

**NOTICE TO COUNTY CLERK
OF MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS**

Soquel Union Elementary School District

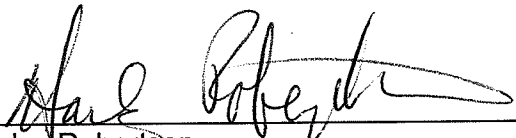
NAME OF DISTRICT/CITY
AS IT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

To the County Clerk of Santa Cruz County:

Notice is hereby given that the **Soquel Union Elementary School District** has approved a measure to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

- Attached is the 75-word or less ballot question(s) to appear on the November 8, 2016 ballot.
- Also attached is the measure text exactly as it is to be printed in the Voter's Pamphlet section of the Sample Ballot for the November 8, 2016 election. Cost of printing and distribution of the measure text will be paid for by the district/city.
- Do not print the measure text in the Voter's Pamphlet section of the Sample Ballot. Instead, send a copy to voters upon request at the cost of said district/city.

(Seal of the District/City)



Harley Robertson
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Dated: July 11, 2016

75 WORD BALLOT QUESTION

To improve the quality of education with funding that cannot be taken by the State; repair/replace leaky roofs; make health, safety and security improvements; replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems; improve student access to computers and modern technology; modernize/construct classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; and upgrade inadequate electrical systems; shall Soquel Union Elementary School District issue \$42,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, have an independent citizens' oversight committee, and have NO money used for administrative salaries?

MEASURE TEXT TO BE PRINTED IN SAMPLE BALLOT

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PROJECT LIST

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District.

Unless otherwise noted, the projects in the Bond Project List are authorized to be completed at each or any of the District’s sites, as shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.

- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Repair and replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Make health, safety and security improvements
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems
- Modernize/construct/renovate outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Construct additional classrooms to reduce student overcrowding
- Make energy-efficiency improvements, including installing solar panels
- Replace aging temporary portables with permanent classrooms
- Upgrade playgrounds and playfields for school and community use
- Upgrade P.E. fields and facilities for school and community use
- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades including playground equipment replacement
- All Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc.
- Upgrade school site parking, roadways, utilities and grounds
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards
- Necessary site acquisition and preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines (such as gas lines, water

lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, 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, 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, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade telephone/voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. 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 existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. 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 specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Santa Cruz County, State of California

2015-16

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE
HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

Resolution No. #13/2015-16

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Soquel Union Elementary School District (the "District"), within the County of Santa Cruz, California (the "County"), is authorized to order elections within the District for the purpose of considering, *inter alia*, bond measures to meet the ongoing capital improvement needs of the District, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of California (the "State") and the Education Code of the State (the "Education Code"); and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State and Section 15266 *et seq.* of the Education Code (collectively, "Prop 39") provide for a methodology by which the District may call for an election and, upon approval by 55% or more of the qualified voters voting on the bond measure, issue its general obligation bonds and cause the County to levy an *ad valorem* property tax to pay debt service on said bonds; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined it to be in the best interests of the District to call such an election under Prop 39, as further described herein; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the election to be conducted on November 8, 2016 (the "Election Date") meets the consolidation requirements of the Education Code and any County or local measure or election may be consolidated with the Statewide general election then pending; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to specify the manner in which the District shall call a bond election on the Election Date and to demonstrate compliance with related requirements of the Constitution, the Education Code and the Elections Code of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Soquel Union Elementary School District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the foregoing recitals are true.

Section 2. Determination to Proceed under Prop 39. The provisions of Prop 39 shall control the administration of the election to consider the bond proposition of the District (the "Bond Proposition"), such that a favorable vote of no less than 55% of the qualified voters voting at the election shall constitute approval thereof, and the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") hereby declares its intention to meet the pertinent requirements of Prop 39.

Section 3. Bond Proposition. This Board does hereby order and request that the Santa Cruz County Elections Department (herein called the "Registrar") call an election (in the performance of her duties and in the exercise of her power, alone, or with the assistance of such other officers of the County as she may request) to consider the proposition attached hereto as **Exhibit A** on November 8, 2016 (the "Bond Measure"), which constitutes the election order prescribed under California Education Code Section 15122 and Elections Code 13247.

The Registrar is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. As required under Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Pursuant to Section 18, Article XVI and Section 1, Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State, the foregoing Bond Measure shall become effective upon the favorable vote of no less than 55% of those qualified voters voting on the proposition.

Section 4. Consolidation of Bond Election; Services of County. Pursuant to Section 1258 of the Education Code, the Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to contract with the Registrar, who is hereby requested and authorized to perform such duties as may be required by law, necessary or useful, or customary and appropriate in the conduct of said Bond Election, including the consolidation of the Bond Election with the general election within the territory of the District being conducted on the Election Date.

The precincts, polling places for said precincts in the County, and persons appointed and designated to serve as election officers for said Bond Election will be those determined, designated, and appointed pursuant to state law by the Registrar. The County is hereby requested to tally and canvass the returns of the election, in accordance with Section 10411 of the Elections Code. The District agrees to reimburse the County for all services related to the Bond Election, such services to include the publication of the Formal Notice and a Tax Rate Statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

Section 5. Approval of Project List; Accountability Safeguards. The District has developed a list of certain capital projects which are a priority in order to meet the obligations of the District to provide education to the children of its residents, as more particularly identified on **Exhibit A** hereto, which is incorporated herein by this reference. **Exhibit A** is hereby certified by this Board as the Project List (the "Project List") for funding, either in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the Bonds. This certification of the Project List shall not be interpreted by and does not constitute an official approval of any listed project for the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") or other purposes, but only as a statement of present intention of this Board. Furthermore, the listing of a capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains the province of the Board by subsequent action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only those acquisitions and other capital improvements included on the Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the Bonds. Additional moneys may be obtained for listed projects, in supplementation of the Bond proceeds, from any lawful source of moneys.

The Board hereby confirms that it has, in the development of the Project List appended hereto, evaluated and taken into consideration safety, class size reduction and information technology needs.

Section 6. Citizens' Oversight Committee. Pursuant to Section 15278 *et seq.* of the Education Code, within 60 days following the certification by this Board of the official results of the Bond Election by the County, this Board is required to appoint a Citizens Oversight Committee (the "Committee") to insure the District's compliance with the foregoing restrictions and to perform the duties established under the Education Code for such committees. To assist the Committee in its statutory obligations, the District shall cause to be conducted an annual independent performance audit and an annual independent financial audit on the expenditure of Bond proceeds; the audits shall be performed under contract with appropriate persons or firms as shall be subsequently brought for approval before this Board. The financial audit may be consolidated with the annual audit of the District's financial statement and may be performed by the same accounting firm, without further approval by this Board.

The results of the annual audits performed hereunder shall be reported to the Board and to the Committee at least annually, and more often, if the Board shall so direct.

Section 7. No Administrators' or Teachers' Salaries to Be Paid from Bond Proceeds. In accordance with Prop 39, the Board hereby confirms that no administrators' or teachers' salaries shall be paid or reimbursed, in whole or in part, from Bond proceeds, nor shall such proceeds be used to pay any other operating expenses of the District. Notwithstanding the foregoing, costs of administering the Bond Election and costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be lawful charges against Bond proceeds.

Section 8. Other Terms of the Bonds. The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 of the Education Code (commencing with Section 15264), as amended, and Article XIII A of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years as to maturity and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum. The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, as amended, applicable provisions of the Education Code and Article XIII A shall not exceed the applicable legal limits as to maturity, or, in the case of bonds the interest on which is compounded, the maturity shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years, and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate.

Section 9. Approval of Election Consolidation; Delivery of Order of Election. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver, no later than August 12, 2016, one certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County and one copy to the Registrar, together with the Tax Rate Statement to be prepared by the District's Financial Advisor (appointed below) and executed by the Superintendent of the District.

Section 10. Ballot Arguments. The members of the Board, or any one member or group thereof, are hereby authorized, but not directed, to file a formal Argument in Favor of the Bond Measure given above, with the Registrar within the time limits established for such arguments by the Registrar.

Section 11. Retention of Consultants. The District hereby confirms the hiring of consultants to provide for special services in connection with the proposed issue(s) of Bonds which may be authorized at the Election, to wit, (i) the law firm of Dannis Woliver Kelley as Bond Counsel to the District ("Bond Counsel") and (ii) the financial advisory firm of Isom Advisors Inc., a division of Urban Futures Inc., as Financial Advisor to the District (the "Financial Advisor"), upon conditions as may be set forth in the respective fee agreements heretofore negotiated and executed on behalf of the District by the Superintendent. Payments of the fees and expenses of Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds of the District which may be authorized following a successful Bond Election.

Section 12. Reimbursement of Qualified Project Expenditures. The Board presently intends and reasonably expects to have tax-exempt obligations (the "Obligations") issued on its behalf within 18 months of the date of the expenditure of moneys on the Projects outlined in the foregoing Project List or the date upon which a Project is placed in service or abandoned, whichever is later (but in no event more than 3 years after the date the original expenditure of such moneys is paid), and to allocate an amount not to exceed 10% of the proceeds thereof to the reimbursable expenditures in connection with the Project, as may be qualified under the provisions of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (the "Reimbursable Expenditures"). All of the Reimbursable Expenditures covered by this Resolution were paid not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution. The Board intends to allocate within 30 days after the date of issue of the Obligations the proceeds therefrom to reimburse the District for the Reimbursable Expenditures. With respect to the proceeds of the Obligations allocated to reimburse the District for prior expenditures, the Board hereby covenants not to employ an abusive device under Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10, including using within one year of the reimbursement allocation, the funds corresponding to the proceeds of the Obligations in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds, as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1, of the Obligations or another issuer of tax-exempt obligations.

The above provision is made solely for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of said Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This provision does not bind the District or the Board to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the financing, acquisition or construction of the Project.

Section 13. Ratification. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, or their respective designees, employees and agents of the Board and the District in connection with the financing of the facilities on the Project List are hereby ratified and confirmed. The officers and their designees, the employees and agents of the Board and the District are hereby authorized to take any and all actions in connection with the financing of said facilities and as may be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 14. Authorization of Further Acts. The members of this Board, the Superintendent, any assistant thereto, and all other staff or officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of June, 2016, by the Board of Trustees of Soquel Union Elementary School District, at Capitola, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Members: Rodriguez, Wallace, Jackson Miller, McGooden, Bel Favero

NOES: Members: None

ABSENT: Members: None

ABSTAIN: Members: None

By: 
President, Board of Trustees