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March 4, 2026

Mr. Dean C. Logan  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Election Coordination Unit  
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2013A  
Norwalk, California 90650

Mr. Edward Yen  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: South Pasadena Unified School District June 2, 2026 Bond Measure Election

Dear Mr. Logan and Mr. Yen,

Enclosed please find the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2026-11, "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on March 3, 2026, calling for a June 2, 2026, local bond measure election.

In accordance with Section 1 of the Resolution, the ballot measure language to be placed on the ballot is set forth in Exhibit A to the Resolution and the full text of the ballot measure to be printed in its entirety in each sample ballot/voter pamphlet is set forth in Exhibit B to the Resolution.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Resolution, we request that you consolidate the election on the bond measure with the general election being held on June 2, 2026. We further request that the Los Angeles County Counsel's office prepare the impartial analysis to be included in the sample ballot/voter pamphlet.

Also enclosed is the Tax Rate Statement to be used in connection with the election which has been prepared in accordance with Elections Code Sections 9400 to 9404 and is to be included in the sample ballot/voter pamphlet, together with a completed Letter Designation Form.

We are formally requesting that prior to publishing the sample ballot/voter pamphlet that you provide us with an opportunity to review a proof of the ballot measure language that will appear on the ballot as well as the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments to be included therein. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe that Education Code Section 15122.5 is applicable to the bond measure election and we request that the County include the following "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet:

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“Approval of Measure \_\_\_\_\_ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the South Pasadena Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure \_\_\_\_\_ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure \_\_\_\_\_. The 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.”

We would be more than willing to provide you with the Resolution and the Tax Rate Statement in an electronic format in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

We have asked our courier to obtain a signature on the next page from the Registrar’s office acknowledging receipt of the Resolution and would appreciate your providing the signature.

This letter also authorizes you to contact Reed Glycer of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, our bond counsel, at (949) 725-4027, if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



**Dr. Angela Elizondo Baxter**  
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Reed Glycer  
South Pasadena Unified School District

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Acknowledgement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of the Elections Office of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters acknowledge receipt of Resolution No. 2025-2026-11, “RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER” adopted on March 3, 2026 calling for a June 2, 2026 election.

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*Signature*

*Date*

*Time*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2026-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, South Pasadena Unified School District (“District”) serves approximately 4,700 students from Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at three elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school; and

WHEREAS, the District provides excellent education for local students and local schools consistently rank among the best in the State and nation; and

WHEREAS, all three elementary schools and the middle school have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools. All five schools have been awarded California Distinguished Schools honors; and

WHEREAS, while the District is proud of our success, many neighborhood schools were built 60 years ago and have aging roofs, plumbing, sewer, heating and ventilation systems; and

WHEREAS, some classrooms and career technology facilities have not been entirely updated and need improvements to meet current safety standards; and

WHEREAS, Measure SP, a \$98 million dollar bond measure approved by local voters in November 2016, funded many repairs and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, while some school facilities have been upgraded, others still have aging classrooms and labs that were built for a different era of education; and

WHEREAS, aging electrical panels and wiring cannot support modern learning technology. Repairs and upgrades are needed to support advanced instruction in science, math, engineering and technology to keep pace with current academic standards; and

WHEREAS, to maintain safe and up-to-date classrooms to support quality education in neighborhood schools, the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education (“Board”) believes placing a local school facilities improvement bond measure on the June 2, 2026 ballot is needed to continue repairs and upgrades to local classrooms, labs and school facilities to support quality education; and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, a school facilities improvement measure would provide \$128 million in locally controlled funding that could be used to: repair and replace aging roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines and electrical systems, remove any remaining hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older schools, update labs and career training facilities, improve student safety and campus security systems, repair and renovate the Anderson Auditorium and keep classroom technology up to date; and

WHEREAS, the proposed school facilities improvement measure would include mandatory local control and fiscal accountability requirements, including independent citizens’ oversight and

annual public reports and audits, a requirement that no funds could be used for administrator salaries or pensions and that all funds would benefit local schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act (“Proposition 39”) which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* property tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the “Act”) became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District’s voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities which will improve the health, safety and quality of education for students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby directs that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be monitored by the District’s Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.* requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 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, June 2, 2026, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$128,000,000 (the “Bonds”) shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the types of projects described in Exhibits “A” and “B” hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet. The District’s Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be June 2, 2026.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit “B,” incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements within the District to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 policies of the Board and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits “A” and “B” are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit “B,” evaluated the health, safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational and information technology needs of the District as well as the importance of the projects to improve student learning in core subjects like math, science, engineering, the arts, music and technology;

(c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit “B” hereto;

(d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board shall appoint a Citizens’ Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322. In connection with ordering the election pursuant to the provisions mentioned above, the District has obtained reasonable and informal projections or assessed property

valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the county assessor that are available to the District.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on June 2, 2026 within the District. As provided in Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be conducted in the manner described in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than March 6, 2026.

Section 8. That the Bonds may be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by anybody or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles 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 Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

Section 11. That any and all members of this Board and the Superintendent are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including an argument in favor of the proposition and any rebuttal argument. The Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any Tax Rate Statement or other document and to perform all acts necessary or required by the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, including, but not limited to, reducing the word count or otherwise modifying the language in the ballot proposition in Exhibits "A," and "B" in order to meet the requirements to place the bond proposition on the ballot.

Section 12. That the Board ratifies and approves the decision by the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, or the designee of either, to enter into a professional

services agreement with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, as bond counsel, and Piper Sandler & Co., as municipal advisor, in connection with the matters authorized by this resolution.


Section 13. That this Resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption by a two-thirds vote of the members of this Board.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH  
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By   
Dr. Michele D. Kipke, Board President

Attest:

  
Dr. Angela Elizondo Baxter, Superintendent/Secretary  
to the Board of Education

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
  )ss  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY    )

I, Angela Elizondo Baxter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-2026-11, which was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the South Pasadena Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By Angela Elizondo Baxter  
Dr. Angela Elizondo Baxter, Superintendent/Secretary  
to the Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

*To upgrade classrooms, labs, career training and school facilities to support college/career readiness in math, science, engineering, arts, and skilled trades; repair/equip/modernize older facilities to meet current health codes, safety codes, and disabled student access; and update instructional technology/IT infrastructure, shall South Pasadena Unified School District's measure authorizing \$128,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$48/\$100,000 assessed value (\$7,325,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight/audits/all money locally controlled?*

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

## EXHIBIT B

### FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 2, 2026

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

#### FINDINGS

In calling for the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters, the Board of Education of the South Pasadena Unified School District (the "District") has made the following findings:

The District is committed to creating and maintaining a high-quality learning environment for all of its nearly 4,700 students.

The health and safety of students and staff is the top priority of the District and maintaining a high quality education at District schools requires safe and modern school facilities.

There is a significant benefit to the District if certain information technology (IT) costs are paid from bond proceeds rather than the District's General Fund.

Many of the District's buildings are more than 50 years old and in need of significant repairs and upgrades.

The State of California ("the State") has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately upgrade and repair schools to provide a safe and optimal learning environment for all students.

Funding from bond measures approved by local voters in 1995, 2002 and 2016 have been expended and the independent citizens' oversight committees charged with reviewing the use of bond funds have consistently certified that funds from the measures were utilized for the purposes described in the measures and promised to local voters.

The District has completed a comprehensive facilities assessment to identify the most pressing needs in each of its schools to provide safe and modern classroom environments for all students.

The District has pursued all available sources of funding to improve local school facilities.

Additional resources are necessary to enable the District to address facilities that need to be renovated, modernized, repaired, improved, constructed and equipped to enable the District to improve the health and safety and the quality of education for all of its students.

All funds raised by this measure will remain local to support students and cannot be taken away by the State.

An independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will review all expenditures, and annual independent audits will be conducted to ensure all funds are spent only on school, classroom and other improvements as authorized by voters and for no other purposes.

Funds from this measure would provide the local matching funds needed to help the District qualify for funding from future State bond measures.

Bond money may not be used for administrator or teacher salaries, benefits or pensions.

### **SUMMARY OF THE BOND MEASURE**

To upgrade classrooms, labs, career training and school facilities to support college/career readiness in math, science, engineering, arts, and skilled trades; repair/equip/modernize older facilities to meet current health codes, safety codes, and disabled student access; and update instructional technology/IT infrastructure, shall South Pasadena Unified School District's measure authorizing \$128,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$48/\$100,000 assessed value (\$7,325,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight/audits/all money locally controlled?

### **PROJECT LIST FOR THE BOND MEASURE**

Bond proceeds will be expended to upgrade, repair, expand, modernize, replace, renovate, acquire, construct, furnish and equip facilities, including athletic facilities, of the District including the following types of projects at Arroyo Vista Elementary School, Marengo Elementary School, Monterey Hills Elementary School, South Pasadena Middle School, South Pasadena High School and at the District administration building, including for the following purposes:

#### **New 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms and Facilities for Math, Science, and Technology**

- Upgrade classrooms, labs, and career-training and school facilities
- Modernize facilities
- Construct dedicated labs for science, technology, engineering, math, design and robotics
- Construct new/renovate existing classrooms, student and staff restrooms, and custodial rooms

#### **Critical Infrastructure and Information Technology (IT) Enhancements**

- Upgrade instructional technology
- Modernize IT/technology infrastructure, including wireless, servers, data archiving, backup and security systems
- Upgrade safety and security tools such as phones, lighting, and emergency communication facilities
- Acquire technology improvements and equipment

#### **Improvements to Promote Student Health and Safety**

- Retrofit older buildings with earthquake safety improvements
- Replace and/or repair aging roofs
- Replace and/or upgrade outdated electrical infrastructure

- Upgrade and/or replace school safety systems, fire alarms, sprinklers and smoke detectors
- Install new security fencing
- Upgrade access systems including doors, locks and windows
- Upgrade bathrooms and other facilities for safety and accessibility

#### **Upgraded Athletic and Auditorium Facilities**

- Construct, expand and/or replace existing athletic, aquatic and auditorium facilities, including gymnasiums, pools, turf and fields
- Restore and/or upgrade locker rooms, bleachers, fields, courts, gym floor, playground asphalt surfaces and outdoor areas
- Upgrade or install new lighting at athletic facilities

#### **Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements**

- Install drought tolerant landscaping and water efficient irrigation systems
- Update turf in common areas, play areas, and athletic facilities to save water
- Replace outdated heating and cooling systems with more energy efficient systems
- Make energy efficiency improvements such as installing efficient lighting and solar panels as needed to reduce utility costs

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In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the District's existing schools and facilities, may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: construct energy efficient and climate resilient facilities, upgrade of facilities for energy savings and environmental sustainability, including solar panels; construct, expand or renovate offices and facilities for professional development of teachers, more efficient administration and multi-purpose learning spaces and libraries; expand faculty, staff and student parking; expand kitchen and dining capacity; add or enhance outdoor dining spaces; acquisition of furniture; expand and modernize administration buildings; add and upgrade facilities for student support services; add large group assembly spaces; expand and improve the existing District office and support facilities; upgrade and renovate morning and after school care facilities; improve pedestrian and bicycle approaches; upgrade and renovate facilities for family support services; improve teacher and staff support; improve site storage; improve digital hubs and student stores; expand health centers; support student wellbeing; expand or replace gymnasiums; upgrade, acquire, or construct support facilities, including central plants, boilers, administrative, physical education, music, art, visual, performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, amphitheaters, stages, bleachers, science, computer labs/classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, auditoriums, libraries and buildings, swing space, covered eating areas, shade structures, maintenance and operations facilities and yards; resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve walkways, hard courts, play area surfaces, turf and irrigation/drainage systems and campus landscaping; install signage, and fencing; expand, construct or improve parking and pick-up/drop-off areas; acquire land; construct or acquire new school classrooms, buildings, and libraries; upgrade or

replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering (including carpets), portable classrooms and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service, and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage, cabinets and support spaces and classrooms; improve outdoor learning environments and quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; construct, acquire or improve learning walls, tack boards, markerboards, playgrounds, playground equipment, play structures, athletic and play fields, gymnasiums, turf and artificial turf, tracks, and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety, lockers, and other facilities serving District students; replace or repair outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide lunch shelters, canopies, upgrade or add multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and media centers; and add or upgrade parking lots. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master 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, wired and wireless network equipment and cabling, internet connectivity, computers, mobile devices, peripheral systems, display systems, data center infrastructure, backup power systems and electrical wiring, cooling systems, data storage, audio/visual equipment, public address systems, phone and other communication systems, printers, classroom technology, information technology (IT) security systems, software and miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, identification systems, off-site and/or cloud based infrastructure to host District resources, websites and other information distribution systems.

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 and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair, upgrade or replacement may occur, if the Board of Education determines that such an approach is necessary, and any such demolition is included as a bond project. Necessary on-site and off-site improvements, site preparation and 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 or drainage systems, traffic signals, sewer or utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, road widening, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, permits or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, legal fees and similar planning costs, connection fees, permit fees, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and 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.

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

funding. Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Project List will be made solely by the Board of Education by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project.

In preparing the list of projects, the District has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and informational technology needs.

**FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY.**

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 DISTRICT PROJECTS 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 DISTRICT 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.

**TAX RATE STATEMENT**

**SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
MEASURE \_\_**

An election will be held in South Pasadena Unified School District (the "District") on June 2, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$128,000,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$48.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2059-60.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$48.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for fiscal years 2027-28 through and including 2059-60.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$243,970,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: 3/3, 2026



Superintendent  
South Pasadena Unified School District