

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
(SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA)

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

BY  DEPUTY
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS
OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION
WITH ANY OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Victor Valley Union High School District (the “District”), it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question of whether the bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money to reduce classroom overcrowding, repair and upgrade the District’s existing schools and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to expand and upgrade vocational education and job training programs in high-need fields such as nursing and other medical careers, public safety, construction, engineering and others so students who choose not to go to college can acquire real-world skills and technical knowledge to compete for a job when they graduate; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the community, the District helps every student – whether they are gifted or have special needs, learn in safe, effective classrooms that allow every child to reach their potential in school; and

WHEREAS, while the District strives to meet the needs of our community and students, the region is growing which has led to overcrowding at many of the District’s schools, limiting students in their ability to reach their full potential in school; and

WHEREAS, most of our schools and classrooms do not meet modern building and safety codes, and require upgrades and repairs to address current and future learning and instructional technology needs, repair and replace leaking roofs, and heating and cooling and plumbing systems, improve security and safety for all school sites, lead paint, mold, and asbestos, and provide safe, clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, classrooms and labs must be upgraded to ensure all students have access to a strong educational foundation in science, technology, engineering and math; and

WHEREAS, to keep children and teachers safe at school the District must improve school security by upgrading emergency communications systems, security lighting, controlled entry fencing, alarms and cameras on all school campuses to maintain student and teacher safety; and

WHEREAS, while the District’s maintenance team works hard to take care of our aging classrooms and school facilities by keeping up with minor repairs and maintenance, the significant upgrades and improvements needed at District schools are beyond what can simply be accomplished or funded as “maintenance;” and

WHEREAS, antiquated facilities systems throughout the schools are both ineffective and costly to operate and need to be updated; and

WHEREAS, schools and facilities within the District are aging and in need of significant upgrades and improvements to ensure the health and safety of pupils, staff and community and provide for adequate housing for the District’s students; and

WHEREAS, District schools need technology infrastructure and tools to meet curricular requirements and prepare students for success upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, excellent schools and classrooms benefit the District’s ability to recruit and retain excellent teachers and keep our community vital by continuing to attract young families; and

WHEREAS, the State of California provides very limited funding for school improvements, and most state funding requires local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, without a local school bond, the District will lose the opportunity to receive state matching funds which will then be awarded to other school districts; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the approval of Proposition 39 on November 7, 2000, Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b) of the California Constitution (“Article XIII A”) provides an exception to the limit on *ad valorem* property taxes on real property for bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district that has been approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the voters of the District voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Education Code section 15264 *et seq.* (the “Act”), this Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board, to submit to the electorate of the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, upon a fifty-five percent (55%) vote of the electorate in favor on the question, pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Election Code section 10403, *et seq.*, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and to request the election officials of San Bernardino County (the “County”) to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Call for Election.** The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the principal amount not to exceed \$180,000,000 for the purpose of raising money for the purpose of raising money to reduce overcrowding in the schools throughout the District and for the improvement, upgrade, and renovation of the District's existing schools, and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in a ballot proposition approved pursuant to Section 3 below. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election.

2. **Election Date.** The date of the election shall be November 5, 2024, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

3. **Purpose of Election; Ballot Proposition.** The purpose of the election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on a proposition, a full copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of section 15272 of the Act. As required by California Elections Code section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as *Exhibit B*. The District's Superintendent (or designee) is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the proposition, or its abbreviated form as required to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of elections officials, and requirements of law.

4. **Authority for Election.** The authority for ordering the election is contained in California Education Code section 15264, *et seq.* and Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b), subsection (3) of the California Constitution. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in California Education Code section 5322.

5. **School Facilities Projects.** A list of the specific school facilities projects and uses to be funded from the proceeds of the bonds is set forth in *Exhibit A*. As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class-size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing the list of school facilities projects and uses set forth in *Exhibit A*.

6. **Covenants of the Board Upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate.** As required by Article XIII A and section 15272 of the Act, if fifty-five percent (55%) of the voters of the District voting on the measure approve of the bonds, the Board shall:

- (a) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, as specifically set forth in *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 *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 *Exhibit A*; and

(d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act.

7. **Delivery of this Resolution.** The Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to send or hand-deliver a copy of this Resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Registrar of Voters by no later than August 9, 2024.

8. **Declaration of Official Intent.** The District hereby declares its official intent, subject to the further approval of this Board, to use up to the maximum amount permitted by law of the proceeds of the proposed bonds to reimburse itself for payments it has made for any eligible costs of the projects and uses listed in *Exhibit A*. It is intended that this Resolution shall, among other things, constitute a declaration of "official intent" within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

9. **Ballot Arguments; Tax Rate Statement.** Any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. The Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any Tax Rate Statement or other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the bond measure on the ballot.

10. **Consolidation of Election; Election Services.** The County Registrar of Voters and the County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024 within the District. Pursuant to section 5303 of the Education Code and section 10002 of the Elections Code, the County Board of Supervisors is requested to permit the County Registrar of Voters, and other appropriate officials of the County, to render all services necessary in connection with the bond election including, but not limited to, publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election pursuant to Education Code 5363 and related law (the proposed form of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit C*), the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in section 9401 of the Elections Code), the opportunity to submit ballot arguments in connection with the bond election, the canvassing and certification of the returns of the election, and other ballot requirements pursuant to Elections Code section 15123, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the County as required by law.

11. **Debt Capacity.** The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of the District, the Assistant Superintendent and Lozano Smith, LLP, as Bond Counsel to seek a waiver of the District's statutory bonding limit from the State Board of Education in the event such waiver is necessary for the District to issue any portion of the bond authorization contemplated by this Resolution.

12. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or their application to any other person or circumstance. The Board declares that it would have adopted this Resolution and each section, subsection, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, phrases or clauses, or their application to any person or circumstance, shall be declared invalid.

13. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on August 1, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
ABSENT: 0

By: Barbara Dew
President, Board of Trustees
of the Victor Valley Union High School
District

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Clerk, Board of Trustees
of the Victor Valley Union High School District

EXHIBIT B

**BOND MEASURE
for
VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Abbreviated Form)***

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| VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL REPAIR, HEALTH/SAFETY MEASURE. To retain quality teachers, ensure healthy/safe classrooms by: removing asbestos, mold, lead paint; providing safe drinking water; repairing leaky roofs, gas lines; upgrading 911 systems, vocational/career classrooms/labs, shall Victor Valley Union High School District's measure authorizing \$180,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$23 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, raising approximately \$10,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding be adopted, requiring oversight, public spending disclosure, all funds be spent locally? | BONDS – YES |
| | BONDS – NO |

* Limited to 75 words pursuant to California Elections Code section 13247.