

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE G
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FINDINGS

The Santa Ana Unified School District (the "District"), which provides educational services and opportunities to a diverse student population of over 55,000 in the community of Santa Ana, is dedicated to high academic achievement, in a scholarly and supportive environment, ensuring that all students are prepared to accomplish their goals in life.

Academic achievements have been accrued by the District as a result of the long history of Board leadership and in partnership with dedicated teachers, parents, and concerned community leaders. During its long history, the District has benefited from a community, which supports its educational institutions by establishing high standards for achievement, while at the same time providing the means required to meet and even to surpass those expectations. Sixteen schools in the Santa Ana Unified School District have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools since 1992.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 2/3 of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the district shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$200,000,000 in principal at interest rates below the legal limit, to provide financing for the school facilities projects stated in the Measure.

Approval of this Bond Measure G (the 'Measure') does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District which are the subject of bonds under the Measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Measure. If state matching funds become available, they will be used for and applied to the facilities projects stated in the Measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriations by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects stated in the Measure.

Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board annually, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS LIST

The Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, energy efficiency and computer technology, in developing the scope of priority projects to be funded. In developing the scope of projects, teachers, staff and community members have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review in developing the scope of facility projects to be funded. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problem would only get worse. In approving this Priority School Projects List, the Board of Education makes six important determinations:

- (i) in repairing aging schools, priority shall be given to basic health and safety repairs, such as leaky roofs (to extend school buildings useful life), upgrading heating and ventilation and fire safety systems and ADA compliance requirements; and
- (ii) the District must aggressively apply for State matching funds and spend any local bond money exclusively on Santa Ana Unified schools and shall not allow bond monies to be transferred to the State or any other agency; and
- (iii) the District must replace deteriorating, temporary classrooms with permanent classrooms; and
- (iv) the District must upgrade classroom computer capacity and improve electrical wiring in classrooms to meet current and future curriculum requirements; and
- (v) the District shall insist that all of its schools be healthy and safe from fire dangers, earthquake risks, and hazardous materials; and
- (vi) the District shall install and upgrade fire prevention, security and emergency response systems at every school so that all students are safe.

The Priority School Projects List is on file at the District Office of the Superintendent and includes the following types projects:

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS

Project costs for repair and renovation of existing school facilities may include, but are not limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student restrooms; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; repair and replacement of worn-out roofs, windows, walls and doors; installation of electrical system wiring to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; interior and exterior painting; replacement of portable classrooms; repair of rubberized play apparatus surfaces; demolition; seismic, asbestos and mold abatement; improved access for people with disabilities; and, construction of various forms of storage and support space, upgrade classrooms, interior and exterior lighting, replace water and sewer lines and outdated security fences.

**EXHIBIT A-1
BOND PROJECT LIST
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Every school campus listed below within the Santa Ana Unified School District will receive Measure G bond funds. Bond funds will be used to make necessary repairs and upgrades to existing school campuses, as well as to construct replacement facilities and classroom buildings as warranted by demographics and facility usage needs. The 54 existing campuses listed below will receive the following repair, modernization, upgrade, expansion and new construction as necessary.

Elementary: Adams, Carver, Davis, Diamond, Edison, Esqueda, Franklin, Fremont, Garfield, Greenville, Harvey, Heninger, Hoover, Jackson, Jefferson, Kennedy, King, Lincoln, Lowell, Madison, Martin, Mitchell, Monroe, Monte Vista, John Muir, Pio Pico, Remington, Romero-Cruz, Roosevelt, Santiago, Sepulveda, Taft, Thorpe, Walker, Washington, Wilson

Intermediate: Carr, Lathrop, MacArthur, McFadden, Mendez, Sierra, Spurgeon, Villa, Willard

High School: Century, Chavez, Hector Godinez, Lorin Griset, Middle College, Saddleback, Santa Ana, Segerstrom, Valley

All schools will benefit from repair, upgrade and construction projects at existing schools, such as:

- Install technology infrastructure to provide teachers and students with improved access to educational information on the internet.
- Replace outdated plumbing and sewer systems to meet current codes.
- Replace older heating, ventilation, air conditioning and lighting systems with building code compliant, energy efficient systems.
- Install electrical wiring and power in classrooms and libraries to accommodate current and future phone access, computer and technology needs.
- Upgrade older schools so that all students will have comparable school facilities.
- Replace deteriorating portable classrooms with permanent classrooms.
- Repair or replace unsafe flooring;
- Provide an outdoor lunch shelter so that students are not exposed to rain or heat when eating outside;
- Repair drainage systems, and decaying ceilings, walls, and floors.
- Repair old, leaky school roofs.
- Repair or replace rundown bathrooms.
- Classroom interiors will receive new paint, carpet/vinyl tile/asbestos abatement, white markerboards, tackable surfaces.
- Install/Repair play apparatus rubberized surfaces to increase student safety.
- Federal and State-mandated Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS

All Santa Ana Unified schools will benefit from health and safety projects, such as:

- Maintain/upgrade automatic fire alarm systems.
- Install/replace/upgrade security fencing and outdoor lighting.
- Replace/upgrade existing security systems.
- Install new security systems, as needed.
- Improve access for disabled persons as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Replace and or repair failing, cracked and buckled asphalt and surfaces in playground areas, classroom ramps and sidewalks.
- Upgrade seismic bracing for light fixtures.
- Reduce site drainage problems.
- Abate hazardous conditions (asbestos);

Listed building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Priority School Projects List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, improvements to the District central office (parking improvements, bathroom, conference room and custodial upgrades) and the maintenance warehouse (parking, storage, window replacement, ADA compliance, trash enclosures, additional capacity, concrete wall repairs), the acquisition of land, the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. Certain projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public agencies. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids 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. 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.

Fiscal Accountability. In accordance with education Code Section 15272, the Board of Education will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on school and classroom improvements and for no other purpose. 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.

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.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

The proceeds of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Orange County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE G**

The Santa Ana Unified School District (the "School District") is authorized by the Education Code to issue school bonds for the acquisition and improvement of real property, with the approval of two-thirds of the voters of the School District, voting at an election for that purpose.

The School District has proposed to the voters that general obligation bonds of the School District be issued in an amount up to \$200,000,000. Principal and interest on the bonds would be paid by an ad valorem tax levied upon taxable property in the School District.

The measure provides that bond funds will be used to make necessary repairs and upgrades to existing school campuses, as well as to construct replacement facilities and classroom buildings. The projects financed by the measure may include the following: renovation of student restrooms; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; repair and replacement of worn-out roofs, windows, walls and doors; installation of electrical system wiring to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; interior and exterior painting; replacement of portable classrooms; repair of rubberized play apparatus surfaces; demolition; seismic, asbestos and mold abatement; improved access for people with disabilities; and, construction of various forms of storage and support space, upgrade classrooms, interior and exterior lighting, replace water and sewer line and outdated security fences.

The measure provides for the establishment of a citizens' oversight committee to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended. In addition, annual performance and financial audits will be conducted. The measure further provides that bond proceeds will not be used for teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.

The Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District has called the election for the purpose of submitting the measure to the voters within the School District. If two-thirds of the voters of the School District voting on the measure vote yes, the School District may proceed to sell the bonds and levy the related taxes as estimated in the tax rate statement. A no vote on this measure will disapprove the issuance of the bonds and the levy of the taxes for such bonded indebtedness.

Approval of Measure G does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure G will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure G. 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.

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**TAX RATE STATEMENT
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE G**

An election will be held in the Santa Ana Unified School District of Orange County on June 3, 2008, to authorize the sale of \$200,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9401 and 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required 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 \$27.90 per \$100,000 (2.79 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2008-09.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$28.10 per \$100,000 (2.81 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2024-25.

3. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required 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 \$28.00 per \$100,000 (2.8 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2011-12.

4. Based on the District's estimate of when bonds will be sold, the interest rates prevailing at the time of such bond sales, and the projected growth in assessed valuation, the best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to fund this bond issue is \$28.00 per \$100,000 (2.8 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: March 7, 2008

s/ Jane A. Russo
Superintendent
Santa Ana Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Vote Yes on Measure G

Santa Ana Unified School District students deserve clean, safe facilities, and competitive classrooms equipped with current technology. Our schools need to be repaired and upgraded. Our students and teachers need your help. Please join us in voting YES on Measure G!

Yes on G = \$120 Million in State Grants -waiting in Sacramento - for our local schools

Santa Ana Unified School District is eligible for \$120,000,000 in State grants. This money is waiting in Sacramento, BUT local taxpayers must pass Measure G to receive these monies. If Santa Ana Unified School District does not have the local matching funds, by August 27, 2008, Santa Ana Unified School District's will lose matching funds to other school districts that have passed bond measures.

Measure G will fund repairs/upgrades at EVERY SCHOOL constructed before 2005 including:

- Upgrading wiring, adding power in classrooms for computers/technology
- Earthquake safety improvements
- Replacing outdated fire alarms and safety systems
- Repairing, replacing leaking roofs, old plumbing and restrooms
- Upgrading old classrooms
- Constructing permanent classrooms to replace deteriorating portables. We have 768 temporary classrooms that 9,845 students use daily
- Upgrading science labs and libraries to meet 21st century standards
- Repairing, replacing, upgrading, heating/ventilation systems

Taxpayer Accountability and Safeguards

The Santa Ana Unified School District has a proven track record managing taxpayer funds. Independent auditors have given the District high marks for fiscal responsibility for nearly a decade.

Accountability to taxpayers for spending Measure G bond dollars is guaranteed. Extensive auditing and the formation of a citizens' oversight committee are also required.

Santa Ana Unified School District students and teachers deserve your vote.

There are more than 54,371 students in our District. They need your help. On June 3rd, please vote to repair and upgrade our local schools and allow our district to receive \$120,000,000 in State grants by supporting Measure G.

s/ Mark S. McLoughlin
Retired Consultant/Business

s/ Miguel Pulido
Mayor

s/ Jose Solorio
State Assemblyman