

**GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE E**

E “To improve the quality of education at local high schools; modernize/renovate outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; replace leaky roofs; provide career technical education classrooms for job training; renovate deteriorating plumbing/sewer systems; upgrade inadequate electrical systems; and make health, safety and handicapped accessibility improvements shall Galt Joint Union High School District issue \$36,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, with an independent oversight committee, NO money for administrative salaries, all funds locally-controlled and not taken by the State?”

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E

(Galt Joint Union High School District – School Bond Measure)

Prepared by County Counsel

Measure E, if approved by the voters, would allow the Galt Joint Union High School District (“District”) to incur bonded indebtedness up to a maximum amount of \$36 million. The proceeds from the issuance and sale of such general obligation bonds could only be used for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.

No funds derived from bond sales may be used for general school operating expenses, including administrator and teacher salaries, or for any purpose or project other than those expressly stated in the measure. Measure E lists the school facility improvement projects within the District intended to be financed by bond sales.

To assure that funds are spent only as specified in the measure, Measure E requires: 1) the appointment of a citizen’s oversight committee and 2) completion of annual independent performance and financial audits.

If Measure E is passed, the actual dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold would be governed by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors. If Measure E is approved, the tax rates necessary for payment of principal and interest on any bonds sold will be largely dictated by the timing of the bond sales, the amount sold at a given sale, market interest rates at the time of each sale (although in no event greater than the maximum bond interest rate allowed by law), as well as actual assessed valuation of taxable property in the District over the term of repayment.

Passage of Measure E requires approval by fifty-five percent of the voters voting thereon.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE E

**BALLOT MEASURE
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE**

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Galt Joint Union High School District General Obligation Bond of 2016, or Measure E.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Galt Joint Union High School District (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$36.0 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List below, and in order to qualify to receive State matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the District’s voters and taxpayers may be assured that their money will be spent wisely 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 Education Code Sections 15264 and following).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitation on Use of Bond Proceeds. The State of California does not have the power to take locally approved school district bond funds for any State purposes. The Constitution allows proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition to be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities listed in this proposition, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff only when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are spent only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date on which the Board of Trustees enters the election results on its minutes.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds (which shall be separate from the District's regular annual financial audit) until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary pursuant to Government Code Section 53410 and following 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 or the Chief Business Official of the District (or such other employee as may perform substantially similar duties) shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31 of the year in which bonds are first issued, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as such officer shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Specific Purposes. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and shall constitute the specific purposes of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purposes, pursuant to Government Code Section 53410.

Joint Use. The District may enter into agreements with the County of Sacramento, County of San Joaquin, or other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this proposition hereby specifies and acknowledges that bond funds will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Rate of Interest. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding the statutory maximum, payable at the time or times permitted by law.

Term of Bonds. The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds are to run shall not exceed the legal limit, though this shall not preclude bonds from being sold which mature prior to the legal limit.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below describes the specific projects the Galt Joint Union High School District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. Certain construction funds expected from non-bond

sources, including State grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Until all project costs and funding sources are known, the Board of Trustees cannot determine the amount of bond proceeds available to be spent on each project, nor guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Completion of some projects may be subject to further government approvals or appropriation by State officials and boards, to local environmental review, and to input from the public. For these reasons, inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be funded or completed.

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

School Renovation, Repair, Upgrade, and Construction Projects

- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Provide updated career technical education classrooms for job training
- Renovate deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems
- Construct new science labs
- Replace outdated or provide new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology, including providing necessary infrastructure, hardware, software, computers, devices and other modern instructional equipment
- Modernize or renovate 50-year old and older classrooms and school facilities including flooring, ceilings, walls, doors, etc.
- Make health, safety and handicapped accessibility improvements, such as installing necessary seismic reinforcements and replacing aging building materials, removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction, and mold and/or asbestos abatement
- Make energy efficiency upgrades and improvements, such as outdated windows, doors, lighting and lighting control systems, roofing, insulation, and floor coverings
- Construct new classrooms and school facilities
- Acquire, install and/or upgrade campus security systems, including fire alarms, sprinkler systems, school communication systems, fencing, bell systems, security cameras, surveillance systems, lighting and fencing
- Improve student safety at drop-off and pick-up areas
- Modernize, renovate, construct and/or expand aging and outdated classrooms, restrooms, libraries, computer and science labs, music and art rooms, and other school and student support facilities including a library/media center at Galt High School to provide students to access to information and technology
- Replace deteriorating and aging portable classrooms
- Upgrade and improve P.E./athletic fields, unsafe bleachers, and facilities for both school and community use including completing the stadium at Liberty Ranch High School
- Implement water conservation methods, such as irrigation systems and irrigation control systems, and installation of efficient, drought-resistant landscaping

Miscellaneous District-wide Projects

- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades
- Ensure and upgrade federal and state-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to schools, including upgrades to site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of certain existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, equipment, and other necessary improvements
- Upgrade, repair and/or expand school site parking, roadways, grounds and other infrastructure such as utility systems, including installing exterior lighting, repairing pathways, walkways, ADA access ramps, shade structures and related landscaping and drainage
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards and to improve/construct outside instructional areas
- Acquire land, rights of ways, or other interests in real property, including the leasing of real property, to provide adequate school and related facilities

Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs incidental but directly related to the specific projects described above. Examples of such costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by unforeseen conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project will result in higher costs than relocation and construction, this bond measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation and reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto, for said reasons or based on other considerations deemed in the best interest of the District by the Governing Board. Projects authorized under this measure may be undertaken as joint use projects with other public entities or nonprofit corporations.

Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with local funds generated by the bond measure. The District plans to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects.

The order in which school facilities projects are listed in the Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project priorities will be determined by the Governing Board. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Galt Joint Union High School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016 to authorize the sale of up to \$36,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. 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 \$0.03000 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.

2. 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 \$0.03000 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2022-23.

3. 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 \$0.03000 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.

4. 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 will be approximately \$71,600,000.

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: July 12, 2016

s/Elizabeth Kaufman

Superintendent

Galt Joint Union High School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

Vote Yes on Measure E to maintain quality education in our local high schools and ensure all students have equal access to safe and modern classrooms and facilities.

It's a known fact that quality schools improve student achievement, protect property values, prepare students for a productive future, and create greater neighborhood safety.

Voting Yes on Measure E provides local funding to make the critical repairs and modernizations needed in our oldest classrooms at Galt High School, such as repairing leaky roofs, fixing deteriorating plumbing, replacing faulty sewer systems, modernizing classrooms and labs, and making health, safety, and accessibility improvements to the school facilities.

Measure E also completes the much needed construction at Liberty Ranch High School.

Students should have access to modern classrooms, labs, and instructional technology so they develop the skills needed to compete for good-paying jobs, which help contribute to our local economy by providing a skilled workforce. Measure E ensures that classrooms have the wiring and infrastructure to support modern instructional technology.

Measure E requires mandatory fiscal accountability, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits to ensure that funds are spent appropriately.

Measure E prohibits any funds from being used for administrators' salaries, benefits, or pensions, guaranteeing that every penny raised is only used for our local high schools. By law, funds cannot be taken by the State.

Join parents, teachers, seniors, business owners, and community leaders in voting Yes on Measure E for our local high schools!

s/Don Nottoli
Member, Board of Supervisors, Sacramento County

s/Pamela Cuevas
Community Member and Local Business Owner

s/Jorge A. Duenas
Owner El Rodeo Restaurant

s/Ronald D. Jacobson
Member, Galt Area Historical Society and 70 yr. Galt Resident

s/Anngela Schroeder
Local Teacher

NO REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E WAS FILED

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E WAS FILED