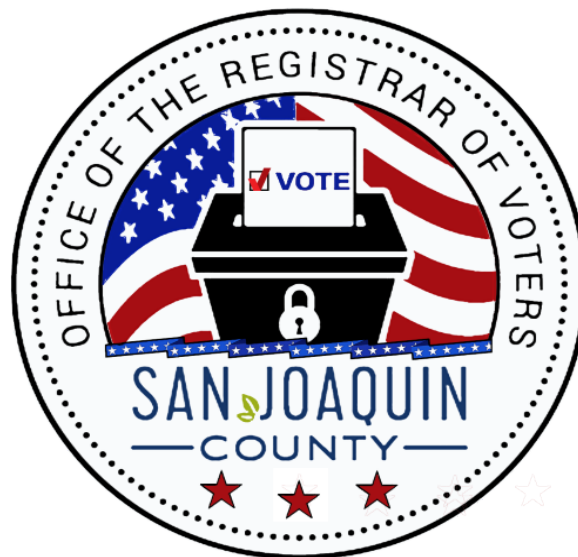


# County of San Joaquin Registrar of Voters

## Guide to Measures For County, School Districts, and Special Districts

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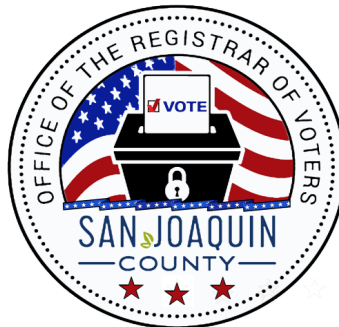
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## DISCLAIMER

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This guide was developed in an effort to provide general information to assist County, Cities, School Districts and Special Districts who are considering placing a measure on the ballot. It is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In the case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registrar of Voters is not rendering legal advice and, therefore, this guide is not to be a substitute for legal counsel. Persons using this guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties. It is recommended that you review this guide carefully. Placing a measure on the ballot is an expensive process with laws that must be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact Candidate Services at (209) 468-8945 or email [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org) for assistance.



### **SUBMISSIONS TO THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:**

Hard copy in person filing of the resolution, arguments and rebuttal arguments must be delivered to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Office at 44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 350 Stockton, CA 95202 prior to the filing deadline posted in the current election calendar.

No appointment is required, however, if you call Candidate Services at (209) 468-8945 to notify us when you anticipate arriving, we can adjust our lunch/break schedule to ensure we are available during your arrival time.

Additionally, Email WORD versions to [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org) with "Attn: Candidate Services" in the subject line.

**NOTE:** For shared county jurisdictions, you must file the resolution requesting election services directly with the county elections official and Board of Supervisors of each county. Please include the shared county jurisdiction information within your resolution.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

A measure is an ordinance, question, issue or charter amendment submitted to a vote of the people at any election. Local questions, issues or amendments are referred to as “measures,” while those that are voted upon statewide are called “propositions.”

The information provided in this guide is applicable to documents filed directly with the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters for county, school and district elections.

City measures are under the jurisdiction of the city clerk as the elections official. Contact the relevant city clerk directly for all information and deadlines related to a municipal measure.

Individuals interested in state propositions should contact the Secretary of State’s office, Elections Division, at (916) 657-2166 for further information.

## **COST ESTIMATES**

The district can request a cost estimate for a special election or to consolidate with a regularly scheduled election. To obtain a cost estimate send an email to [registrar@sjgov.org](mailto:registrar@sjgov.org).

## **DETERMINING THE ELECTION DATE**

Except as provided in Elections Code § 1003, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, all state, county, municipal, district and school district elections shall be held on an established election date.

Provided that the district can meet the Registrar of Voters Office’s administrative deadlines, districts may choose to consolidate with a scheduled election or declare a special election. Districts that consolidate with a scheduled election share costs with other districts, while a district that conducts a stand-alone special election is fully responsible for election costs.

For all elections, a vote by mail ballot will be mailed to all active registered voters eligible for the election. The district must pay ballot production and county voter information guide costs and postage. Additionally, if required, the district must pay for the costs of vote centers and ballot drop boxes. The number of locations depends on the jurisdiction’s voter count.

In compliance with elections code §1500, the established mail ballot election dates are as follows:

- ⌚ The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year.
- ⌚ The first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each even-numbered year.
- ⌚ The last Tuesday in August of each year.

## **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS GUIDE**

### **Argument**

A 300 word statement FOR or AGAINST a measure.

### **Author of an Argument**

A proponent of a measure, an individual voter, a bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of bona fide associations and individual voters who write the text of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure.

### **Authorization for Signers**

A form that needs to be completed by the authors of an argument who wish to allow others to sign the rebuttal argument in their place. The form is filed with the Registrar of Voters at the time the rebuttal argument is filed.

### **Bona Fide Association of Citizens**

A recognized group of citizens bound together by a common interest or cause.

### **Committee**

Any person or combination of persons who, directly or indirectly, receives contributions or makes expenditures or contributions to support or oppose a measure. See the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) website for more information: <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/>

### **County Voter Information Guide**

A guide mailed to each registered voter prior to an election. It contains information on candidates, measures and instructions for voting. In addition, a sample of the ballot may be included.

### **District**

Jurisdictions including cities, county, special districts and school districts.

### **Elections Official**

The San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters office.

### **Electoral Jurisdiction**

The district or area in which the measure will be voted upon.

### **Filer of an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a Measure**

The author of the argument or any person the author authorizes to file the argument.

### **Proponent of a Measure**

A person or persons who initiate(s) the initiative petition process and has control of the circulation and signature collection for the petition. The proponent can also be the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for a countywide measure in this county. A proponent of a measure can author an ARGUMENT FOR their sponsored measure.

### **Public Review Period**

Following the deadline for filing ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure, rebuttal arguments, Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statement and Tax Rate Statement, the public has 10 calendar days to review these documents at the Registrar of Voters' office.

## **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS GUIDE**

### **Rebuttal Argument**

A 250 word statement that refutes an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure.

### **Signature Statement Authorization Form**

A form which must be submitted with each original ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST and rebuttal argument to the elections official. It includes information on each signer of the argument.

### **Signer(s) of an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST**

The author of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure or any person whom the author authorizes in writing to sign the argument.

### **Signer(s) of Rebuttal Argument**

The signer of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure unless the signer of the ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure authorizes in writing another person to sign the rebuttal argument in their place.

### **Writ of Mandate**

A written order issued by a Superior Court commanding a public official or body or a lower court to perform or cease to perform a specific duty or action.

## **MEASURE DUE DATES**

The administrative filing deadlines for submitting a resolution to request measure consolidation are based on the time reasonably necessary for the elections official to produce election material. The California Elections Code deadline is 88 days prior to an election, but this date does not allow sufficient time to coordinate scheduling the resolution for approval of election services with the Board of Supervisors, provide publication of the measure, argument and rebuttal filing timelines, 10-day public examination period, translation services, and final printing and mailing preparations of the Official Ballot and County Voter Information Guide.

A Measure Consolidation Calendar is prepared for every election, and all measure consolidation requests should follow the filing schedule unless prior authorization for an alternate filing schedule has been approved and provided to you by the elections official.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Appointment is not required, however, if you call Candidate Services at (209) 468-8945 to notify us when you anticipate arriving we can adjust our lunch/break schedule to ensure we are available during your arrival time.

# HOW TO PLACE A MEASURE ON BALLOT

## I. RESOLUTION TO CALL THE ELECTION AND CONSOLIDATE

Your governing body must submit a resolution calling for the election and for the consolidation with a specific election. The resolution must be filed IN PERSON with the elections office and must specify the election date, the purpose of the election, and the exact form of any question to be voted upon. The resolution should include the language to “request the board of supervisors to permit the county elections official to render specified services to the city/district relating to conduct of election and specify the services requested..... The city/district shall reimburse the county in full for services performed.”  
Elections Code § 10002

If the measure is shared with another county, please include that information in the Resolution.

- **Special Districts and Cities:** Submit a “Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election” along with the “Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters.”
- **County:** Submit a “Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election.”
- **Schools:** Submit a “Resolution Ordering Election, Specifications of the Election Order and Requesting Consolidation” along with the “Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters.”

Please email Word documents to [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org) in addition to the hard copy filed in person.

## II. MEASURE TEXT

We need clear instructions on what portion of the resolution or ordinance is considered the **Full Text of the Ballot Measure**. There is no word limit on the **Full Text**. A document clearly titled “FULL TEXT” should be provided to the elections office with the hard copy along with clear instructions to INCLUDE or EXCLUDE printing the full text in the County Voter Information Guide.

If you do not print the **Full Text** document in the County Voter Information Guide, voters will be directed to contact the elections official for a copy of the proposed measure. In this case, instead of **Full Text**, the following language will appear following the Impartial Analysis:

*“If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official’s office at (insert telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”* Elections Code §§ 9160 (b)(3) 9312

If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, the ballot shall include in the statement of the measure to be voted on the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied. Elections Code § 13119(b)

The statement of the measure shall be a true and impartial synopsis of the purpose of the proposed measure and shall be in a language that is neither argumentative nor likely to create prejudice FOR or AGAINST the measure. Elections Code § 13119(c)

### III. 75-WORD BALLOT QUESTION

The ballot question must be no more than 75 words. Elections Code §§ 303, 9051, 10403, 13247

Please see for guidelines in counting words on Page 11.

The ballot question must contain the words:

“Shall the measure (stating the nature thereof) be adopted?”

To the right or below the statement of the measure to be voted on, the words “Yes” and “No” shall be printed on separate lines. Elections Code § 13119(a)

School reorganization measures are followed by the words:

“Reorganization of School Districts — Yes” and “Reorganization of School Districts — No.”

Similar words may be used. Education Code § 35762

The words to appear on the ballot for School Bond Measures are:

“Bonds—Yes” and “Bonds—No” Education Code § 15122

Jurisdictions are allowed to begin their ballot question with a few key words to summarize the measure. This optional summary heading is included in the 75-word limit.

Here is an example of a ballot question that includes an optional summary heading:

**WOODBIDGE FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL TAX**

To ensure rapid fire protection and emergency medical response is continued in our community, shall the Woodbridge Fire District measure be adopted to levy an annual special tax for 13 years, including \$42.75/residential unit, raising approximately \$177,000/year, to acquire lifesaving equipment and emergency vehicles/apparatus, and to fund improvements to the fire station, with all money staying local with independent annual audits to protect the taxpayer investment?

### IV. VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

The resolution should specify the voter approval passage rate required by law for the type of measure submitted.

- Majority
- 2/3 or two-thirds
- 55%



## **MEASURE LETTER ASSIGNMENT**

Letters designating measures will be assigned by the elections official. Letters are typically assigned in the order measures are filed; however, the Registrar of Voters reserves the right to wait until all measures are filed prior to issuing letter designations. It is the policy of San Joaquin County not to designate the letters F or I. Elections Code § 13116

Letter allocation could be affected when a multi-county district places a measure on the ballot. The elections officials should mutually agree to use a specific letter designation that may create gaps in letter assignment.

Withdrawal of a measure from the ballot also may create a gap in the sequence of the assigned letters.

## **Impartial Analysis, Tax Rate Statement and Fiscal Impact Report**

An Impartial Analysis will be submitted by county counsel or the city attorney, whichever is applicable. Elections Codes §§ 9160, 9280, 9500

### **Impartial Analysis**

The Impartial Analysis is limited to 500 words.

If the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the County Voter Information Guide, there shall be printed immediately below the Impartial Analysis, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official’s office at (insert telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”

The elections official may, at his or her discretion, add the following message to the statement:

“You may also access the full text of the measure on the county Web site at the following Web site address (insert Web site address).”

### **Water District Impartial Analysis**

The counsel for the water district, or if there is no counsel for the water district, the county counsel of the county with the largest number of registered voters, shall prepare an Impartial Analysis. If there is legal counsel for the water district, the Impartial Analysis shall be subject to review and revision by the county counsel. Elections Code § 9314

### **Tax Rate Statement** (if applicable)

All bond measures proposed by a county, city, district or other political subdivision or by any agency, department, or board thereof that secure funding by property liens within the jurisdiction shall file a Tax Rate Statement. Elections Codes §§ 9400, 9401 (Senate Bill 798 makes changes to EC 9401 that take effect January 1, 2024)

### **Fiscal Impact Statement** (if applicable)

The Fiscal Impact Statement is limited to 500 words.

The county auditor-controller may be requested by the Board of Supervisors to prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement of a county measure. Elections Code § 9160(c)

## **State Matching Funds for School Bonds**

### **State Matching Funds** (if applicable)

Education Code 15122.5 requires a statement be published in the voter information guide if a school bond election involves a project for which state-matching funds may be required. This statement can be included within the full text of the document if printing full text in the voter information guide.

## **Transactions and Use Tax Measures**

### **Transactions and Use Tax** (if applicable)

California Public Utilities Code Section 180203(c) states: "The sample ballot to be mailed to the voters, pursuant to Section 13303 of the Elections Code, shall be the full proposition, as set forth in the ordinance calling the election, and the voter information guide shall include the entire adopted county transportation expenditure plan."

Districts who place a "Transactions and Use Tax" measure on the ballot have a legal requirement to include the full text of their Expenditure Plan in the County Voter Information Guide.

Revenue and Tax Code 8503 (a) states: "Prior to imposing the tax, the commission shall adopt a regional transportation expenditure plan for the revenues derived from the tax. The regional transportation expenditure plan shall describe specific proposed transportation projects and the estimated cost of each project."

See Revenue and Tax Code Sections 8500-8515 for a detailed explanation of the expenditure plan requirements.

## **ORDER OF APPEARANCE**

Measures will appear on the ballot in the following order: Elections Code § 13109

1. County Board of Education
2. Community College Districts
3. Unified School Districts
4. High School Districts
5. Elementary School Districts
6. County
7. Cities
8. Districts

To allow for the most efficient use of space, the county elections official may vary the order of the measures. However, the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction shall always precede any school, county or city office, and state measures shall always precede local measures. Elections Code § 13109(o)

The information provided for a measure will appear in the County Voter Information Guide in the following order:

1. Impartial Analysis
2. Full Text (optional)
3. Fiscal Impact Statement or Tax Rate Statement (if applicable)
4. ARGUMENT FOR a Measure
5. ARGUMENT AGAINST a Measure
6. Rebuttal to ARGUMENT FOR a Measure
7. Rebuttal to ARGUMENT AGAINST a Measure

# ARGUMENTS IN MULTI-COUNTY JURISDICTIONS

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Elections Code § 9611

If the boundaries of the district or school district contain more than one county, the provisions of this section prevail over any provision in those chapters to the extent they conflict.

For the purposes of this section, “lead county” has the following meanings:

- (1) For district elections, “lead county” means the county with the most voters within the district boundaries.
- (2) For school district elections, “lead county” means the county whose superintendent of schools covers the district.

The elections official for the lead county will set all filing deadlines for arguments and will be the filing officer to accept the arguments and rebuttals for the measure. The lead county will provide the final arguments to all counties involved in the shared jurisdiction boundaries for printing in their voter information guide.

## SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS

**Signature Statement Form** (Elections Code § 9600)

All arguments and rebuttals must be accompanied by the signature statement form provided by the county elections official. The signature statement form(s) may be obtained at the end of this guide or by email request to [registrar@sjgov.org](mailto:registrar@sjgov.org).

The signature statement authorization form is accompanied by a Primary Contact Information Form to be filed along with the argument so we can notify you of the results of the argument filing period.

When an argument has been filed, the primary contact person listed on the contact form filed with the signature statement form will receive an email notification from [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org) on the next business day following the applicable filing deadline. The primary contact person will be provided with an *Argument Submission Results Letter* and, when applicable, attached copies of the opposing arguments filed along with any upcoming filing deadlines.

When submitting arguments and rebuttals, in addition to your hard copy, please email Word documents to: [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org).

The signature statement form must include the printed name(s) and original signature(s) of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. **No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument or rebuttal.** In case any argument or rebuttal is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed. Elections Code § 9164

## WHO CAN FILE AN ARGUMENT FOR OR AGAINST A MEASURE

**School District Measure:** The governing board of the district or any member or members of the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens\*, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST any school measure. Elections Code § 9501

**County or District Measure:** The Board of Supervisors or any member or members of the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens\*, or any combination or such voters and associations may file a written ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST any county or district measure. Elections Code § 9162

The filer of an argument must be from the governing body, from a bona fide association of citizens\* or be a registered voter in the district. However, the signers of an argument need not meet this criteria.

## FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

### **Arguments and Rebuttals**

Limited use of enhanced words using **bolding**, underlining, CAPITALIZING or *italics* is permitted. Approximately 30 enhanced words is not considered excessive. Bullets are allowed using only small round bullet points.

The authors of an argument bear responsibility for errors and accuracy of the statement submitted. The Registrar of Voters does not review or proof arguments for an author's errors.

## TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

In compliance with federal law and state law, the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters provides official election materials to voters in English and Spanish.

**NOTE: Some common English phrases do not have the same meaning when translated into other languages.**

## **Arguments IN FAVOR or AGAINST**

The argument is limited to **300 words**. See Word Count Guidelines on Page 11.

*Exception: The word limitation is 500 words for an Argument to Reorganize a school or college district. Education Code § 35758*

Be accurate. Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the elections official. No profanity or other objectionable language may be used.

## **Rebuttals to Arguments IN FAVOR or AGAINST**

The rebuttal is limited to **250 words**. See Word Count Guidelines on Page 11.

Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the elections official. No profanity or other objectionable language may be used.

If an ARGUMENT FOR and an ARGUMENT AGAINST are submitted, filers will have the opportunity to submit rebuttals. Elections Code §§ 9167, 9285, 9317, 9504

When an ARGUMENT FOR or AGAINST a measure has been selected for publication in the County Voter Information Guide, the elections official responsible for conducting the election shall send copies of the ARGUMENT FOR the measure to the authors of the ARGUMENT AGAINST the measure and copies of the ARGUMENT AGAINST the measure to the authors of the ARGUMENT FOR the measure. The elections official will email copies of the arguments to the person listed on the Primary Contact Information Form filed with the argument. Elections Code § 9167

The authors may prepare and file a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, file or sign the rebuttal argument. Written authorization must specifically designate the name of the substitute signer and must be signed by the original signer. The rebuttal argument shall be filed with the elections official conducting the election no later than a date designated by the elections official.

If only one ARGUMENT FOR is filed, and no ARGUMENT AGAINST there is no rebuttal period.

If only an ARGUMENT AGAINST is filed, and no ARGUMENT FOR, there is no rebuttal period.

## **PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD**

During the 10-calendar day public review period provided by law, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar day public review period. A fee will be charged to any person obtaining or requesting a copy of the materials. Elections Code § 9190(b)(1)

A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading or inconsistent with the requirement of law, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law. Election Code § 9190(b)(2)

The county elections official shall be named as respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as real party of interest. In the case of the county elections official bringing the mandamus or injunctive action, the Board of Supervisors of the county shall be named as the respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as the real party in interest. Elections Code § 9190(b)(3)

Should this be your course of action, contact the elections office immediately at (209) 468-8945. Timelines for County Voter Information Guide printing are critical at this point. Whatever you choose to do, it must be done as quickly as possible.

# **WORD COUNT GUIDELINES**

These are the guidelines utilized by the Elections Official in determining the number of words submitted on any Measure document whose content is limited by statute. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9, this section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations.

## **Counting of words shall be as follows:**

- Punctuation:** Punctuation IS NOT counted.
- Proper Nouns:** All proper nouns shall be counted as one word.  
**Example A:** John Smith = one word  
**Example B:** Modesto Police Department = one word  
Modesto Police = two words
- Geographical Names:** All geographical names shall be counted as one word. Areas that have political boundaries with an elected or appointed board are considered geographic areas by this office.  
**Example A:** County of San Joaquin = one word  
**Example B:** Sunshine Unified School District = one word
- Abbreviations:** Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word.  
**Example A:** PTA = one word
- Hyphenations:** Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary shall be counted as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as separate words.  
**Example A:** Fifty-fifty = one word  
**Example B:** Half-cent = two words
- Dates:** All dates, regardless of letter or number combination, shall be counted as one word.  
**Example A:** 01/01/2016 = one word  
**Example B:** January 1, 2016 = one word
- Numbers:** Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be counted as one word. Any number that is spelled shall be counted as a separate word or words.  
**Example A:** One hundred = two words  
**Example B:** 100 = one word
- Contact Information:** Telephone numbers, email and website addresses shall be counted as one word.  
**Example A:** (525) 555-5555 = one word  
**Example B:** smithjh16@gmail.com = one word  
**Example C:** www.smithABC123.net = one word

# **CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Political Reform Act requires all proponents of ballot measures and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.

Refer to Manual 3 of the Information for Ballot Measure Committees handbook provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

The statutory requirements of the Political Reform Act are contained in Government Code § 81000 et seq. Information and assistance relating to campaign reporting obligations under the Political Reform Act may be obtained from the Fair Political Practices Commission.

## **Committee Filing Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner.

## **Where to File**

The location in which campaign disclosure statements are to be filed depends entirely upon the jurisdiction where the committee is active.

## **When to File**

Refer to the FPPC Filing Schedule by visiting [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). It is the responsibility of the committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner.

## **NetFile**

San Joaquin County Code of Ordinance Title 6, Division 12, Section 4 (6-12004) requires all campaign disclosure reports and documents mandated by the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Proposition 9) to be filed electronically. San Joaquin County has contracted NetFile to be the filing platform for all local candidates, their committees, and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures to electronically submit campaign finance statements. NetFile offers tutorials for each page of their website. Campaign officials may find it helpful to watch the How to Create a New Campaign NetFile User video in the How-To Videos section of the page at [www.netfile.com/filer](http://www.netfile.com/filer).

## **Forms, manuals, filing schedules and advice is available directly from the FPPC:**

Fair Political Practices Commission  
1102 Q Street, Ste. 300  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
(866) 275-3772  
[www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)  
[advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov)

## MEASURES SUMMARY OVERVIEW

1. **Submittal of Ballot Measures:**
  - The Board of Supervisors or the legislative body of a jurisdiction has the authority to place measures before voters on the ballot.
2. **Impartial Analysis:**
  - If a measure qualifies to appear on the ballot, the elections official provides a copy of the measure to the county counsel or city attorney. An impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law will be prepared.
  - The impartial analysis is printed in the County Voter Information Guide.
3. **Labeling of Measures:**
  - The elections official will assign a letter to each qualifying measure in the order they are submitted.
  - If more than one qualifying measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters will determine the letter assignment and the order in which measures will appear on the ballot.
4. **Public Examination Period:**
  - The elections office will provide any requesting person with copies of the Impartial Analysis, Arguments For and Against measures, and rebuttal arguments during a 10-day period following submittal of the document.
5. **Arguments For or Against Measures:**
  - Submitting Arguments:
    - The Board of Supervisors, City Council, governing bodies within the jurisdiction and any registered voter eligible to vote on the measure may file a written Argument For or Argument Against a measure.
    - No argument shall exceed 300 words in length.
    - The deadline for submitting arguments is provided in the current Measure Consolidation Calendar.
  - Selecting Arguments:
    - If more than one argument for or against the proposed measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters selects and prints one of the arguments for and one of the arguments against the measure for publication in the County Voter Information Guide.
  - End of Public Examination Period for Arguments:
    - Ten days immediately following the deadline for submitting arguments.
6. **Rebuttals:**
  - Submitting Rebuttals:
    - The authors of the arguments may submit rebuttal arguments to the elections official.
    - The rebuttals may not exceed 250 words.
    - The deadline for submitting rebuttals is provided in the current Measure Consolidation Calendar.
  - End of Public Examination Period for Rebuttals:
    - Ten days immediately following the deadline for submitting rebuttal arguments.
7. **Election Day:**
  - The qualifying measures appear on the ballot for consideration by registered voters.
  - If the required amount of voters on a proposed measure vote in its favor, the measure becomes a valid and binding ordinance of the jurisdiction and is considered adopted, depending on the laws of that jurisdiction.



## MEASURES SUMMARY OVERVIEW

**Deadlines:** Election calendars are available at [www.sjgov.org/department/rov](http://www.sjgov.org/department/rov) under the resources tab. Contact Candidate Services at (209) 468-8945 for additional information.

**Where to File – Registrar of Voters:** San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters, 44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 350 Stockton, CA 95202. Telephone: (209) 468-8945. The Registrar of Voters REQUIRES IN PERSON hard copy filing for measure documents. To help us ensure documents are printed exactly as filed, we also request electronic submission of all documents in Word format via email to [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org) with “Attn: Candidate Services” in the subject line.

**Arguments:** Arguments are due by 5 p.m. on the deadline date posted by the Registrar of Voters in the current election calendar. Once an argument for and against a measure is chosen, a copy will be provided to the opposing authors for the purpose of writing a rebuttal. Arguments are available to the public after the 5 p.m. deadline. Arguments must be accompanied by the required signature statement form and the primary contact information sheet available from the elections official.

**Rebuttal Arguments:** Rebuttals are due by 5 p.m. on the deadline date posted by the Registrar of Voters in the current election calendar. Typically it is about a week after the date the argument is due. Rebuttals are available to the public after the 5 p.m. deadline. Rebuttal Arguments must be accompanied by the required signature statement form provided by the elections official

**Tax Rate Statement:** Tax Rate Statements must be supplied for each bond issue proposed by a county, city, district or other political subdivision. The statement shall be filed with the elections official with the resolution requesting services. Statements are available to the public after the 5 p.m. deadline.

**Impartial Analysis:** County counsel for the county where most voters reside will prepare an Impartial Analysis of each measure on the date set by the Registrar of Voters. If requested by the Board of Supervisors, the county auditor may also submit a fiscal impact statement.

**Confidentiality:** Arguments, rebuttals and analyses shall remain confidential until 5:00 p.m. on the date they are due.

**Withdrawal/Changes:** Arguments, rebuttals and analyses may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed for final submission to the county elections official. (EC 9163, 9316, 9601)

**10-Day Public Inspection:** For ten calendar days immediately following the deadline for final submission of election documents, including ordinances, analyses, arguments and rebuttals, the county elections official shall make a copy of the materials available for public inspection .A writ of mandate or injunction may be sought to require amendments or deletions to any or all of the materials. (EC 9190, 9295, 9380, 9509)

# **Argument Submittal Forms**

**Signature Statement Form  
Primary Contact Information**



**COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN**  
**Argument / Rebuttal Signature Statement Form**  
 Elections Code 9600

The following statement shall accompany all arguments filed pursuant to Division 9 of the Elections Code and must contain original signatures of each author of the argument. No more than 5 signers will be printed with the written argument. Arguments must be filed in person prior to the filing deadline.



*The attached primary contact information form must be filed with the argument/rebuttal argument.*

The undersigned author(s) of the:

- Argument in Favor
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

ballot measure (insert letter) \_\_\_\_\_ at the **Primary, General or Special Election** for the  
(letter) (circle applicable election type)

\_\_\_\_\_ to be held on \_\_\_\_\_  
(jurisdiction - name of district) (election date)

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

**Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below.** Printing will be in the order as listed unless directed otherwise at time of filing.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN  
Rebuttal Argument - Alternate Signer Authorization Form  
Elections Code 9167, 9317, 9504

**Rebuttal Argument Alternate Signer Authorization**  
(EC 9167, 9317, 9504)

Any original author who chooses to allow someone else to sign the rebuttal argument in their place must provide written authorization on this form.



*The attached primary contact information form must be filed with the argument/rebuttal argument.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the following person(s) to sign the

Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Measure \_\_\_\_\_ for the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(letter) (election date)

One or more people who signed the argument may be replaced with other people to sign the rebuttal.

**Please print clearly:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. \_\_\_\_\_ to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

Signature of Filer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clearly Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN  
Argument / Rebuttal - Primary Contact Information  
Elections Code 9600

The primary contact person will receive an email notification from [candidates@sjgov.org](mailto:candidates@sjgov.org). The primary contact person will also be emailed an Argument Submission Results Letter and, when applicable, attached copies of the arguments filed along with any upcoming filing deadlines.

Primary contact information for (check one):

- Argument in Favor
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Measure Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Completing Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title of Person Completing Form

# **Sample Documents**

**Resolution**

**Full Text**

**Ballot Question**

**Tax Rate Statement**

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER MEASURES OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board ("Board") of the Stockton Unified School District ("District"), in San Joaquin County, California is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code ("Education Code");

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that a high quality education is the fundamental right of every student, and seeks to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education in a safe and engaging learning environment for all students;

**WHEREAS**, many District schools and buildings are over 50 years old, and many schools are in need of upgrades, repairs and improvements to meet modern standards;

**WHEREAS**, the District must repair, construct, acquire or equip classrooms, sites, and facilities to make them safer and help ensure that all students have equal access to 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms, labs and school facilities;

**WHEREAS**, classrooms and educational facilities require updates for improved student learning in subjects like reading, math, science, engineering, arts and technology;

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is a wise investment to protect the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes;

**WHEREAS**, the Board and District has solicited input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, and the community through surveys and public opinion research;

**WHEREAS**, bonds are the primary means by which local school districts are able to keep school buildings and classrooms in good repair, safe, designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the District cannot rely on the State of California to fully fund school facility improvements since limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is proposing this bond measure to fund improvements to classrooms, science labs and other educational facilities to support quality academic instruction for students; and

**WHEREAS**, this bond measure will benefit local schools only and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money can be used for operating expenses, including administrator salaries or pensions; and

**WHEREAS**, this bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to Section 15100 *et seq.* of the Education Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution (also known as "Proposition 39"), and Section 15266 of the Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a fifty-five percent (55%) vote of those voting on a proposition for that purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the votes cast; and

**WHEREAS**, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by Section 15266 of the Education Code, and on November 8, 2022, a general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 15270 of the Education Code, if the measure is approved by the voters, bonds may only be issued if the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements would not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) per year per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of taxable property when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and the current estimated and projected average annual tax rate and highest tax rate, is not expected to exceed a tax rate levy of \$60 per year per each \$100,000 of the assessed value of taxable property; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated tax rates, duration of tax collection, and total estimated amount of debt service, is described in the Tax Rate Statement contained in **Exhibit C** hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the California Elections Code requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to request that the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") act as the election official and call an election and submit to the registered voters of the District the full ballot proposition as detailed herein, in coordination with each other as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Governing Board of Stockton Unified School District as follows:

*Section 1. Specifications of Election Order.* Pursuant to Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and Section 15266 of the Education Code, an election shall be held within the District on November 8, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the full ballot proposition contained in **Exhibit B** ("Full Ballot Text"), which Full Ballot Text is hereby approved. The County Registrar shall provide for the performance of its



duties in accordance with Education Code section 5303 and in accordance with any and all other laws and regulations applicable to such elections.

Section 2. Abbreviation of Proposition/Ballot Label. Pursuant to Sections 13119 and 13247 of the California Elections Code and Section 15122 of the Education Code, the Board hereby directs the County Registrar to use the abbreviation of the Full Ballot Text ("Ballot Label") that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Ballot Label shall function merely as an abbreviation of the Full Ballot Text and does not stand alone as a complete and binding statement of the measure, nor is it possible for the Ballot Label to contain all of the project and financial information a voter might wish to consider in casting a vote. Voters are urged to review the Full Ballot Text and the Tax Rate Statement to obtain a complete understanding of the measure, including all of the financial projections and estimates upon which the measure is based. The District Superintendent, or a designee thereof, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of **Exhibit A**, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of elections officials, or requirements of law.

Section 3. Voter Pamphlet. The County Registrar is hereby requested to take the following actions with regard to the Voter Information Pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code:

- (a) To print the Full Ballot Text (**Exhibit B** hereto), without Exhibit references, in the Voter Information pamphlet in its entirety. In the event the Full Ballot Text is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the County Registrar is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

*"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure \_\_. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters at \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."*

- (b) In accordance with Education Code Section 15122.5, to print in the Voter Information Pamphlet the following statement:

*"Approval of Measure \_\_\_\_ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Stockton Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure \_\_ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure \_\_. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."*

Section 4. Accountability Measures. Pursuant to legal requirements, and as specified in the Full Ballot Text, the Board certifies that the District:

- (a) Has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in the Full Ballot Text;
- (b) Will establish an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects

described in the Bond Project List, in accordance with Education Code section 15278 et seq.;

- (c) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List;
- (d) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List; and
- (e) Shall take all actions to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited, and to cause a report to be filed with the Board annually identifying proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year and the status of any project funded or to be funded with bond proceeds. The first report shall be due the first year after which bonds have been issued and proceeds spent.

*Section 5. Required Vote.* Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least fifty-five percent (55%) of those voters voting on the proposition.

*Section 6. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election; Cost of Election.* The County Registrar is hereby requested, pursuant to section 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications. The District will reimburse the Registrar and the County for costs associated with the election as required by law.

*Section 7. Consolidation of Election and Canvass of Vote.*

(a) Pursuant to Section 5342 of the Education Code and Section 10400 et seq. of the Elections Code, the election is requested to be consolidated with other elections occurring on November 8, 2022.

(b) The Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, as necessary, pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

*Section 8. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers.* The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered, no later than August 12, 2022, one copy of this Resolution to the County Registrar with the completed Tax Rate Statement (in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**), completed and signed by the Superintendent or his designee, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County.

*Section 9. Ballot Arguments.* The members of the Board are hereby authorized to prepare and file with the County Registrar a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, and a rebuttal, if necessary, to any arguments against the measure, within the time established by the County Registrar.

*Section 10. Intention to Reimburse.* The District may incur costs associated with bond-funded projects described in **Exhibit B** hereto prior to the issuance of bonds. For purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the regulations of the U.S. Treasury Department, the Board hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of the bond to reimburse itself for lawful expenditures on capital projects described on the Bond Project List, up to a maximum principal amount of \$215,000,000.

*Section 11. Further Authorization.* The Superintendent and Chief Business Officer (each, a "District Representative") are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including selection of a final Ballot Label and modification of the Full Ballot Text, the Ballot Label, and Tax Rate Statement if he or she determines such modifications are necessary and in the District's best interests. This Resolution and all of its Exhibits that are filed with the County Registrar by a District Representative shall constitute the final, binding ballot measure of the District.

*Section 12. Effective Date.* This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, June 28, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

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President of the Governing Board of the  
Stockton Unified School District

Attest:

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Clerk of the Governing Board of the  
Stockton Unified School District

**EXHIBIT A**

**BALLOT LABEL**

To improve local schools with funds that cannot be taken by the State, shall Stockton Unified School District's measure to expand career/technical education training facilities including engineering, health care and information technology; repair roofs/plumbing; and improve student safety/classroom security be adopted, authorizing \$215 million of bonds with legal rates, projected levies averaging below 5¢/\$100 of assessed valuation (averaging \$14 million/year for 28 years), annual audits, independent oversight and no increase in current taxes?

Bonds – Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Bonds – No \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBIT B**

### FULL BALLOT TEXT

#### **STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT MEASURE**

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Stockton Unified School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$215 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific high school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

#### **SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS**

- The Governing Board of the District believes that a high quality education is the fundamental right of every student, and seeks to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education in a safe and engaging learning environment for all students;
- Many schools and buildings are over 50 years old, and many of schools need repairs and improvements to meet modern educational standards;
- The District must repair, construct, acquire or equip classrooms, sites, and facilities to make them safe and help ensure that all students have equal access to 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms, labs and school facilities;
- Classrooms and educational facilities require updates for improved student learning in subjects like reading and science, technology, engineering, arts and math to accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> century learning methods and support hand-on instruction and learning by doing;
- The Board believes it is a wise investment to protect the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes;
- The District has reviewed its facilities needs and aligned them to the District's educational goals;
- Because State funding is limited, passing this bond measure provides a guaranteed source of local funding to maintain and improve this community's local school facilities;
- This bond measure will benefit local schools, and its funding will be controlled locally; no funds may be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money may be used for administrator salaries or pensions;
- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

## SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all 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 Section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

**Evaluation of Needs.** The Governing Board has evaluated the facilities needs of the District, and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Governing Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** The Governing Board shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

**Annual Performance Audit.** The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

**Annual Financial Audit.** The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

**Annual Report to Board.** Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board annually, commencing the first year after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

## SECTION III: BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this measure, describes the projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Section III: Bond Project List" (hereinafter "Bond Project List") comprises the list and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds, and where such projects may be or are intended to be completed.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities listed in the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District may complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including development impact fees, mitigation fees, use funding, and state funding when and if available. The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted in Education Code section 17070.63(c).

While the District has budgeted to complete specific projects, due to potential cost escalation, unforeseen conditions, and other factors, placement of a project, or component thereof, on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that each project or project component listed will be completed or that it will be completed at every location. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

Specific projects may include but not limited to any or all of the following improvements:

- Construct new classrooms and facilities;
- Renovate aging classrooms and facilities and provide flexible classrooms and labs for core academics;
- Repair outdated temporary portable classrooms or replace with permanent facilities;
- Upgrade or replacement of building infrastructure systems including repair and/or installation of plumbing, air conditioning, electrical, and lighting;
- Modernization of restrooms;
- Modernization of learning commons, multi-purpose rooms, libraries and food service facilities;
- Fix or replace windows;
- Improvements and replacements to landscapes, fencing, security and monitoring systems;
- Improvements for parking lots, service vehicle access, and pick-up/drop-off locations;
- Replace relocatable buildings with new construction;
- Modernization of Performing Arts Center;
- New construction of and upgrades to Athletic Facilities;
- Improve Career Technical and Other Vocational Programs as adopted;
- Fix or replace roofs;
- Update instructional technology at all schools.

Projects listed above may be completed at any and all school sites and facilities where such project is determined by the Governing Board to be necessary or required, and projects are authorized to be performed at any and all of the following locations:

John Adams Elementary School	Pulliam Elementary
August Elementary	Rio Calaveras Elementary
Bush Elementary	Roosevelt Elementary
Cleveland Elementary	San Joaquin Elementary
Commodore Stockton Skills Elementary	Spanos Elementary
El Dorado Elementary	Taft Elementary/Montesorri Magnet
Elmwood Elementary	Taylor Elementary
Fillmore Elementary	Tyler Elementary
Fremont-Lopez Elementary	Van Buren Elementary
Grunsky Elementary	Victory Elementary
Hamilton Elementary	Washington Elementary
Harrison Elementary	Wilson Elementary
Hazelton Elementary	Cesar Chavez High School
Henry Elementary	Edison High School
Hong Kingston Elementary	Franklin High School
Hoover Elementary	Stagg High School
Huerta Elementary	Jane Frederick High School
Kennedy Elementary	Stockton High School
King Elementary	Health Careers Academy
Kohl Open Elementary	Merlo Institute of Environmental Technology
Madison Elementary	Nightingale Charter
Marshall Elementary	Pacific Law Academy
McKinley Elementary	Peyton Elementary
Monroe Elementary	School For Adults
Montezuma Elementary	Stockton Early College Academy
Pittman Charter	Walton Special Center
Primary Years Academy	Weber Institute for Applied Sciences & Technology

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed and feasible. Projects may be done in phases over time, based on Governing Board priorities and available funding. Decisions regarding the scope, timing, prioritization or other facets of project implementation will be made solely by the Governing Board by subsequent action. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace" and "improve" are used in the Bond Project List, the Governing Board has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations. Property, buildings and equipment on the bond project list may be acquired through lease, sale, lease-purchase,



lease-leaseback or other project delivery or acquisition methods determined appropriate by the Board.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal and similar planning costs; construction management; bond project staff and consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property, all of which are permitted expenses.

#### **SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**No Administrator Salaries.** Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

**Single Purpose.** All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

**No Long Term Debt for Short Lifespan Items.** The weighted average maturity of each issue of bonds will not exceed 120 percent (120%) of the average reasonably expected economic life of the projects financed by the bonds, consistent with federal tax law.

**Other Terms of the Bonds.** The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Governing Board pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not

binding upon the District, nor are the summary estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service 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 dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction 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 each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

## EXHIBIT C

### TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held within the boundaries of the Stockton Unified School District ("District") on November 8, 2022 to authorize the sale of up to \$215,000,000 in bonds to finance facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property located within the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 to 9404, inclusive, of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$0.04717 per \$100 (\$47.17 per \$100,000). The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2051-52.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$0.06 per \$100 (\$60 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2038-39.
3. The best estimate from official sources 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 will be approximately \$392.604 million, considering the assumptions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) above.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the San Joaquin County official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that while the foregoing information includes conservative projections and estimates of assessed value, market interest rates, and the timing and amount of bonds issued in the future, the District will only issue bonds if the tax rate is at or below the maximum set forth above. The County Assessor is responsible for determining assessed value, the County Auditor-Controller is responsible for setting tax rates, and the County Treasurer-Tax Collector is responsible for the collection of taxes. The actual tax rates may vary over time based on changes in assessed value, and actual debt service may vary based on market interest rates and the timing of when the bonds are issued. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on bond market conditions at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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. The District is responsible for the timing and amount of bonds to be issued, which the District will only undertake if tax rates meet the parameters set forth in the above tax rate statement.

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