

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE BARSTOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Barstow Unified School District.

“BARSTOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSROOM REPAIR, STUDENT SAFETY/ EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT MEASURE. To repair/ upgrade aging classrooms, restrooms/ fix leaky roofs in order to maintain student health/ safety, retain/ attract quality teachers, remove asbestos/ lead paint, upgrade security, outdated plumbing/ electrical systems/ gas lines, improve technology, computer/ science labs, repair, construct, acquire school facilities, sites/ equipment, shall Barstow Unified School District issue \$39,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, requiring audits, citizens’ oversight, no money for administrators’ salaries/ pensions, all funds staying local?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Barstow Unified School District is committed to improving the quality of education in local schools with safe, secure, upgraded classrooms and labs for career and technology education to help our students succeed in the 21st century economy. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including **basic repairs** and **student safety**, class size reduction, computer and information technology in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input in developing this Project List. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. **The Board concluded that upgrading 60-year old schools and removing asbestos, lead paint, and fixing leaky roofs is critical for children to have a safe, healthy place to learn.** Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District must:

- (i) **Retain all funds to support local students and ensure that money cannot be taken away by the State; and**
- (ii) **Recruit and retain quality teachers; and**
- (iii) **Upgrade school safety systems; and**
- (iv) **Provide clean and safe classrooms; and**
- (v) **Qualify for State matching funds to meet our schools’ and children’s needs; and**
- (vi) **Adhere to specific fiscal accountability safeguards such as:**
 - (a) All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial audits.
 - (b) No funds can be used for administrators’ salaries and pensions.
 - (c) An independent citizens’ oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.
 - (d) **Require public reports documenting how bond funds have been used.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools and sites:

LOCAL FUNDING FOR BASIC SCHOOL REPAIRS TO CREATE SAFE AND HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Goals and Purposes: All money raised by the measure will stay local to support Barstow schools and students. It cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

Since most of our schools were built more than 60-years ago, they need basic repairs. This measure will remove asbestos and lead paint from classrooms; fix deteriorating classrooms, restrooms, and leaky roofs; and replace outdated air conditioning systems; so children can have a safe, healthy place to learn.

Barstow Unified School District is eligible for matching funds from the State. Nearly all classrooms are out of date and in need of safety upgrades. This measure will allow the school district to qualify for matching funds from the State to meet our schools' and our children's needs.

- Repair aging classrooms, restrooms and leaky deteriorating roofs.
- Remove hazardous asbestos and lead paint.
- Upgrade fire safety doors, smoke alarms and detectors.
- Upgrade outdated heating, plumbing and electrical systems and gas lines.
- Replace aging water pipes.
- Provide an adequate number of restrooms at each school sites.
- Upgrade school safety to prevent campus intruders.
- Repair drinking fountains.

ATTRACTING QUALITY TEACHERS AND IMPROVING STUDENT SAFETY, CAREER TECH AND STEM PROGRAMS

Goals and Purposes: This measure will upgrade school security to prevent accidents and violent intruders from entering campuses, and prevent tragedies at our neighborhood schools. By funding the installation of special door locks for emergency school lockdowns, upgrading playgrounds, and installing up-to-date security cameras so police can arrest people who vandalize schools, our schools will be safer.

In order to succeed in the twenty-first century economy, our students need skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Our local schools are lacking the up-to-date technology students need to succeed. This measure will upgrade classrooms, science labs, and computer labs, as well as improve electrical systems and wiring for computers and internet access, to ensure our students will have equal access to competitive twenty-first century learning.

- Provide clean and safe classrooms.
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities.
- **Upgrade school safety.**
- Provide competitive 21st Century learning facilities.
- Upgrade classrooms for career technical and vocational programs.
- Upgrade science and computer labs.
- Upgrade moldy portable classrooms.
- Upgrade classrooms for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

1. All money will benefit local schools and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.
2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES or administration
3. Require CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT and yearly reports to the community to keep the District accountable for how the funds are spent.
4. NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.
5. **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.** THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the

reduction or retirement of interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master and needs assessments plans preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; install signage and fencing; repair and replace heating A/C and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; upgrade or installation energy management systems; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; improve school facilities for disability access; improve air quality, install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct classrooms, labs, support facilities and spaces, physical education (including playground equipment, tracks, bleachers, gyms and locker rooms), library media centers, visual and performing arts facilities and classrooms for transitional kindergarten and pre-school programs; repair and replace gas, water and sewer systems and lines, fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurface or replace hard courts, asphalt, turf and irrigation systems; expand or add parking areas and drop-off areas; interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; construct various forms of storage, common areas and support spaces and classrooms; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve or add cafeterias and kitchens and lunch facilities, playgrounds and athletic fields; replace outdated security fences and security and surveillance systems (including access control systems); provide indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; enhance facilities for earthquake safety; install shade structures and water conservation systems; upgrade career training and tech facilities and equipment. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, Wi-Fi and other wireless technology systems, firewalls and computer security systems, phone systems, PA, bells, alarms, cameras and other A/V systems, instructional technology such as projections systems digital whiteboards, document cameras and other classroom computer equipment and other miscellaneous equipment and classroom furniture. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded 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. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/ restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects.

Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.