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WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT NO. 2023-24:R28 TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 14, 2024

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

TO: The Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-24-R28 Ordering the Biennial Governing Board Member Election (Action)

102 August 6, 2024

Edward Yen

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A. Background

Whittier City School District is to call a Biennial Governing Board Member Election for the purpose, and in accordance with the designations contained in the specifications of the Election Order made under Education Code (EC) §§5000-5030 and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools. The purpose of the election is to submit to the voters of the district the question of whether 2 members shall be elected to the Governing Board of the Whittier City School District. One member from Trustee Area 1, and one member from Trustee Area 2, as listed on the Trustee Area Map.

B. Proposal

The Governing Board of Whittier City School District shall accept the Ordering of the Biennial Governing Board Member Election. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Registrar-Recorder) will perform all the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of the above-mentioned election. The Whittier City School District will pay the costs of the election. If any agency holds an election on November 5, 2024, the Whittier City School District shall pay its pro rata share pertaining to the conduct of this election and shall be under the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Education and Election Codes.

C. Recommendation

It is the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board take action on the item presented in Section B.

Presented by: Brad Mason, Ed.D.
Superintendent

WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24-R28

ORDERING BIENNIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

RESOLVED that pursuant to Education Code (EC) §§5000-5030, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) is hereby ORDERED to call an election for the purpose, and in accordance with the designations contained in the following specifications of the Election Order made under the authority of EC §5302, §5304, and §5322.

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

The election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The polling hours shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on multiple days at the Voting Centers leading up to Election Day.

The purpose of the election is to submit to the voters of the district the question of whether 2 members shall be elected to the Governing Board of the Whittier City School District. One member from Trustee Area 1, and one member from Trustee Area 2 as listed on the Trustee Area Map.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Registrar-Recorder) will perform all the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of the above-mentioned election. The Whittier City School District will pay the costs of the election. If any agency holds an election on November 5, 2024, the Whittier City School District shall pay its pro rata share pertaining to the conduct of this election and shall be under the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Education and Election Codes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the district is hereby directed to furnish two copies of this order to the County Superintendent not less than 130 days prior to the date set for the election.

The foregoing Resolution and Order was adopted and affirmed by the Governing Board of Whittier City School District of Los Angeles County, being the Board authorized by law to make the designations contained therein, by formal vote as follows:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 1

Signed: Jennifer De Baca Sandral
Jennifer De Baca ~~Linda Ormahl~~
Clerk of the Governing Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Board named therein at a duly constituted meeting of the said Governing Board, held on May 14, 2024, as it appears upon the minutes of the said meeting on May 14, 2024.

Signed: Jennifer De Baca Sandral
Jennifer De Baca ~~Linda Ormahl~~
Clerk of the Governing Board

REGISTRAR-RECORDER INFORMATION

Public Notice Election Announcement

Listing of two (2) newspapers: The Whittier Daily News
605 E. Huntington Drive
Monrovia, CA. 91016

The Los Angeles Times
2300 E. Imperial Hwy
El Segundo, CA. 90245



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Mar 28, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	10. Action Items - General
Subject	10.2 Approve Resolution #23/24.31, Ordering Governing Board Member Election
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	It is recommended the Board approve Resolution #23/24.31, Ordering a Governing Board Member Election for Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Public Content

The District will be billed its pro rata share of the November 5, 2024 election. Recommend approval.

[Resolution 31 - Biennial Election - Governing Board.pdf \(12 KB\)](#)

Administrative Content

Executive Content

Motion & Voting

It is recommended the Board approve Resolution #23/24.31, Ordering a Governing Board Member Election for Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Motion by Neil Goldman, second by Roger Banuelos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Neil Goldman, Nelson Martinez, Roger Banuelos, Rebecca Cappy, Michelle Legaspi

WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 18, 2024

RECEIVED

By Anjanette Allen at 3:51 pm, Jul

TO: The Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-24-R37 of the Board of Education of the Whittier City School District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation With Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024
(Action)

A. Background

The District has important school facility improvement needs and the need to identify a funding source. November 5, 2024, is the date of the statewide general election, and an election date at which local bond measures that provide facilities funding can be placed on the ballot. In order to appear on the November 2024 ballot, a Resolution calling a bond election must be filed with the Los Angeles County election official at least 88 days prior to the election date, by August 9, 2024.

The Resolution for Board consideration has been prepared in accordance with all legal requirements and presents a \$99,000,000 bond measure to District voters under Proposition 39 for the purpose of financing projects summarized on the specific project list attached as Appendix A to the Resolution, which will be printed in the sample ballot provided to District voters. Appendix B includes the abbreviated statement of the measure and is limited to 75 words or less that will be printed on the ballot label and read by voters at the time of casting their vote. Appendix C presents the Tax Rate Statement which will also be printed in the Sample Ballot and discloses current expectations regarding the property tax rates and other matters that will apply if bonds are approved and issued to District voters.

B. Proposal

The Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 2023-24-R37 of the Board of Education of the Whittier City School District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation With Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024, as shown Attachment A.

C. Recommendation

It is the Assistant Superintendent's recommendation that the Board take action as shown in item B, Proposal.

Presented by: Dr. Raquel Gasporra
Assistant Superintendent
Business Division

Attachment

RG:cc

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24-R37

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND
REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS
OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Whittier City School District (the “District”) in Los Angeles County (the “County”), State of California (the “State”), is committed to providing quality education to its students; and

WHEREAS, the District’s facilities are in need of construction and modernization, including for repairs, upgrades and safety improvements in order to provide the education that students deserve in a safe and modern environment; and

WHEREAS, a local funding source is needed to enable the District to provide school facilities for its present and future students; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”), it is advisable to call an election, submitting to voters in the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized, upon a two-thirds vote of the Board, to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a 55% vote of the electorate on the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, under Article XIII A Section 1 paragraph (b) of the California Constitution (“Article XIII A”) and under Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the election may be ordered at a primary or general election, a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the District are entitled to vote, or a statewide special election; and

WHEREAS, under Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, 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, the date of the statewide general election, and to request the County Registrar of Voters (the “County Registrar”) to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the calling of a bond election and in accordance with Education Code Section 15100 subparagraph (c), the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County assessor; and

WHEREAS, United States Income Tax Regulations section 1.150-2 provides generally that proceeds of tax-exempt debt are not deemed to be expended when such

proceeds are used for reimbursement of expenditures made prior to the date of issuance of such debt unless certain procedures are followed, one of which is a requirement that (with certain exceptions), prior to the payment of any such expenditure, the issuer declares an intention to reimburse such expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes at this time to take the necessary actions to declare its official intent to reimburse the expenditures referenced herein from the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to voter authorization;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. 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 a maximum principal amount of \$99,000,000 (the “Bonds”) for the purposes described in the ballot measure approved under Section 3 and attached hereto as Appendix A and Appendix B and paying all costs incident thereto. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the “specifications of the election order” pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

Section 3. Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 5, 2024, and such bond election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a bond measure, the full text of which is attached hereto as Appendix A (the “Full Text of the Measure”), 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. The Full Text of the Measure, which commences with the heading “BOND AUTHORIZATION” and includes all of the text thereafter on Appendix A, shall be printed in the voter information pamphlet provided to voters, with such measure designation as is assigned to the measure.

As required by Education Code Section 5322 and Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as Appendix B.

The Superintendent is hereby separately authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the full text and/or abbreviated measure as described herein to conform to any requirements of Article XIII A, the Act or the County Registrar.

Section 5. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 *et. seq.* of the Act and Section 1 paragraph (b) subsection (3) of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. Proceeds for School Facilities Projects. The Board certifies that the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Section

1(b)(3) of Article XIII A and as further specified in Appendix A, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Further, as required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth in Appendix A.

Section 7. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate; Accountability Measures. As required by Article XIII A, Section 15278 of the Act, and Government Code Section 53410, in the event 55% of the voters voting in the District approve of the Bonds, the Board shall:

- (a) conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the projects listed in Appendix A;
- (b) conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Appendix A;
- (c) establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act;
- (d) apply the Bond proceeds only to the specific purposes stated in the ballot proposition;
- (e) cause the creation of accounts into which bond proceeds shall be deposited; and
- (f) cause the preparation of an annual report pursuant to Government Code Sections 53410 and 53411.

Section 8. Statement Regarding State Matching Funds. The District anticipates that matching funds from the State of California, if available, may be required to complete a portion of the projects identified in Appendix A. As required pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5, the following statement shall appear on the ballot: "Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

Section 9. No Teacher or Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of the general obligation bonds authorized by the bond measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities pursuant to Article XIII A and the Act, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Section 10. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to (1) the County Registrar and (2) the Clerk of

the Board of Supervisors of the County. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5322, the Resolution shall be received by the County Registrar no later than 88 days prior to the election date, unless otherwise permitted by law.

The County Registrar is hereby requested to print the full text of the ballot measure in the ballot materials as it appears on Appendix A, and to provide all required notices of the election and other notices related thereto.

Section 11. Consolidation of Election; Request to Provide Services. The County Registrar 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 Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to permit the County Registrar to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the County in full upon presentation of a bill from the County, such services to include the publication of a formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code).

Section 12. Ballot Arguments. As provided in Elections Code Section 9501, 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.

Section 13. Tax Rate Statement. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9400 and following, a tax rate statement has been prepared in the form attached hereto as Appendix C, which form of Tax Rate Statement is hereby approved for inclusion in the sample ballot. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby authorized to finalize and execute the tax rate statement, and to file said statement with the County Registrar, in accordance with Section 10 hereof.

Section 14. Maturity Limit of Bonds. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature not more than the legal limit at the time of such issuance thereof. The Bonds shall be issued under the Act, under the provisions of Section 53506 *et seq.* of the Government Code, or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts.

Section 15. Estimates Included in Ballot Materials. The measure and related tax rate statement authorized by this Resolution includes certain information that is based upon reasonable assumptions and current expectations, which may include information with respect to the amount of money required to repay issued bonds, the estimated rate of the approved tax per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, and the period through which the proposed tax supporting bond repayment will be levied and collected. Any such estimates have been provided by the District, in good faith, based upon information currently available to the District, but depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan.

The estimates and projections set forth above shall not restrict the tax imposed in accordance with the bond measure. Such estimates and approximations are not intended by the Board to be additional restrictions on the District's bond program and bond

issuances and, other than the total principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the bond measure, shall not represent legal maximums or additional limitations on bond issuance.

Section 16. Reimbursement. The District hereby declares that it may pay certain costs of the projects listed in Appendix A prior to the date of issuance of bonds and, in such case, intends to use a portion of the proceeds of bonds for reimbursement of expenditures for the projects that are paid before the date of issuance of bonds.

Section 17. Official Actions. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, of the District, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute and deliver to County officials any directions, requisitions or other writings, and to make any changes to the texts of the measure as described herein and in the tax rate statement, to conform to any legal requirements or the County Registrar, in order to cause the election to be held and conducted in the District.

Section 18. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the Whittier City School District of Los Angeles County, by the following vote, on June 18, 2024.

Adopted by the following votes:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

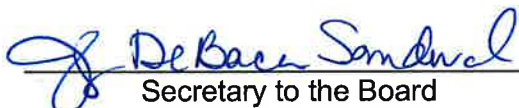
ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Attest:



President of the Board



Secretary to the Board

APPENDIX A

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

*The full text of bond measure to be printed in the election material begins below the following line.
Letter designation of measure shall be assigned and input by the County Registrar.*

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Whittier City School District (the "District") will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$99,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List included below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be 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 Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

The Bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District, from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the Bonds are issued.

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has identified detailed facilities needs of the District, and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List described below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the Board will establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits. The Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer, as required by the Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), specifically the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations

and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Scope of Projects. Bond proceeds will be expended on the modernization, renovation, expansion, acquisition, construction/reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of school facilities of the District, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, at all current and future sites and properties.

School Facility Project List. The items presented on the following list provide the types of school facilities projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The following types of projects are authorized at all existing sites of the District and all sites that may be acquired by the District in the future:

- Repair or replace leaky roofs, and replace gutters throughout the District
- Make health, safety and security improvements
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology, including providing necessary infrastructure such as upgrading/replacing electrical systems, hardware, software, computers, devices and other modern instructional equipment throughout District sites
- Construct, modernize, renovate, replace and/or expand classrooms, restrooms, multi-purpose rooms, kitchens and food preparation areas, drinking fountains, and other school facilities, including providing updated furnishings and equipment to facilitate a modern learning environment
- Provide clean and safe classrooms, and a quality learning environment for current and future students
- Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms
- Renovate, repair, expand and/or upgrade exterior of existing classrooms and school facilities throughout the District including new paint, doors, hardware, flooring, infrastructure, landscaping, and beautification improvements
- Update parking lots and drop off areas to improve campus traffic and safety
- Construct, repair or replace plumbing, electrical, sewer, and water systems
- Make all necessary Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including ensuring site access and paths of travel, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, and other improvements necessary to ensure adequate accommodations are provided and all legal requirements are met

- Construct, repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, fields, grounds and outdoor areas, including athletic facilities, playgrounds, shade structures, lighting and landscaping improvements, including irrigation
- Replace/upgrade existing signage, marquees, clocks and bell systems

Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, painting, bond project construction management, administration and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; abatement, demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; the preparation or restoration of construction, renovation or remodeling; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Furnishing and Equipping. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, fixtures, 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 list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan 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. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment.

Alterations to Scope; Acquisition of Real Property. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for or otherwise determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction including land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or

repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. For any project involving rehabilitation or renovation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new construction instead, if the Board determines that replacement and new construction is more economically practical than rehabilitation and renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, and other relevant factors.

In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. Authorized projects include paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the Bond Project List, such as bond anticipation notes, and includes prepayment of lease payments to acquire title to facilities and/or equipment previously financed. Projects may also be undertaken on a joint use basis with other public entities.

Bond Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District's capital needs currently exceed the amount of bonds the voters are being asked to authorize. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to suggest priority for funding or completion, and itemization of projects in the list above does not guarantee that all such projects will be undertaken. Project priorities will be determined by the Board. The ability of the District to undertake and complete the listed projects is subject to numerous variables including the adequacy and availability of sufficient funding sources. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Words used in the Bond Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe school facilities projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by law. As such, in accordance with legal requirements, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Severability. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

The Full Text of Measure ends at the above line.

APPENDIX B

ABBREVIATED FORM OF BOND MEASURE

To improve the quality of local schools; repair or replace leaky roofs; make health, safety and security improvements; improve technology; and construct/modernize classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; shall the Whittier City School District measure authorizing \$99,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates be adopted, generating approximately \$5,400,000 annually while bonds are outstanding at average rates of \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight committee, NO money for salaries and all money staying local?

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Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$28 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2060-61.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply beginning in fiscal year 2025-26.

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Superintendent
Whittier City School District

WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 18, 2024

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TO: The Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-24-R37 of the Board of Education of the Whittier City School District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation With Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024
(Action)

A. Background

The District has important school facility improvement needs and the need to identify a funding source. November 5, 2024, is the date of the statewide general election, and an election date at which local bond measures that provide facilities funding can be placed on the ballot. In order to appear on the November 2024 ballot, a Resolution calling a bond election must be filed with the Los Angeles County election official at least 88 days prior to the election date, by August 9, 2024.

The Resolution for Board consideration has been prepared in accordance with all legal requirements and presents a \$99,000,000 bond measure to District voters under Proposition 39 for the purpose of financing projects summarized on the specific project list attached as Appendix A to the Resolution, which will be printed in the sample ballot provided to District voters. Appendix B includes the abbreviated statement of the measure and is limited to 75 words or less that will be printed on the ballot label and read by voters at the time of casting their vote. Appendix C presents the Tax Rate Statement which will also be printed in the Sample Ballot and discloses current expectations regarding the property tax rates and other matters that will apply if bonds are approved and issued to District voters.

B. Proposal

The Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 2023-24-R37 of the Board of Education of the Whittier City School District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation With Other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024, as shown Attachment A.

C. Recommendation

It is the Assistant Superintendent's recommendation that the Board take action as shown in item B, Proposal.

Presented by: Dr. Raquel Gasporra
Assistant Superintendent
Business Division

Attachment

RG:cc

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24-R37

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND
REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS
OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Whittier City School District (the "District") in Los Angeles County (the "County"), State of California (the "State"), is committed to providing quality education to its students; and

WHEREAS, the District's facilities are in need of construction and modernization, including for repairs, upgrades and safety improvements in order to provide the education that students deserve in a safe and modern environment; and

WHEREAS, a local funding source is needed to enable the District to provide school facilities for its present and future students; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), it is advisable to call an election, submitting to voters in the District the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized, upon a two-thirds vote of the Board, to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a 55% vote of the electorate on the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, under Article XIII A Section 1 paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") and under Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the election may be ordered at a primary or general election, a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the District are entitled to vote, or a statewide special election; and

WHEREAS, under Section 10403 *et seq.* of the Elections Code, 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, the date of the statewide general election, and to request the County Registrar of Voters (the "County Registrar") to perform certain election services for the District; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the calling of a bond election and in accordance with Education Code Section 15100 subparagraph (c), the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County assessor; and

WHEREAS, United States Income Tax Regulations section 1.150-2 provides generally that proceeds of tax-exempt debt are not deemed to be expended when such

proceeds are used for reimbursement of expenditures made prior to the date of issuance of such debt unless certain procedures are followed, one of which is a requirement that (with certain exceptions), prior to the payment of any such expenditure, the issuer declares an intention to reimburse such expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes at this time to take the necessary actions to declare its official intent to reimburse the expenditures referenced herein from the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to voter authorization;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. 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 a maximum principal amount of \$99,000,000 (the “Bonds”) for the purposes described in the ballot measure approved under Section 3 and attached hereto as Appendix A and Appendix B and paying all costs incident thereto. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the “specifications of the election order” pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

Section 3. Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 5, 2024, and such bond election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a bond measure, the full text of which is attached hereto as Appendix A (the “Full Text of the Measure”), 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. The Full Text of the Measure, which commences with the heading “BOND AUTHORIZATION” and includes all of the text thereafter on Appendix A, shall be printed in the voter information pamphlet provided to voters, with such measure designation as is assigned to the measure.

As required by Education Code Section 5322 and Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as Appendix B.

The Superintendent is hereby separately authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the full text and/or abbreviated measure as described herein to conform to any requirements of Article XIII A, the Act or the County Registrar.

Section 5. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 *et. seq.* of the Act and Section 1 paragraph (b) subsection (3) of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. Proceeds for School Facilities Projects. The Board certifies that the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Section

1(b)(3) of Article XIII A and as further specified in Appendix A, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Further, as required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth in Appendix A.

Section 7. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate; Accountability Measures. As required by Article XIII A, Section 15278 of the Act, and Government Code Section 53410, in the event 55% of the voters voting in the District approve of the Bonds, the Board shall:

- (a) conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the projects listed in Appendix A;
- (b) conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Appendix A;
- (c) establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act;
- (d) apply the Bond proceeds only to the specific purposes stated in the ballot proposition;
- (e) cause the creation of accounts into which bond proceeds shall be deposited; and
- (f) cause the preparation of an annual report pursuant to Government Code Sections 53410 and 53411.

Section 8. Statement Regarding State Matching Funds. The District anticipates that matching funds from the State of California, if available, may be required to complete a portion of the projects identified in Appendix A. As required pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5, the following statement shall appear on the ballot: "Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

Section 9. No Teacher or Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of the general obligation bonds authorized by the bond measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities pursuant to Article XIII A and the Act, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Section 10. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to (1) the County Registrar and (2) the Clerk of

the Board of Supervisors of the County. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5322, the Resolution shall be received by the County Registrar no later than 88 days prior to the election date, unless otherwise permitted by law.

The County Registrar is hereby requested to print the full text of the ballot measure in the ballot materials as it appears on Appendix A, and to provide all required notices of the election and other notices related thereto.

Section 11. Consolidation of Election; Request to Provide Services. The County Registrar 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 Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to permit the County Registrar to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the County in full upon presentation of a bill from the County, such services to include the publication of a formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code).

Section 12. Ballot Arguments. As provided in Elections Code Section 9501, 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.

Section 13. Tax Rate Statement. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9400 and following, a tax rate statement has been prepared in the form attached hereto as Appendix C, which form of Tax Rate Statement is hereby approved for inclusion in the sample ballot. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby authorized to finalize and execute the tax rate statement, and to file said statement with the County Registrar, in accordance with Section 10 hereof.

Section 14. Maturity Limit of Bonds. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature not more than the legal limit at the time of such issuance thereof. The Bonds shall be issued under the Act, under the provisions of Section 53506 *et seq.* of the Government Code, or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts.

Section 15. Estimates Included in Ballot Materials. The measure and related tax rate statement authorized by this Resolution includes certain information that is based upon reasonable assumptions and current expectations, which may include information with respect to the amount of money required to repay issued bonds, the estimated rate of the approved tax per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, and the period through which the proposed tax supporting bond repayment will be levied and collected. Any such estimates have been provided by the District, in good faith, based upon information currently available to the District, but depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan.

The estimates and projections set forth above shall not restrict the tax imposed in accordance with the bond measure. Such estimates and approximations are not intended by the Board to be additional restrictions on the District's bond program and bond

issuances and, other than the total principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the bond measure, shall not represent legal maximums or additional limitations on bond issuance.

Section 16. Reimbursement. The District hereby declares that it may pay certain costs of the projects listed in Appendix A prior to the date of issuance of bonds and, in such case, intends to use a portion of the proceeds of bonds for reimbursement of expenditures for the projects that are paid before the date of issuance of bonds.

Section 17. Official Actions. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, of the District, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute and deliver to County officials any directions, requisitions or other writings, and to make any changes to the texts of the measure as described herein and in the tax rate statement, to conform to any legal requirements or the County Registrar, in order to cause the election to be held and conducted in the District.

Section 18. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the Whittier City School District of Los Angeles County, by the following vote, on June 18, 2024.

Adopted by the following votes:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

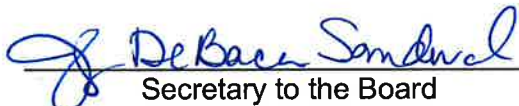
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ABSTAIN: 0



President of the Board

Attest:



Secretary to the Board

APPENDIX A

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

*The full text of bond measure to be printed in the election material begins below the following line.
Letter designation of measure shall be assigned and input by the County Registrar.*

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Whittier City School District (the "District") will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$99,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List included below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be 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 Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

The Bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District, from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the Bonds are issued.

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has identified detailed facilities needs of the District, and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List described below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the Board will establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits. The Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer, as required by the Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), specifically the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations

and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Scope of Projects. Bond proceeds will be expended on the modernization, renovation, expansion, acquisition, construction/reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of school facilities of the District, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, at all current and future sites and properties.

School Facility Project List. The items presented on the following list provide the types of school facilities projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The following types of projects are authorized at all existing sites of the District and all sites that may be acquired by the District in the future:

- Repair or replace leaky roofs, and replace gutters throughout the District
- Make health, safety and security improvements
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology, including providing necessary infrastructure such as upgrading/replacing electrical systems, hardware, software, computers, devices and other modern instructional equipment throughout District sites
- Construct, modernize, renovate, replace and/or expand classrooms, restrooms, multi-purpose rooms, kitchens and food preparation areas, drinking fountains, and other school facilities, including providing updated furnishings and equipment to facilitate a modern learning environment
- Provide clean and safe classrooms, and a quality learning environment for current and future students
- Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms
- Renovate, repair, expand and/or upgrade exterior of existing classrooms and school facilities throughout the District including new paint, doors, hardware, flooring, infrastructure, landscaping, and beautification improvements
- Update parking lots and drop off areas to improve campus traffic and safety
- Construct, repair or replace plumbing, electrical, sewer, and water systems
- Make all necessary Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including ensuring site access and paths of travel, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, and other improvements necessary to ensure adequate accommodations are provided and all legal requirements are met

- Construct, repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, fields, grounds and outdoor areas, including athletic facilities, playgrounds, shade structures, lighting and landscaping improvements, including irrigation
- Replace/upgrade existing signage, marquees, clocks and bell systems

Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, painting, bond project construction management, administration and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; abatement, demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; the preparation or restoration of construction, renovation or remodeling; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Furnishing and Equipping. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, fixtures, 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 list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan 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. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment.

Alterations to Scope; Acquisition of Real Property. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for or otherwise determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction including land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or

repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. For any project involving rehabilitation or renovation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new construction instead, if the Board determines that replacement and new construction is more economically practical than rehabilitation and renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, and other relevant factors.

In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. Authorized projects include paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the Bond Project List, such as bond anticipation notes, and includes prepayment of lease payments to acquire title to facilities and/or equipment previously financed. Projects may also be undertaken on a joint use basis with other public entities.

Bond Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District's capital needs currently exceed the amount of bonds the voters are being asked to authorize. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to suggest priority for funding or completion, and itemization of projects in the list above does not guarantee that all such projects will be undertaken. Project priorities will be determined by the Board. The ability of the District to undertake and complete the listed projects is subject to numerous variables including the adequacy and availability of sufficient funding sources. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Words used in the Bond Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe school facilities projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by law. As such, in accordance with legal requirements, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Severability. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

The Full Text of Measure ends at the above line.

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Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$28 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2060-61.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply beginning in fiscal year 2025-26.

3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$200,800,000.

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Superintendent
Whittier City School District