RESOLUTION #07-27-16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Alta Loma School District ("District"), within the County of San Bernardino, 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 of the District is committed to maintaining the quality of education and ensuring all students have the same educational opportunities as others in the region; and

WHEREAS, some Alta Loma School District schools are over 50 years old, and many schools need repairs and improvements to meet the same standards as newer schools;

WHEREAS, 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 $21^{\rm st}$ century classrooms, labs and school facilities;

WHEREAS, classrooms and educational facilities require updates for improved student learning in subjects such as reading, math, science 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 District has prepared a Facility Master Plan and aligned it to the District's educational goals;

WHEREAS, the Board and District has solicited extensive stakeholder and community input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, the community and civic leaders;

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 and junior high schools and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions;

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;

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 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 8, 2016, a general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District;

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 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 XIIIA of the California Constitution; the current estimated and projected tax rate is described in the Tax Rate Statement contained in **Exhibit C** hereto;

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 San Bernardino 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 below, in coordination with each other as necessary;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of District staff that the District retain bond counsel and a financial advisor to assist the District with the process of calling a bond election and, if the bond election is successful, with the subsequent structuring and documenting of a bond issuance for the purposes set forth herein; 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 Board of Trustees of the Alta Loma 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, 2016, 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.
- Section 2. <u>Abbreviation of Proposition</u>. Pursuant to Section 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 that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**
- Section 3. <u>Voter Pamphlet</u>. The County Registrar is hereby requested to reprint the Full Ballot Text in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to

voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. 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
Bernardino County Registrar of Voters at _____ and a
copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

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' 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 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 15266(a) of the Education Code, the election shall be consolidated with the election on November 8, 2016.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino 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, 2016, (which date is 88 days prior to the date set for the election), 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 Bernardino County.
- Section 9. <u>Ballot Arguments</u>. 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, 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 bond capital projects, up to a maximum principal amount of \$58,000,000.
- Section 11. Further Authorization. The members of this Board, the Superintendent, and all other officers of the District 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 modification of the Full Ballot Text, the ballot measure summary or Tax Rate Statement if he or she determines such modifications are necessary and in the District's best interests. Any such modifications shall be ratified thereafter by the Board.

	Section 12.	Effective Date. This	Resolut	ion shall take effect upon its adoption.	
	PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, July 27, 2016, by the following vote:				
	AYES:				
	NOES:				
	ABSTAIN:				
	ABSENT:				
				APPROVED: Caryn Payzant President of the Board of Trustees of the Alta Loma School District	
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Alta Loma School District

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EXHIBIT A

SUMMARY OF BALLOT MEASURE

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DEPUTY
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

In order to replace or repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning systems; improve access for students and families with disabilities; improve school safety and security systems; update and modernize classrooms to keep pace with educational technology and support student programs in science, technology, English, arts, and math, shall the Alta Loma School District issue \$58,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrators, and all money staying in Alta Loma?

Bonds – Yes	Bonds - No
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EXHIBIT C TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held within the boundaries of Alta Loma School District ("School District") on November 8, 2016 to authorize the sale of up to \$58,000,000 in bonds to finance facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the School 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 School District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code.

- 1. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.030 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for the year 2017-18.
- 2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.030 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for the year 2025-26.
- 3. The best estimate 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 estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, or on a projection based on experience within the District or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.030 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.
- 4. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, which would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$110,000,000. This estimate is based on the assumption there will be no bonds issued with a term over 30 years.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the County of San Bernardino 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 School District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the School 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 School 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 School District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Signed:

James Moore, Superintendent

Dated: / July 27, 2016