;
- Incorporate sustainable site design, alternative energy, water conservation and energy efficiency into building projects and repairs;
- Improve access to schools by parents, visitors and the community;
- Acquisition of any of the facilities on this Project List through temporary lease or lease-purchase arrangements or other interim financing;
- Make interior and exterior improvements including upgrade of infrastructure and major building systems; replace water, sewer, plumbing, electrical and irrigation systems; repaint facilities; resurface parking areas and play courts; upgrade sidewalks, paths and walkways; renovate and improve athletic facilities, playfields and community-use areas; and

Each of the bond projects described in this Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs incidental but directly related to the specific projects described above. Examples of such 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; costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire real property (or any interest in real property) as needed for future educational and support. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by unforeseen conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. 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.

Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with local funds generated by the bond measure. The District plans to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects. In addition, the issuance of bonds pursuant to this measure depends in part on the assessed valuation of properties in the District and as a result issuance may require approval from the State Department of Education for a waiver of bonding capacity.

The order in which school facilities projects are listed above does not suggest an order of priority. 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.

The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated the safety, class-size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing this list of school facilities projects.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

If the bonds are approved, the Board of Trustees will implement the following accountability measures in accordance with State law:

- (a) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and related uses, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses;

- (b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A;
- (c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for school facilities projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A; and
- (d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

California Education Code section 15122.5 requires the following statement to be included in this sample ballot:

“Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this bond measure. The school district's proposal for certain of the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which are subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.”

ANNUAL TAX AMOUNT, RATE, AND DURATION

The bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The maturity of the bonds shall not exceed the maximum term allowed by law at the time of issuance (currently 25 years if issued under Education Code section 15140, or 40 years if issued under Government Code section 53508). Accordingly, as further set forth in the tax rate statement, the *ad valorem* tax will be levied at such rates and for so long as may be required to meet the debt service needs of the bonds proposed to be issued, including such bonds that may be issued to refund any approved bonds.
