

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25 # 15

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 **WITHIN SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2014-1**, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER MEASURES OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Governing Board ("Board") of the Saugus Union School District ("District") is devoted to improving the quality of education in our local public schools by providing safe classrooms, facilities and upgraded technology to support high quality instruction;

WHEREAS, despite many improvements that the District has made to school sites since 2014, the Board has determined that as schools have aged, more work needs to and must be done to protect students, staff, parents and visitors at school campuses;

WHEREAS, while the District has worked hard to keep local elementary schools safe, safety features like additional security fencing and cameras, and secure points of entry should be upgraded to keep intruders out and keep our teachers and children safe; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, by adoption of Resolution No. 2014-15 #14 and in accordance with Education Code § 15300 *et seq.* the Board ordered the formation of School Facilities Improvement District No. 2014-1 ("SFID No. 2014-1" or "SFID") around a large majority of its territory and encompassing all of its current school facilities, to enable the District to call elections within SFID No. 2014-1 for the purpose of financing school facility improvements for facilities within SFID No. 2014-1; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that schools within **SFID No. 2014-1** need to be upgraded, rebuilt, expanded, improved, modernized and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable the District to meet current seismic, health and building safety codes;

WHEREAS, certain District schools have been identified by the State of California under AB 300 as requiring seismic retrofitting, including Cedar Creek Elementary School, Emblem Academy, Skyblue Mesa Elementary School, Rosedell Elementary School and Rio Vista Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the District has performed several seismic, safety and security studies to develop a comprehensive list of priority facility needs to align with its educational goals and priorities;

WHEREAS, because the State is not funding school facilities improvements and passing this bond measure provides a guaranteed source of local funding to maintain and improve this community's local school facilities;

WHEREAS, every penny from this bond measure will benefit the local elementary schools and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts; by law, no money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions;

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections within the SFID 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;

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;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors within SFID No. 2014-1 to be approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the votes cast;

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 5, 2024, a general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15268 of the Education Code, if the measure is approved by the voters within SFID No. 2014-1, bonds may only be issued if the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements would not exceed thirty dollars (\$30) 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 of thirty dollars (\$30) per year per each \$100,000 of the assessed value of taxable property;

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;

WHEREAS, bonds authorized by Measure E in 2002 will be paid off in August, 2024, thereby allowing this bond measure to provide additional resources without exceeding the historic tax rates of Measure E;

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;

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to request that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") act as the election official and call an election and submit to the registered voters of SFID No. 2014-1 the full ballot proposition as detailed below;

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 the Saugus Union School District as follows:

Section 1. Specifications of Election Order. Pursuant to Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, 15300 *et seq.*, and Section 15266 of the Education Code, an election shall be held within SFID No. 2014-1 on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters within SFID No. 2014-1 the full ballot proposition contained in **Exhibit B** ("Full Ballot Text"), which Full Ballot Text is hereby approved.

Section 2. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election; Cost of Election. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") is hereby requested to allow and order the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") to provide for the performance of its duties in accordance with Education Code section 5303, and pursuant to section 5303 and 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 County Registrar and the County for costs associated with the election as required by law.

Section 3. 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 5, 2024.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, as necessary, pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

Section 4. 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 ballot measure summary ("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.

Section 5. Voter Pamphlet/Sample Ballot. 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 Los Angeles 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 Saugus Union 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 6. 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 **SFID No. 2014-1** 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 appoint a new or empower an existing independent Citizens' 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 no later than each January 1 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 no later than January 1 of the first year after which bonds have been issued and proceeds spent.

Section 7. 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 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 the submission date of August 9, 2024, one copy of this Resolution to the County Registrar with the Tax Rate Statement (in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**), completed and signed by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles 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/or a rebuttal argument, within the time established by the County Registrar.

Section 10. Amendment of Resolution No. 2014-15 #14. In accordance with Education Code §15326.5, the Board hereby amends Resolution No. 2014-15 #14 ordering the formation of SFID No. 2014-1 to add to its original purposes the projects specified in the Bond Project List contained within **Exhibit B**, and to increase the amount of bonds issued within SFID No. 2014-1 by the amount specified in the ballot label attached as **Exhibit A**.

Section 11. Further Authorization. The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Business (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, without action of the Board, minor, non-substantive modifications of the Full Ballot Text, the Ballot Label, and Tax Rate Statement if either 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 112. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Matthew Watson,
President of the Governing Board of the
Saugus Union School District

Attest:

Christopher Trunkey,
Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Saugus Union School District

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT LABEL

SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS, STUDENT SAFETY MEASURE. To retrofit classrooms/ schools, improve preparedness for earthquakes, wildfires, natural disasters; upgrade secured school entries and safety systems; expand early childhood education classrooms; and construct/ repair sites and facilities; shall Saugus Union School District's (SFID 2014-1) measure be adopted, authorizing \$187 million in bonds at legal rates, levying \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, generating \$13 million annually while bonds are outstanding, requiring audits, oversight, and all funds for local schools?

Bonds - Yes _____

Bonds - No _____

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT B

FULL BALLOT TEXT

Measure ____

[Letter designation to be assigned by Registrar of Voters]

SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS, STUDENT SAFETY MEASURE

By approval of this proposition by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Saugus Union School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds **of School Facilities Improvement District No. 2014-1** of up to **\$187** million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

- The Saugus Union School District ("District") is an award-winning school district committed to continuing a strong, high-quality educational program for the students in all of its local public schools.
- The District, in partnership with parents and community, strives to provide a safe and supportive environment where students develop a solid foundation to become productive, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners. To meet these goals, the District must provide students with safe, secure and clean facilities, and provide access to safe and secure classrooms and school facilities.
- The Governing Board of the District believes it is a wise investment to protect the quality of our schools, the safety and security of our students, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes.
- Certain District schools have been identified by the State of California under AB 300 as requiring seismic retrofitting, including Cedar Creek Elementary School, Emblem Academy, Skyblue Mesa Elementary School, Rosedell Elementary School and Rio Vista Elementary School.
- The District has conducted several safety assessments in order to identify the most critical facility needs and to align facility projects and priorities with the District's educational goals.
- Locally controlled funding from a bond measure will benefit the District's **schools within School Facility Improvement District No. 2014-1**, and no funds may be taken away by the State or diverted to other school districts.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.
- Bonds authorized by Measure E in 2002 will be paid off in August, 2024, thereby allowing this bond measure to provide additional resources without exceeding the historic tax rates of Measure E.

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- The proposed school facility improvement bond measure requires mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised and that none of the money is spent on school operating expenses such as administrators' salaries or pensions.

SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of **School Facilities Improvement District No. 2014-1 of the District** may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs **within School Facilities Improvement District No. 2014-1**, 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 **within School Facilities Improvement District No. 2014-1 of the District** and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Governing Board has certified 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 appoint a new or empower an existing independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, 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 Governing Board enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Governing 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 Governing 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.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Governing 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 Governing Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 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 specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Section III: Bond Project List" comprises the list and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (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 by law. 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. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for constitutionally authorized projects listed on the Bond Project List. All projects to be financed with bonds authorized by this measure listed on the Bond Project List have been determined by the District to be "school facilities" as that term is used in the California Constitution. "School facilities" include projects at school sites as well as administrative and teacher/staff support facilities which are necessary for, and related to, the delivery of high-quality education services. Unless otherwise noted, projects listed below may be completed at any and all properties, school sites and facilities where such project is determined necessary, and projects are authorized to be performed at each and all of the District's schools, sites and facilities, including administrative, surplus, and ancillary support facilities, whether owned, leased or yet to be acquired, including, without limitation, the following schools:

Schools

Bouquet Canyon Early Learning Academy

Bridgeport Elementary School
Cedarcreek Elementary School
Charles Helmers Elementary School
Emblem Academy
Highlands Elementary School
James Foster Elementary School
Mountainview Elementary School
North Park Elementary School
Plum Canyon Elementary School
Rio Vista Elementary School
Rosedell Elementary School
Skyblue Mesa Elementary School
Tesoro del Valle Elementary School
West Creek Academy

Specific projects to be funded by the bond measure include the following:

- Construct, improve, remediate or replace aging school facilities and classrooms for seismic safety compliance and earthquake preparedness, including, without limitation seismic safety repairs at Cedar Creek Elementary School, Emblem Academy, Skyblue Mesa Elementary School, Rosedell Elementary School and Rio Vista Elementary School;
- Improve student safety and campus security by installing, as necessary at each school site, security (perimeter) fencing, mechanical surveillance and lighting systems, upgrading front office entryways, security access doors, secured single points of entry and other building security/access control systems, and modernizing basic safety systems, including, without limitation, smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinklers and emergency communications systems, window film, automatic blinds and signage;
- Improve student/staff/driver safety and traffic circulation around schools by upgrading school parking lots and/or reconfiguring or adding school pick-up/drop-off areas and parking lots and adding bollards to all drop-off and pickup areas;
- Repair, reconfigure and/or upgrade student support spaces at school sites for improved use and accessibility including restrooms, kitchens, library/learning centers, multi-purpose/multi-use spaces and other school facility spaces that can be upgraded for flexible teaching/learning/training uses;
- Upgrade school site walkways, paths of travel, grounds, physical education/play surfaces, playground equipment, and fencing to improve accessibility, safety, drainage, and security and to add or expand green space at school campuses;
- Construct and install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems mounted on outdoor shade structures to be used for outdoor classrooms, gathering places, and/or lunch, and replace old, inefficient electrical, plumbing, sewer, heating, lighting and ventilation (HVAC) systems with modern, more efficient systems that save energy; Purchase and/or install and maintain systems, equipment, vehicles, and facilities to improve energy efficiency and implement sustainability and best/green energy practices;
- Replace counters and cabinets and upgrade equipment and furnishings in older classrooms, labs, restrooms and other student spaces at all school facilities to meet current academic standards and building health and safety codes; and
- Replace portable classrooms with permanent school facilities;
- Modify existing classrooms to create appropriate space for childcare, preschool and other early education (Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten) students.

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Governing Board priorities and available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any

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and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Governing Board by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," "improve" and "update" are used in the Bond Project List, the Governing Board has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. 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.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal and similar planning costs; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants and District employee staff that administer the bond construction program; 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, without limitation, equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition, buses and vehicles to transport students to school/school events, and instructional equipment to improve student learning experience; 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, as well as hazardous materials abatement or management of other unforeseen conditions discovered or necessitated by construction projects, 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.

SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for constitutionally authorized projects listed on the Bond Project List and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

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

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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.

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 the average useful life of bonds sold will not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average life of the projects being financed or as otherwise provided by federal tax law. 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 or average payment 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 School Facilities District No. 2014-1 of the Saugus Union School District ("District") on November 5, 2024 to authorize the sale of up to \$187 million 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 and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$29.95 per \$100,000 (2.995 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2057-58.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$30.00 per \$100,000 (3.000 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation first occurring in fiscal year 2029-30.

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 is \$415,014,365.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Los Angeles 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 the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. 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.

Colleen Hawkins, Ed.D., Superintendent

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