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July 9, 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: <u>Hawthorne School District November 3, 2026 Bond Measure Election</u>

Dear Mr. Logan and Mr. Yen,

Enclosed please find the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on July 8, 2026 calling for a November 3, 2026 local bond election. This Resolution orders a Proposition 39 election which requires 55% voter approval to be successful.

In accordance with Section 1 of the Resolution, I am authorized to advise you that 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. The full text starts on page B-1 with the words "FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION" and ends on page B-5 with the words "for administrative purposes"'.

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 November 3, 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.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

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

"Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Hawthorne 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 Nicholas R. Heuer of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, our bond counsel, at (415) 710-1325 (nheuer@stradlinglaw.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent
Hawthorne School District

Enclosure

cc: Nicholas R. Heuer

July 9, 2026
Acknowledgement:

I, Lakisha L. Cooper, of the Elections Office of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters acknowledge receipt of Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on July 8, 2026 calling for a November 3, 2026 election.

Signature July 9, 2026 at 11:00AM
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TAX RATE STATEMENT
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE __

An election will be held in Hawthorne School District (the "District") on November 3, 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 $110,000,000. 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 $30.00 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 2068-69.

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 $30.00 per $100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for fiscal years 2027-2028 through and including 2068-69.

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 $226,231,000.

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: July 8, 2026

Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent
Hawthorne School District