# RESOLUTION NO. 24/25-3597

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

# SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER MEASURES OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, Santa Ana Unified School District (the "District") is one of the largest school districts in Orange County, serving approximately 38,000 students; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains a graduation rate of approximately 90% and is committed to providing each student with a quality education, rigorous and advanced programs, and a nurturing, safe environment with state-of-the-art facilities, 21st century learning technology, and a pathway to college and careers upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, the District was founded in 1888 and many local schools were built more than 60 years ago and need upgrades and repairs for student safety, security and to support quality education; and

WHEREAS, to identify facility needs at each school site and to prioritize improvements based on urgency and importance, the District partnered with architects, school construction experts, teachers, staff, students and the community to perform a thorough assessment of all facilities and develop a comprehensive School Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, outdated classrooms, labs, facilities and technology need upgrades to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology; and

WHEREAS, updated and modernized labs and career technical facilities and equipment will help prepare students for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems need to be repaired or replaced; and

WHEREAS, local schools need improved student safety and campus security systems including security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers to keep schools secure and students safe; and

WHEREAS, the District has more than 100 portable classrooms at our schools that are at least 20 years old, are falling apart, have structural damage and water leaks that are expensive to repair and need to be replaced with modern, permanent classrooms; and

WHEREAS, older schools need to made safe from hazardous materials like asbestos, lead pipes, and mold where encountered to keep students healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, older schools need to be upgraded to meet current health codes, building safety codes, and to provide improved access for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, with the State of California providing very limited funding for school facility improvements, local school districts like the District must rely on voter-approved school facility improvement bond measures to repair and upgrade school facilities; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education of the District (the "Board") believes that locally controlled funding from a bond measure is needed to provide safe and moderns classrooms, labs and school facilities for all students; and

WHEREAS, all funds raised by a school facilities improvement bond measure must stay local to improve local schools and no funds can be taken away by the State or used for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, a local school facilities improvement bond measure requires a transparent system of accountability, including a project list describing how the money must be used, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and public disclosure of how all funds are spent; and

WHEREAS, approval of a local school facilities improvement bond measure will help the District schools qualify for more than \$260 million in State matching funds that otherwise will go to other school districts; and

whereas, the Board is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code ("Education Code") and is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to Section 15100 et seq. of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution (also known as "Proposition 39"), and Section 15266 of the Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an ad valorem tax to repay those bonds upon

a fifty-five percent (55%) vote of those voting on a proposition for that purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition; and

WHEREAS, any Proposition 39 local bond measure proposed by the District is legally required to include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent Oversight Committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised and that none of the money is spent on school operating expenses such as administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by Section 15266 of the Education Code, and on November 5, 2024, a statewide general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15268 of the Education Code, if the measure is approved by the voters, bonds may only be issued if the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements would not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) per year per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of taxable property when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution, and the current estimated and projected average annual tax rate and highest tax rate, is not expected to exceed permissible levels; and

WHEREAS, the estimated tax rates, duration of tax collection, and total estimated amount of debt service, is described in the Tax Rate Statement contained in Exhibit C hereto; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of ballot arguments in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. <u>Specifications of Election Order</u>. Pursuant to Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 et seq., and Section 15266 of the Education Code, an election shall

be held within the District on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the full ballot proposition contained in **Exhibit B** ("Full Ballot Text"), which Full Ballot Text is hereby approved.

Section 2. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election; Cost of Election. The Orange County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") is hereby requested to allow and order the Orange County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") to provide for the performance of its duties in accordance with Education Code section 5303, and pursuant to section 5303 and 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications. The District will reimburse the County Registrar and the County for costs associated with the election as required by law.

## Section 3. Consolidation of Election and Canvass of Vote.

(a) Pursuant to Section 5342 of the Education Code and Section 10400 et seq. of the Elections Code, the election is requested to be consolidated with other elections occurring on November 5, 2024.

(b) The Board of Supervisors is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, as necessary, pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

Section 4. Abbreviation of Proposition/Ballot Label. Pursuant to Sections 13119 and 13247 of the California Elections Code and Section 15122 of the Education Code, the Board hereby directs the County Registrar to use the ballot measure summary ("Ballot Label") that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Ballot Label shall function merely as an abbreviation of the Full Ballot Text and does not stand alone as a complete and binding statement of the measure, nor is it possible for the Ballot Label to contain all of the project and financial information a voter might wish to consider in casting a vote. Voters are urged to review the Full Ballot Text and the Tax Rate Statement to obtain a complete understanding of the measure, including all of the financial projections and estimates upon which the measure is based.

Section 5. <u>Voter Pamphlet/Sample Ballot</u>. The County Registrar is hereby requested to take the following actions with regard to the Voter Information

Pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections 153 154 Code: To print the Full Ballot Text (Exhibit B hereto), without Exhibit 155 (a) references, in the Voter Information Pamphlet in its entirety. In 156 the event the Full Ballot Text is not reprinted in the voter 157 information pamphlet in its entirety, the County Registrar is hereby 158 159 requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend 160 substantially as follows: 161 162 "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure . 163 If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Orange 164 County Registrar of Voters at \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy will be 165 mailed at no cost to you." 166 167 In accordance with Education Code Section 15122.5, to print in the 168 (b) Voter Information Pamphlet the following statement: 169 170 "Approval of Measure \_\_\_ does not guarantee that the proposed 171 project or projects in the Santa Ana Unified School District 172 that are the subject of bonds under Measure \_\_\_ will be funded 173 beyond the local revenues generated by Measure \_\_\_. The 174 school district's proposal for the project or projects may 175 assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be 176 subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a 177 statewide bond measure." 178 179 Section 6. Accountability Measures. Pursuant to legal requirements, and 180 181 as specified in the Full Ballot Text, the Board certifies that the District: 182 Has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has evaluated 183 (a) safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in 184 185 developing the Bond Project List contained in the Full Ballot Text; 186 Will appoint an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure 187 (b) that bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities 188 projects described in the Bond Project List, in accordance with 189 190 Education Code section 15278 et seq.;

- (c) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List;
- (d) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List; and
- (e) Shall take all actions to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited, and to cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than each January 1 identifying proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year and the status of any project funded or to be funded with bond proceeds. The first report shall be due no later than January 1 of the first year after which bonds have been issued and proceeds spent.

Section 7. Required Vote. Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least fifty-five percent (55%) of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 8. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered, no later than the submission date of August 9, 2024, one copy of this Resolution to the County Registrar with the Tax Rate Statement (in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**), completed and signed by the Superintendent or her designee, and shall also file a certified original of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Orange County.

Section 9. <u>Ballot Arguments</u>. The members of the Board are hereby authorized to prepare and file with the County Registrar a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, and or a rebuttal argument, within the time established by the County Registrar.

Section 10. Intention to Reimburse. The District may incur costs associated with bond-funded projects described in **Exhibit B** hereto prior to the issuance of bonds. For purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the regulations of the U.S. Treasury Department, the Board hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of the bond to reimburse itself for lawful expenditures on capital projects as described on the Bond Project List up to a maximum principal amount of \$35.5 million.

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Section 11. Further Authorization. The Superintendent and the Associate Superintendent/Chief Business Official (each, a "District Representative") are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including, without action of the Board, modification of the Full Ballot Text, the Ballot Label, and Tax Rate Statement if either determines such modifications are necessary and in the District's best interests. This Resolution and all of its Exhibits that are filed with the County Registrar by a District Representative shall constitute the final, binding ballot measure of the District.

Section 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

NOES:

AYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Carolyn Torres

President of the Board of Education Santa Ana Unified School District

By:

#### EXHIBIT A

### BALLOT LABEL

Santa Ana Unified School District Classroom Improvement Measure. To repair/ upgrade classrooms, science labs, school facilities, and instructional technology for college/ career readiness in math, science, technology, engineering, arts, and skilled trades; make health/ safety upgrades; remove asbestos/ lead; and fix roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems, shall Santa Ana Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$355,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 3¢ per \$100 assessed value (\$23,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight, audits, and all money locally controlled?

| Bonds | _ | Yes | Bonds | _ | No |  |
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# 342 EXHIBIT B

## FULL BALLOT TEXT

# SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOND MEASURE

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Santa Ana Unified School District ("District") shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$355,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of

the accountability safeguards specified herein.

#### SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

• Santa Ana Unified School District (the "District") is one of the largest school districts in Orange County, serving approximately 38,000 students.

- The District maintains a graduation rate of approximately 90% and is committed to providing each student with a quality education, rigorous and advanced programs, and a nurturing, safe environment with state-of-the-art facilities, 21st century learning technology, and a pathway to college and careers upon graduation.
- The District was founded in 1888 and many local schools were built more than 70 years ago and need upgrades and repairs for student safety, security and to support quality education.
- To identify facility needs at each school site and to prioritize improvements based on urgency and importance, the District partnered with architects, school construction experts, teachers, staff, students and the community to perform a thorough assessment of all facilities and develop a comprehensive School Facilities Master Plan.
- Outdated classrooms, labs, facilities and technology need upgrades to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.

• Updated and modernized labs and career technical facilities and equipment will help prepare students for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.

- Deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems need to be repaired or replaced.
- Local schools need improved student safety and campus security systems including security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers to keep schools secure and students safe.
  - The District has more than 100 portable classrooms at our schools that are at least 20 years old, are falling apart, have structural damage and water leaks that are expensive to repair and need to be replaced with modern, permanent classrooms.
  - Older schools need to be made safe from hazardous materials like asbestos, lead pipes, and mold where encountered to keep students healthy and safe.
    - Aging schools need to be upgraded to meet current health codes, building safety codes, and to provide improved access for students with disabilities.
    - With the State of California providing very limited funding for school facility improvements, local school districts like the District must rely on voter-approved school facility improvement bond measures to repair and upgrade school facilities.
  - The Board of Education (the "Board") believes that locally controlled funding from a bond measure is needed to provide safe and modern classrooms, labs and school facilities for all students.
  - All funds raised by a school facilities improvement bond measure must stay local to improve local schools and no funds can be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

- A local school facilities improvement bond measure requires a transparent system of accountability, including a project list describing how the money must be used, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and public disclosure of how all funds are spent.
- Approval of a local school facilities improvement bond measure will help the District schools qualify for more than \$260 million in State matching funds that otherwise will go to other school districts.

#### SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all 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 Section 15264 et seq. of the California Education Code).

**Evaluation of Needs.** The Board of Education has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board of Education has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board of Education enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board of Education shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board of Education shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Education shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Education no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

#### SECTION III: BOND 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.

The specific school facilities projects to be funded include, but shall not be limited to:

# Modernization Improvements to Educationally and Functionally Enhance Existing School Facilities

- Renovate, improve, repair, and upgrade existing classrooms and school facilities
- Furnish and equip classrooms, science labs, multi-purpose rooms, libraries, food service facilities, auditoriums, physical education and playground facilities, outdoor instructional areas and other school facilities
- Repair or replace leaky and aging roofs and exterior walls
- · Repair, replace and upgrade aging flooring, walls and ceilings
- Replace existing windows with energy efficient systems

- Make health and safety improvements including handicap accessibility improvements to improve classroom and school access for students and staff with disabilities
- 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.
- Improve access to classrooms and other school facilities, including for students with disabilities, to promote parent involvement and community services
- Upgrade physical education facilities for school and community use
- Repair, replace, install or upgrade signage and fencing including repair or replacement of school marquees
- Repair, replace or upgrade paved surfaces, turf and other grounds
- Repair or replace irrigation systems and landscaping, including green spaces and shade trees to provide sun protection for students

# Replacement of Temporary Classrooms to Achieve State of the Art Learning Environments

- Replace antiquated portable classrooms with state-of-the-art classrooms and school facilities
- Repair outdated temporary portable classrooms or replace with new and/or permanent classrooms

### Improving Building Systems and Infrastructure

- Repair or replace outdated and inadequate heating and air-conditioning, plumbing, sewer, electrical systems and other utilities with building code compliant and energy efficient systems including alternative energy systems
- Install energy efficient lighting systems
- Upgrade and expand campus-wide intercom and wireless systems, and telecommunications, internet and network connections
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity

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# Create Safe, Effective, Well-Maintained and Equitable Learning Environments

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- Construct, acquire, improve, furnish, expand and equip additional classrooms/classroom buildings, property and other school facilities throughout the District
- Repair, replace, upgrade and install security, fire, lighting, communication and other safety systems including security cameras and entry/door locks and hardware
- ullet Upgrade classrooms and other school facilities with modern  $21^{\rm st}$  century technology
- Acquire, install and upgrade computers, computer learning technology and technology infrastructure
- Construct, equip, improve and upgrade computer labs and science labs to improve student achievement
- Acquire, construct, install and improve outdoor facilities including lunch areas and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards including heat and sun protection
- Upgrade school site parking, driveways, walkways, drainage and grounds and improve traffic circulation

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; 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. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; installation of wiring and electrical systems to

accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative, food service, physical education/athletic facilities and bleachers, performing arts buildings, and maintenance yards; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping and play fields; expansion of parking; installation of interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces, upgrades to interior and exterior lighting systems; and replacement of outdated security systems. The fences and upgrading infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, LED display panels, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, augmented reality or spatial computing equipment, document projectors, voiceover-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and associated software licenses. 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 received, construction contracts are awarded and projects 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 costeffective more enhanced and operationally in creating 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

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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.

#### SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board of Education pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that the average useful life of bonds sold will not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average life of the projects being financed or as otherwise provided by federal tax law. Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary or average payment estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing

of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

#### EXHIBIT C

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## TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held within the boundaries of Santa Ana Unified School District ("District") on November 5, 2024 to authorize the sale of up to \$355,000,000 million in bonds to finance facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property located within the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 to 9404, inclusive, of the California Elections Code.

- 1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election, a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$28.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2054-55.
- 2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$28.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation first occurring in fiscal year 2025-26.
- 3. The best estimate from official sources 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 \$676,852,843.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Orange County 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.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they

will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS