

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE V

Banta Unified School District

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Approval of this measure will create a new, unified school district (serving grades transitional kindergarten through 12th) to be known as the Banta Unified School District, effective July 1, 2021.

Presently, the Tracy Unified School District (“Tracy District”) is a unified school district that serves grades preschool through 12th within the boundaries of the former Tracy Elementary School District, former Delta Island Elementary School District, former Holt Elementary School District, as well as grades 9th through 12th within the territory it shares in common with the Banta Elementary School District (“Banta District”), the New Jerusalem Elementary School District, and the Jefferson Elementary School District within San Joaquin County and Mountain House Elementary School District within Alameda County.

The Banta District is a non-unified elementary school district that serves grades transitional kindergarten through 8th. The Banta District is located entirely within the boundaries of the Tracy District. The Banta District does not presently offer public high school services. High school age students residing within the boundaries of the Banta District receive high school services from the high schools operated by the Tracy District.

The Tracy District and the Banta District support reorganizing the Banta District into a new unified district that will provide for educational services in grades transitional kindergarten through 12th for students within the boundaries of the Banta District.

If the measure is adopted, the new unified school district will be governed by a new, five member governing board whose members will be elected at the same election in which this measure is presented to voters. The board members will be selected “at large” and will only be seated if Measure V passes. Pursuant to Education Code Section 35737, to stagger the terms of the board members, the three candidates with the most votes will serve four-year terms, the two remaining candidates will serve two-year terms. After these initial terms expire, all future board members will serve four-year terms.

All employees will remain employees of their respective school districts. General Obligation Bonds applicable to the Banta portion of the Tracy Unified School District shall remain in full force and effect for the remaining term of such bonds. As such, property owners within the boundaries of the proposed Banta Unified School District will continue to contribute to the repayment of current General Obligation Bonds.

To pass, Measure V requires a “Yes” vote by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.