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MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS

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COUNTY OF BUTTE
MEASURE A

MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ORDINANCE REFERENDUM. Shall the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance, Ordinance Number 4029, be adopted?

REFERENDUM ON THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ORDINANCE 4029 IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "A" BY BUTTE COUNTY COUNSEL

The Butte County Counsel has prepared the following impartial analysis of Measure "A" pursuant to Elections Code Section 9160. This analysis is not an argument for or against the measure.

Analysis:

Measure "A" is a referendum on Ordinance 4029, the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance ("Ordinance"). The Butte County Board of Supervisors adopted the Ordinance on May 24, 2011. A referendum petition to either repeal the Ordinance or submit it to the voters received the required number of signatures. On November 22, 2011, the Butte County Board of Supervisors chose to submit the Ordinance to the voters.

The Ordinance adds Chapter 34A to the Butte County Code. It limits the number of marijuana plants that may be grown based on the size of the property: for 0.5 acres or less, none are allowed; between 0.5 and 1.5 acres, 12 total plants of which no more than 6 may be mature; between 1.5 and 20 acres, 24 total plants of which no more than 12 may be mature; between 20 and 80 acres, 48 total plants of which no more than 24 may be mature; between 80 and 160 acres, 72 total plants of which no more than 36 may be mature; and above 160 acres, 99 total plants.

The Ordinance requires marijuana plants to be set back from adjoining properties based on the size of the property on which they are grown: between 0.5 and 1.5 acres, 15 feet; between 1.5 and 20 acres, 100 feet; between 20 and 80 acres, 250 feet; between 80 and 160 acres, 500 feet; and above 160 acres, 700 feet. On properties above 1.5 acres, the setback may be reduced for irregularly shaped properties. If grown outdoors, plants must be 100 feet from a residence on an adjoining property, unless 12 total plants or less of which no more than 6 are mature are grown in which case the setback is 30 feet from a residence on an adjoining property. Plants may not be grown within 1,000 feet of a youth-oriented facility, school, park, church, or residential treatment facility.

The Ordinance requires individuals growing on properties larger than 1.5 acres to register, unless they are growing 12 total plants or less of which no more than 6 are mature. Registration information is received in confidence and may only be disclosed as required by law.

The Ordinance authorizes the collection of fees. It requires individuals growing marijuana plants to be Butte County residents. It requires a renter or lessee to have the owner's permission to grow marijuana. It requires the plants to be securely fenced in a way that conceals them and prevents public access to them. For properties greater than 20 acres, if the plants are not visible to the public, a fence is not required.

Violation of the Ordinance is a public nuisance which may be abated by enjoining the activity and imposing administrative penalties.

Measure "A" is being submitted to all County voters, including voters in the incorporated areas. If a majority of the votes cast on the measure are "Yes," the measure will be approved, and Ordinance 4029 will become effective. If a majority of the votes cast on the measure are "No," the measure will not be approved, and Ordinance 4029 will not become effective.

/s/ Bruce S. Alpert
Butte County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "A". If you desire a copy of Ordinance 4029 which would become effective by the adoption of Measure "A," please call the Butte County Elections Office at (530) 538-7761, or (800) 894-7761 from within Butte County, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you, or a copy may be obtained by visiting the Butte County Elections Office, 25 County Center Drive, Suite 110, Oroville, CA 95965. You may also access the full text of Measure "A" and Ordinance 4029 on the county Web site at the following Web address: <http://clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net>.

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**COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF MEASURE A**

The Butte County Auditor-Controller has prepared the following fiscal impact analysis of Measure "A" (Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance) pursuant to Election Code Section 9160. This analysis of the resulting costs and revenues of the proposed measure is based on projected requirements to fulfill the intent of the measure.

Background:

- Through passage of Proposition 215 in 1996, the voters of California authorized use of marijuana for medical purposes.
- In 2004, the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 420 to clarify the scope of Proposition 215 and to provide qualifying patients and primary caregivers, who collectively or cooperatively cultivate marijuana for medical purposes, with a limited defense to certain specified state criminal statutes. Senate Bill 420 was codified as California Health and Safety Code sections 11362.7 et seq.
- California Health and Safety Code section 11362.7 expressly allows cities and counties to adopt and to enforce ordinances consistent with Senate Bill 420.
- In response, the Butte County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance Number 4029, adding Chapter 34A of the Butte County Code, regulating the cultivation of medical marijuana in the unincorporated portions of Butte County. The intent of this Chapter is to establish reasonable regulation upon the manner in which marijuana may be cultivated in order to protect the public health, safety, welfare and environment in Butte County.

Fiscal Impact:

Under this measure, a permit is required to cultivate marijuana for the qualified individual. Revenue from fees related to the implementation of the Ordinance will be generated. The intent of the revenue is to offset the cost of administration of the program. The proposed fee for application and registration process is \$127. The proposed one on-site inspection during growing season is \$158. The fees have been determined based upon a cost recovery model to cover the costs. Estimate revenue in the amount of \$7,125 to \$14,250 (approximately 25 -50 permits) will be expected in the first year. The same amount of cost is projected. Although the goal for the fees is to cover the costs, the actual costs will be higher than the potential fees collected.

By adopting the regulations contained in the Ordinance, the county will achieve a significant reduction in harm caused or threatened by the unregulated cultivation of marijuana in the unincorporated area of Butte County. Potential savings to the County on the costs of incarcerating and supervising certain marijuana offenders is unknown.

/s/ David A. Houser, Butte County Auditor-Controller

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Measure A puts common sense limits on Marijuana growing.

Like most counties in California, Butte County is struggling for compatibility and understanding of the complex "Medical Marijuana" issue. Some growers are using a loophole in the Medical Marijuana law to grow marijuana for commercial sales and in places where it causes conflict with their neighbors, businesses and schools.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors passed a marijuana growing ordinance to ensure that marijuana grows are not set up in residential neighborhoods or next to schools, youth centers or churches. It also establishes a buffer zone around your home to protect you from the foul odor, dust, noise and artificial lighting that is often part of growing marijuana.

This ordinance is really quite simple. It mandates marijuana growers to obey similar land use rules that farmers must adhere to. Measure A requires growers to grow their marijuana in a way that does not disturb their neighbors or prevent them from enjoying their property in a peaceful and quiet manner. Measure A is about creating some simple rules about where you may grow Marijuana and how you may grow it.

Measure A simply requires that marijuana growers follow the same rules and regulations that other farmers are required to abide by. For more information go to www.yesona.info.

/s/ Perry Reniff, Former Sheriff
/s/ Tim Titus, Paradise Town Councilman
/s/ Robinette Cook, 3rd Dist. Agricultural Association
/s/ Bill Connelly, Butte County Supervisor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Reasonable restrictions on cultivation are fine, but Measure A goes overboard. Measure A is an effort to make growing medical cannabis difficult. Measure A would be the first Butte County ordinance which would require farmers to file their medical records with Butte County to grow a crop on any parcel of 1.5 acres or larger. Want to grow medical cannabis inside? Measure A would require that you build a greenhouse that requires a County building permit.

Measure A would be the first Butte County ordinance to authorize the Butte County Sheriff to conduct repeated warrantless trespasses to check for a medical cannabis grow on your private property.

Measure A would prohibit growing medical cannabis on any parcel of .5 acre or less. That's most of the parcels in Butte County. Measure A will penalize disabled and low-income patients.

Butte County wants you to think that all medical cannabis gardens are a nuisance, in order to scare you. Butte County has an existing nuisance ordinance which is more than adequate to address any medical cannabis grow which becomes a nuisance. Under Butte County's existing nuisance ordinance, only a 72-hour notice need be given before Butte County can take action.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A, CONTINUED

Don't buy Butte County's fear campaign. More code enforcement costs more money. Now is not the time to divert our scarce law enforcement resources to regulate medical cannabis grows. Will we need to close more libraries to police medical cannabis? Send Butte County back to the drawing board. We deserve better. For more information, go to www.ccbuttecounty.com

/s/ Robert W. MacKenzie
/s/ Andy Holcombe, Chico City Councilman
/s/ Philip Seals, Disabled American combat Veteran
/s/ Raymond J. Diepenbrock, Disabled American Combat Veteran

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Measure A would drastically cut back your private property rights, by authorizing police to trespass on your land. Butte County has already banned medical cannabis dispensaries. Medical cannabis patients only have limited options: grow your own, have a caregiver grow it for you, or join a collective. Measure A would ban the cultivation of medical cannabis on parcels of ½ acre and smaller.

Cannabis provides undeniable medical benefits to a large number of people. Scientific research has proven cannabinoids effective in limiting the growth of and in shrinking cancerous tumors, staving off Alzheimer's, reducing pain, treating weight loss associated with AIDS, and reducing the nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy. In 2009, the American Medical Association stated that cannabis has medical benefits and requested that the federal government reclassify cannabis, to promote more scientific research. Many people with serious illnesses cannot tolerate prescription drug side effects.

Measure A would prevent many qualified patients from legally obtaining the medication they need, forcing them to buy their medicine on the black market. This would simply enrich the foreign drug cartels which grow marijuana on public land.

Measure A would authorize the Sheriff's Office to conduct repeated warrantless trespasses to check for a medical cannabis grow on your private property. To grow medical cannabis on a 1.5 acre parcel or greater, you would have to file a copy with Butte County of every medical card for every patient for whom you grow cannabis and every caregiver who tends cannabis plants on your property. Why should anyone have to file their medical records with Butte County?

Say No to more government intrusion. Don't let Butte County limit your health care options. Protect your current right to grow medical cannabis on your land for you and your family. Vote No on Measure A.

/s/ Robert W. MacKenzie

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Measure A is not about stopping people with medical marijuana recommendations from using medicinal marijuana within the parameters of the law.

Measure A protects you from the noise, dust, lights, offensive odors and other negative impacts caused by the growing of marijuana in residential neighborhoods.

Many families have had their summertime ruined by the offensive smell of a full scale marijuana grow located within their neighborhoods. They asked for help and the Board of Supervisors responded in a fashion which balances the scale and is fair to everyone. Measure A sets up some simple rules to help people to be good neighbors.

While most growers are good neighbors, there are people abusing the system and disrupting the lives of other people living in their neighborhoods by growing marijuana in a location that is simply not appropriate for growing activity.

Measure A does not require marijuana growers to provide medical information to the county. Doctor/Patient privilege is covered and Measure A will not in any way compromise that relationship.

People with medical marijuana recommendations will still have access to medicinal marijuana. This measure is not about whether or not marijuana is legal; it's about protecting the rights of everyone.

Be a good neighbor and vote yes on Measure A. For more information go to www.yesona.info.

/s/ Angela M. Thompson, Vice Mayor, Biggs



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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE B**

BIGGS SCHOOLS REPAIR MEASURE. To improve the quality of education, qualify for \$3,600,000 State matching funds, fix leaky roofs, improve fire safety, repair/modernize classrooms, upgrade electrical and plumbing systems for energy efficiency, and update science and computer technology, shall Biggs Unified School District issue \$6,000,000 of bonds at legal rates to renovate, acquire, construct and equip neighborhood schools, sites/facilities, with annual audits, citizens oversight, no money for administrators' salaries and all funds staying in local schools?

**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "B"
BY BUTTE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Measure B proposes to allow the Biggs Unified School District ("District") to sell general obligation bonds to pay for school facilities and equipment. Measure B does not propose to change existing law.

If fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the votes cast on the measure are "Bonds-Yes," the measure will be approved, and the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the principal amount of up to \$6,000,000.00 and to levy ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District to pay for the amount of bonded indebtedness plus interest. If the measure is not approved by at least 55% of the votes cast, the measure will fail, and the bonds will not be issued.

The bonds will bear interest at a rate established at the time of sale, depending on the market rates at that time, but not exceeding the legal limit. If issued under the Government Code, the maximum term of the bonds cannot exceed forty (40) years. If issued under the Education Code, the maximum term of the bonds cannot exceed twenty-five (25) years. The tax rates cannot be determined until after the bonds are sold, but the District's Tax Rate Statement, which follows this analysis, presents the District's best estimates of the tax rates required to be levied to pay debt service on the bonds. The District cannot sell any bonds if doing so would cause the tax rate needed to repay such bonds to exceed \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in any year, based on District projections. The actual tax rate could exceed \$60 in future years if taxable property values do not meet District projections and such higher rate were necessary to pay the bond debt service in any year.

Proposition 13, approved in 1978, amended the California Constitution by adding Article XIII A limiting ad valorem taxes on real property to one percent (1%) on the value of the property. Article XIII A was amended in 1986 by adding an exception providing that the 1% limitation does not apply to taxes used to pay interest and redemption charges on certain bonds. Taxes levied to pay the interest and principal of the District's proposed bonds would be within this exception and not subject to the 1% limitation.

The funds derived from the sale of these bonds may only be expended for the purposes specified in the project list found in the Full Text Ballot Proposition following this analysis, including to: fix leaky roofs, improve fire safety, repair/modernize classrooms, upgrade electrical and plumbing systems for energy efficiency, and update science and computer technology. The proceeds will not be used for any other purpose, including payment of teacher or administrator salaries or other operating expenses. The District may qualify for State Matching Funds, see the State Matching Funds Statement following this analysis.

To assure that funds are spent only as specified in the measure, Measure B requires the appointment of a citizen's oversight committee and completion of independent financial audits.

/s/ Bruce S. Alpert
Butte County Counsel

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TAX RATE STATEMENT

\$6,000,000

Biggs Unified School District

General Obligation Bond Election on June 5, 2012

An election will be held in the Biggs Unified School District (the "District") on June 5, 2012, to authorize the sale of up to \$6,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance the repair and modernization of school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such 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 District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on a projection of assessed valuations, is \$0.05091 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$50.91 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for fiscal year 2012-13.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on a projection of assessed valuations, is \$0.05059 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$50.59 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for fiscal year 2016-17.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations, is \$0.05098 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$50.98 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for fiscal year 2013-14.
4. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations, is \$0.05062 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$50.62 per \$100,000 of assessed value).

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the *assessed value* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates 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, market interest rates at the time of each bond sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The date of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project 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 sale. Actual future assessed valuations 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.

/s/ Doug Kaelin
Superintendent
Biggs Unified School District

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Biggs Unified School District is dedicated in offering students a safe, clean, technologically enhanced learning environment in which children may excel in education.

Although our great Biggs Unified Schools are a source of pride for all of us, roofs, classrooms, restrooms and other school facilities, some of which were constructed over 50 years ago require repairs and improvements.

Biggs Unified School District must repair, improve and upgrade leaky roofs, fire safety systems, classrooms, restrooms and computer learning technology in order to continue providing an excellent education for local students.

We know that the investments we make in our schools today will enable our students to receive an excellent education, and benefit our property values and our community in the future, whether or not we have children in school.

Vote Yes on Measure B the only way to make vital repairs to our local schools. Without Measure B, the district cannot qualify for state matching funds to complete these essential projects.

Measure B will: save taxpayers money by improving existing buildings instead of constructing new schools; repair leaky roofs in classrooms and other school buildings; improve fire safety for local students; fix heating and ventilation systems for improved energy efficiency; make major repairs and renovations to deteriorating school restrooms; update technology in classrooms so that all local students receive a 21st century education; provide citizen oversight, ensuring that bond funds are spent wisely on voter-approved projects.

Vote Yes on Measure B to ensure that local funds stay in our schools – not a dime of Measure B funds can be taken by the state.

Join us and vote Yes on Measure B to repair and upgrade neighborhood schools so that local students continue to achieve!

/s/ Doug Kaelin, Superintendent
/s/ Melvin E. McLaughlin, Retired Teacher
/s/ Sara Marquez, Resident
/s/ Margaret Fowler, Teacher
/s/ Trena Swinney, Cook

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE B WAS SUBMITTED**

EXHIBIT B
FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 5, 2012

“Biggs Schools Repair Measure: To improve the quality of education, qualify for \$3,600,000 State matching funds, fix leaky roofs, improve fire safety, repair/modernize classrooms, upgrade electrical and plumbing systems for energy efficiency, and update science and computer technology, shall Biggs Unified School District issue \$6,000,000 of bonds at legal rates to renovate, acquire, construct and equip neighborhood schools, sites/facilities, with annual audits, citizens oversight, no money for administrators’ salaries and all funds staying in local schools?”

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Biggs Unified School District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, energy efficiency and computer technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The Board conducted a facilities evaluation in developing the scope of facility projects to be funded and concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problem would only get worse. **In approving this Priority School Projects List, the Board of Trustees makes six important determinations:**

- (i) **in repairing aging schools, priority shall be given to basic repairs, such as leaky roofs to make them safer and more energy efficient; and**
- (ii) **the District must install and upgrade fire prevention, security and emergency response systems at every school so that all students are safe; and**
- (iii) **the District must maximize its resources through efficient facility and financial management, seek energy and utility cost savings, must aggressively apply for State matching funds, and must spend any local bond money on projects within the District and shall not allow bond monies to be transferred to the State or any other agency; and**
- (iv) **the District must replace deteriorating, school restrooms at 50-year old sites, with modern facilities; and**
- (v) **the District must improve technology in classrooms; and**
- (vi) **the District shall insist that all of its schools be healthy and safe from fire dangers, earthquake risks, hazardous materials such as asbestos and mold.**

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MEASURE B - FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION CONTINUED

The Priority School Projects List is on file at the District Office of the Superintendent and include the following projects:

Project costs for repair and renovation of all existing school facilities include, but are not limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student restrooms; repair and replace heating, plumbing, sewer and ventilation systems; repair and replace worn-out roofs, windows, walls and doors; install electrical system wiring to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems (including security cameras, outdoor lighting and fencing); interior and exterior painting; repair and improve portable classrooms; demolition; inspect for and abate any hazardous materials, including asbestos and mold; improve access for people with disabilities; and, construct classrooms and various forms of storage and support space.

Biggs Elementary/Middle School (Constructed in 1950)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Install new solar panels to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including support areas, physical education facilities and auditorium, upgrade facilities to improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any. Replace 30-year-old portable classrooms.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, fencing and upgraded field surfaces and play structures.
- Construct new gymnasium.*

*If there are sufficient funds after all health and safety repairs are completed.

Biggs High School (Constructed in 1963)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade heating and ventilation system for energy efficiency and install new solar panels to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.

- Upgrade classroom technology.
- Upgrade wood/metal shop to expand vocational career opportunities,.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including support areas, physical education facilities and auditorium, upgrade facilities to improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, fencing and upgraded field surfaces.

Richvale Elementary School (Constructed in 1965)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade heating and ventilation system for energy efficiency and install new solar panels to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including support areas, physical education facilities and auditorium, upgrade facilities to improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, fencing and upgraded field surfaces and play structures.

Community Day School 7-12 and District Office (Constructed in 1950)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade heating and ventilation system for energy efficiency and install new solar panels to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology.

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MEASURE B - FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION CONTINUED

- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, multi-purpose room, buildings, including support areas, physical education facilities, upgrade facilities to improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, fencing and play structures.

District-Wide Projects

- Acquire instructional, maintenance and operational equipment.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, fencing and play structures.
- Upgrade District technology systems.
- Upgrade campus plumbing and sewer systems.

Listed building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Priority School Projects List also includes the acquisition of facilities, the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. 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 may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. Certain projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public agencies. 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 are finalized, construction bids 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, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. 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.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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 SCHOOL 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.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

Approval of Measure B does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Biggs Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure B will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure B. The school 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.



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GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE C

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. To improve the quality of education at Gridley High School, repair leaky roofs, improve student access to computers and modern technology, construct a new gym and cafeteria, lower energy costs by upgrading electrical/plumbing/heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, shall Gridley Unified School District acquire, construct, repair, equip school facilities by issuing \$11,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with independent citizens' oversight and NO money for administrators' or be taken by the State?

GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "C"
BY BUTTE COUNTY COUNSEL

Measure C proposes to allow the Gridley Unified School District ("District") to sell general obligation bonds to pay for facilities and equipment at Gridley High School. Measure C does not propose to change existing law.

If fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the votes cast on the measure are "Bonds-Yes," the measure will be approved, and the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the principal amount of up to \$11,000,000.00 and to levy ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District to pay for the amount of bonded indebtedness plus interest. If the measure is not approved by at least 55% of the votes cast, the measure will fail, and the bonds will not be issued.

The bonds will bear interest at a rate established at the time of sale, depending on the market rates at that time, but not exceeding the legal limit. If issued under the Government Code, the maximum term of the bonds cannot exceed forty (40) years. If issued under the Education Code, the maximum term of the bonds cannot exceed twenty-five (25) years. The tax rates cannot be determined until after the bonds are sold, but the District's Tax Rate Statement, which follows this analysis, presents the District's best estimates of the tax rates required to be levied to pay debt service on the bonds. The District cannot sell any bonds if doing so would cause the tax rate needed to repay such bonds to exceed \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in any year, based on District projections. The actual tax rate could exceed \$60 in future years if taxable property values do not meet District projections and such higher rate were necessary to pay the bond debt service in any year.

Proposition 13, approved in 1978, amended the California Constitution by adding Article XIII A limiting ad valorem taxes on real property to one percent (1%) on the value of the property. Article XIII A was amended in 1986 by adding an exception providing that the 1% limitation does not apply to taxes used to pay interest and redemption charges on certain bonds. Taxes levied to pay the interest and principal of the District's proposed bonds would be within this exception and not subject to the 1% limitation.

The funds derived from the sale of these bonds may only be expended for the purposes specified in the project list found in the Full Text Ballot Proposition following this analysis, including to: repair leaky roofs, improve student access to computers and modern technology, construct a new gym and cafeteria, lower energy costs by upgrading electrical/plumbing/heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The proceeds will not be used for any other purpose, including payment of teacher or administrator salaries or other operating expenses.

To assure that funds are spent only as specified in the measure, Measure C requires the appointment of a citizen's oversight committee and completion of independent financial audits.

/s/ Bruce S. Alpert
Butte County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Gridley Unified School District (the "District") on June 5, 2012 to authorize the sale of \$11,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code.

The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.04300 per \$100 (\$43.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2012-13.

The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.04300 per \$100 (\$43.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2018-19.

The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$.04300 per \$100 (\$43.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the needs of the District. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: February 15, 2012

/s/John McIntosh
Superintendent, Gridley Unified School District



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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Gridley High School is one of the most important assets in our community and should be our number one priority. From higher achieving students, to training for future jobs, to greater neighborhood safety, quality schools make a difference. Our teachers do their best in educating our children, but many classrooms and facilities in the Gridley Unified School District are old and inadequate to provide students with the school facilities they need to succeed.

Our students need your Yes vote on Measure C! While the high school has been well maintained, some of our facilities are over 50 years old and do not meet 21st century education and technology standards. A school improvement measure would allow the District to improve the quality of education provided to local students. Therefore, we must invest in our high school so it meets today's safety, technological, and educational standards.

If passed, Measure C will make critical facility improvements at Gridley High School by; repairing or replacing leaky roofs; improving student access to computers and modern technology; constructing a new gym for school and community use; replacing outdated heating, ventilation and cooling systems; modernizing and renovating outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; and making health and safety improvements.

Measure C makes financial sense and protects taxpayers. All bond funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State. By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee. In addition, funds can only be spent to improve Gridley High School, not for teacher or administrative salaries.

Measure C upgrades and repairs old, inadequate classrooms, improves the education of local students and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and Vote Yes On Measure C!

/s/ Blane Sannar, Parent/Local Bishop

/s/ Manuel J. Lamson, Businessman/Knights of Columbus

/s/ Doris E. Petterson, Retired/President AAUW

/s/ Pedro Mota, Gridley City Council Member

/s/ Eric Waterbury, Parent/Farmer

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE C WAS SUBMITTED**

EXHIBIT B

**FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 5, 2012**

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

"To improve the quality of education at Gridley High School, repair leaky roofs, improve student access to computers and modern technology, construct a new gym and cafeteria, lower energy costs by upgrading electrical/plumbing/heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, shall Gridley Unified School District acquire, construct, repair, equip school facilities by issuing \$11,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with independent citizens' oversight and NO money for administrators' or be taken by the State?"

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Gridley Unified School District evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation in developing this Priority School Projects List. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing. Therefore, in approving this Project List, the **Board of Trustees determines that the District should:**

- (i) **Repair and replace leaky roofs for student safety and to reduce operating costs;**
- (ii) **Replace aging and broken heating, plumbing, electrical and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and other upgrades to improve energy efficiency and invest the savings to improve the quality of education;**
- (iii) **Replace outdated portable classrooms;**
- (iv) **Provide modern classroom technology and computers to support academic and job training programs;**
- (v) **Construct a new gym and multipurpose building at Gridley High School;**
- (vi) **Retain all bond money to be used in our local community and not be taken by the State.**

School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects

- Replace older heating, **plumbing**, ventilation, air conditioning, **electrical** and lighting **systems** with building code compliant, energy efficient systems which will conserve electricity and **save on costly utility bills.**
- **Repair or replace leaky roofs.**

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MEASURE C FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION CONTINUED

- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increase capacity.
- Install additional electrical service capacity to improve computer technology and internet access.
- Upgrade aging classrooms and restrooms.
- **Construct a new multipurpose building, including a gym, cafeteria and lockers at Gridley High School.**

District-Wide Upgrading of Computer Technology Projects

- Provide and maintain up-to-date technology, data and communication equipment.
- Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment.

**School Health and Safety and
Energy Efficiency School Projects**

Student Safety

- Upgrade fire alarm systems to automatic systems, repair fire safety equipment, add smoke detectors, sprinklers and fire safety doors.
- Upgrade schools to meet handicap accessibility requirements.
- **Comply with modern fire safety standards.**
- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds.
- Remove hazardous materials.

Energy Efficiency Returns Savings to the Classroom

- Install energy efficient systems to reduce energy/utility costs and return savings to educational programs.
- **Replace existing window systems with energy efficient systems to reduce costs.**
- Replace outdated heating and ventilation systems.
- Improve insulation and weather proofing to reduce costs.

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 Priority School Projects List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Priority School Projects 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. 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; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; installation wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative and physical education buildings; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping and play fields; expand parking; install interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces, upgrade classrooms, bleachers, kitchens, repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade 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 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.

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MEASURE C FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION CONTINUED

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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 SCHOOL 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.



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GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE D

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. To improve the quality of local ELEMENTARY education, repair, upgrade outdated classrooms, plumbing, leaking roofing, lighting, electrical and HVAC systems, restrooms, upgrade safety, security, fire systems, remove hazardous materials, improve energy efficiency, replace temporary classrooms, renovate, acquire, construct, repair, equip classrooms, schools, sites, facilities, shall Gridley Unified School District Elementary Schools Facilities Improvement District No. 1 issue \$2,500,000 of bonds at legal rates, have an independent citizens' oversight committee and NO money for administrative salaries or taken by the State?

GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "D"
BY BUTTE COUNTY COUNSEL

Measure D proposes to allow the Gridley Unified School District ("District") acting as the Gridley Unified School District Elementary Schools Facilities Improvement District No. 1 to sell general obligation bonds to pay for facilities and equipment at McKinley Elementary, Wilson Elementary, and Sycamore Middle Schools. Measure D does not propose to change existing law.

If fifty-five percent (55%) or more of the votes cast on the measure are "Bonds-Yes," the measure will be approved, and the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the principal amount of up to \$2,500,000.00 and to levy ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District to pay for the amount of bonded indebtedness plus interest. If the measure is not approved by at least 55% of the votes cast, the measure will fail, and the bonds will not be issued.

The bonds will bear interest at a rate established at the time of sale, depending on the market rates at that time, but not exceeding the legal limit. If issued under the Government Code, the maximum term of the bonds cannot exceed forty (40) years. If issued under the Education Code, the maximum term of the bonds cannot exceed twenty-five (25) years. The tax rates cannot be determined until after the bonds are sold, but the District's Tax Rate Statement, which follows this analysis, presents the District's best estimates of the tax rates required to be levied to pay debt service on the bonds. The District cannot sell any bonds if doing so would cause the tax rate needed to repay such bonds to exceed \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in any year, based on District projections. The actual tax rate could exceed \$60 in future years if taxable property values do not meet District projections and such higher rate were necessary to pay the bond debt service in any year.

Proposition 13, approved in 1978, amended the California Constitution by adding Article XIII A limiting ad valorem taxes on real property to one percent (1%) on the value of the property. Article XIII A was amended in 1986 by adding an exception providing that the 1% limitation does not apply to taxes used to pay interest and redemption

charges on certain bonds. Taxes levied to pay the interest and principal of the District's proposed bonds would be within this exception and not subject to the 1% limitation.

The funds derived from the sale of these bonds may only be expended for the purposes specified in the project list found in the Full Text Ballot Proposition following this analysis, including to: repair, upgrade outdated classrooms, plumbing, leaking roofing, lighting, electrical and HVAC systems, restrooms, upgrade safety, security, fire systems, remove hazardous materials, improve energy efficiency, replace temporary classrooms, renovate, acquire, construct, repair, equip classrooms, schools, sites, facilities. The proceeds will not be used for any other purpose, including payment of teacher or administrator salaries or other operating expenses.

To assure that funds are spent only as specified in the measure, Measure D requires the appointment of a citizen's oversight committee and completion of independent financial audits.

/s/ Bruce S. Alpert
Butte County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Elementary Schools Facilities Improvement District No. 1 of the Gridley Unified School District (the "Improvement District") on June 5, 2012 to authorize the sale of \$2,300,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code.

The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.01300 per \$100 (\$13.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2012-13.

The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$.01300 per \$100 (\$13.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2015-16.

The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$.01300 per \$100 (\$13.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the needs of the Improvement

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MEASURE D – TAX RATE STATEMENT CONTINUED

District. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the Improvement District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: February 15, 2012

/s/John McIntosh
Superintendent, Gridley Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D

Our schools are one of the most important assets in our community and should be our number one priority. From higher achieving students, to training for future jobs, to greater neighborhood safety, quality schools make a difference. Our teachers and staff do their best in educating our children, but many classrooms and school facilities in the Gridley Unified School District are old and inadequate to provide students with the school facilities they need to succeed.

Our children need your YES vote on Measure D! While schools have been well maintained, some of our facilities are over 50 years old and do not meet 21st century education and technology standards. A local school improvement measure would allow the District to improve the quality of education provided to local children. Therefore, we must invest in our schools so they meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards.

If passed, Measure D will make critical facility improvements at the District's elementary and middle schools by; repairing or replacing leaky roofs; replacing outdated heating, ventilation and cooling systems; improving student access to computers and modern technology; modernizing and renovating outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; and making health and safety improvements

Measure D makes financial sense and protects taxpayers. All bond funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State. By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee. Additionally, funds can only be spent to improve Gridley elementary and middle schools, not for teacher or administrative salaries.

Measure D upgrades and repairs old, inadequate classrooms, improves the education of local children and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and Vote Yes On Measure D!

/s/ Blane Sannar, Parent/Local Bishop
/s/ Manuel J. Lamson, Businessman/Knights of Columbus
/s/ Doris E. Pettersen, Retired President, AAUW
/s/ Pedro Mota, Gridley City Council Member
/s/ Eric Waterbury, Parent/Farmer

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE D WAS SUBMITTED**

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 5, 2012

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters of the Elementary Schools Facilities Improvement District No. 1 of the Gridley Unified School District.

“To improve the quality of local ELEMENTARY education, repair, upgrade outdated classrooms, plumbing, leaking roofing, lighting, electrical and HVAC systems, restrooms, upgrade safety, security, fire systems, remove hazardous materials, improve energy efficiency, replace temporary classrooms, renovate, acquire, construct, repair, equip classrooms, schools, sites, facilities, shall Gridley Unified School District Elementary Schools Facilities Improvement District No. 1 issue \$2,500,000 of bonds at legal rates, have an independent citizens' oversight committee and NO money for administrative salaries or taken by the State?”

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Gridley Unified School District evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, energy efficiency, computer technology, and the declining condition of its relocatable classrooms and playgrounds, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. In developing the scope of projects, teachers, staff and community members have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted a facilities evaluation by school and received public input and review in developing the scope of facility projects to be funded. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problem would only get worse. **In approving this Priority School Projects List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District should:**

- (i) **Repair or replace old worn-out and leaking roofs, plumbing, lighting and outdated electrical systems.**
- (ii) **Invest in energy efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to reduce utility bills and generate savings which can be invested in the classroom.**
- (iii) **Replace deteriorating temporary classrooms.**
- (iv) **Retain all bond money locally in our community, ensuring local control and sufficient funds to address the education needs in our community, with none of the funds taken by the State.**

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MEASURE D – FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION CONTINUED

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the facilities of the District located at the following locations:

McKinley Elementary School
Wilson Elementary School
Sycamore Middle School

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

School Facility and Classroom Construction, Repair and Upgrade Projects

- Repair and upgrade roofs, walls, and floors.
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity.
- Replace outdated plumbing systems to meet current codes.
- Upgrade restrooms.
- Replace older heating, ventilation, air conditioning and lighting systems with building code compliant, energy efficient systems.
- Construct or acquire new classrooms to replace outdated portable classrooms.
- Provide enhanced instructional technology.
- Upgrade and equip labs, multipurpose rooms, auditoriums, gyms, libraries, and other school facilities.
- Classroom interiors will receive new paint, carpet/vinyl tile/asbestos abatement, white markerboards, tackable surfaces, increase secure storage capacity for instructional materials and equipment.
- Replace existing window systems with energy efficient systems.
- Renovate, repair, and/or upgrade outdated classrooms and school facilities.
- 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.

Health, Safety and Security Projects

- Install, replace/upgrade safety and security systems for our students and staff.
- Install energy efficient systems to promote energy-efficiency.
- Replace/upgrade irrigation systems.
- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades including playground turf and equipment replacement.
- Improve play area fields for safety and drainage.

- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds.
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction.
- Fire alarm systems upgraded to automatic systems, repair fire safety equipment.
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards and improve outside instructional areas.

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 management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Priority School Projects List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies, construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond 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, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, and other miscellaneous equipment and software. The allocation of bond proceeds may 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 may 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. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids 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, landscaping, 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, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. 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 the bond projects. 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.

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MEASURE D – FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION, CONTINUED

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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 SCHOOL 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.

