



# Interoffice Memo

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNSEL IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS- FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024</b>
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This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Fontana Unified School District (District). A “yes” vote by at least fifty-five percent of the voters voting on this Measure will authorize the District to issue bonds to benefit the District in the amount of \$408,000,000. A “no” vote means that the District will not be authorized to issue and sell the \$408,000,000 in bonds set forth in the Measure.


The District’s Resolution No. 24-11 was adopted pursuant to California Education Code sections 5322, 15264, et seq., paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Section 18(b) of Article XVI of the California Constitution. The bond proceeds may only be used for specific school facilities projects listed under “Appendix A.” The Bond Project List in the full text of the Measure contains the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this ballot Measure and such proceeds may only be used for those specific projects. These projects include expanding, renovating and revitalizing existing classrooms, constructing new classrooms, labs and school facilities for: STEAM instruction; vocational and career training programs including robotics, coding, medical assistant, emergency responder and construction trade programs; science labs and facilities. These projects also include: upgrading campus safety and security systems; repairing, replacing or modernizing deteriorating infrastructure such as roofs, pipes, plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, storm drains, etc.; repairing, modernizing, or replacing outdated portable classrooms; constructing new elementary and middle schools; renovating, repairing, replacing or maintaining athletic playing fields, turfs, tracks, gyms, pools, stadiums and other physical education facilities, and locker rooms; renovating outdoor areas, classrooms, restrooms, and drinking fountains; district-wide technology projects; health and safety improvements; providing adequate furniture and equipment for all classrooms; designing, acquiring and constructing rental housing units for teachers and staff; upgrading food services, cafeteria, eating and serving areas; and ADA accessibility upgrades district-wide.

The District will conduct financial and performance audits annually to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent only on the school facility projects listed in the Measure and will appoint an independent citizens’ oversight committee, as required by Education Code section 15278 et seq., which may review audits, inspect school facilities, review deferred maintenance proposals, and review efforts to maximize bond revenues, in order to ensure bond revenues are used for proper purposes and that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

Information regarding the estimated tax rate to repay these bonds is found in the “Tax Rate Statement” prepared by the District, attached as Appendix C to the full text of the Measure. The projected tax rate is based on projections and estimates from official sources and are not binding upon the District.

The bonded debt will be a general obligation of the District and will be financed by taxes levied annually on taxable property located within the District.

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