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CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF VOTE

I, JIM McCAULEY, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar, County of Placer, State of California, do hereby certify that on November 22, 1999, I canvassed the vote cast in the November 16, 1999 Special Bond Election for the Placer Union High School District and the results of said canvass are as follows:

(See Attached)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 22nd day of November, 1999, in accordance with the laws of the State of California.



JIM McCAULEY
County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar
Placer County

VOTER ALERT – VOTER ALERT – VOTER ALERT

Changes in Polling Place Location and/or Mail Ballot Status

On the back cover of this Sample Ballot, you will find your polling place location or, if you live in a mail ballot precinct, that your official ballot will be mailed to you.

Since the Placer County Elections Division knows that most voters prefer to vote at the polls, we try to give every voter a polling place to go to. We also try very hard to let voters go back to the same polling place each election.

However, details beyond our control sometimes force us to create areas where the voters receive their official ballots in the mail instead of at the polls. These areas are called "Mail Ballot Precincts". Other times, factors like growth, polling place availability or boundary line adjustments change your voting location or status.

PLEASE READ THE BACK COVER OF YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO DETERMINE YOUR VOTING STATUS OR LOCATION.

If your polling place will be inconvenient to go to on Election Day, the Elections Division can mail you an absentee ballot that you may vote in the privacy of your home. You may request an absentee ballot by using the form on the back cover of this booklet.

If you are a mail ballot voter and would prefer to vote at a polling place, starting October 18 you may come to the Elections Division during office hours and vote your official ballot in person. Please call (530) 886-5650 for directions to our Auburn office.

No matter how you vote – at the polls, by mail ballot or in the Elections Division – **please be sure to vote on Election Day!**

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

The Placer County Elections Division is looking for responsible individuals to work at the polls on Election Day. Each poll worker begins work at 6:30 a.m. and ends at approximately 9:00 p.m. – a long but very rewarding day. Election poll workers are paid from \$56.00 to \$75.00 depending on the job performed.

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Placer County Elections Division
(530) 886-5650 or Toll-Free 1-800-824-VOTE (8683)**

MEASURE W

To repair local school classrooms and buildings and obtain eligibility for state funding for construction and renovation, shall the Placer Union High School District issue \$41.5 million of bonds at interest rates within the legal limit, upgrade science labs and electrical wiring for technology, provide adequate classrooms for students, acquire and construct local school facilities to relieve overcrowding, and appoint a citizens oversight committee to guarantee funds are spent only on school improvement costs?

Bonds - Yes

Bonds - No

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY
THE COUNTY COUNSEL OF PLACER COUNTY
RELATING TO
PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE W**

This measure, if approved by two-thirds of the voters voting thereon, would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds of the Placer Union High School District (the "District") in the amount of forty-one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$41,500,000).

The Board of Trustees of the District has by resolution ordered a special election to submit to the voters of the District a measure to authorize the District to incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount not to exceed \$41,500,000, as well as create a citizen's oversight committee, appointed by the District to guarantee the funds obtained are spent only on school improvement costs.

The proceeds of the bonds would be used to repair classrooms and buildings and obtain eligibility for state funding for construction and renovation, including upgrading science labs and electrical wiring for technology, providing adequate classrooms for students, as well as acquiring and constructing local school facilities to relieve overcrowding.

The bonds will be sold in one or more series and will bear interest at an interest rate not to exceed the statutory maximum (currently 12% per annum). The maximum number of years any series of bonds will run will not exceed twenty-five (25) years. No bond sale, however, could be made that would cause the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the District to exceed 2.5 percent of the taxable property of the District as shown by the last equalized assessment of Placer County as modified pursuant to Education Code Section 15102, unless this limit is waived pursuant to Education Code Section 30050.

Approval of this measure would increase the property tax rate on real property within the District as shown in the Tax Rate Statement following this analysis, which presents the District's best estimates of the property tax rates required to be levied to pay debt service on the bonds. The estimates are based on certain assumptions described in the Statement.

The procedures followed for the proposed issuance of these general obligation bonds, including the election process for electorate approval thereof, are as specified in the Education Code and the Elections Code of the State of California.

The conduct of this general obligation bond election and the issuance of the bonds will be in conformance with existing laws of the State of California and will not otherwise affect existing law.

A "YES" vote is a vote to authorize the issuance and sale up to \$41,500,000 of general obligation bonds to be repaid through a property tax based upon the assessed value of the property and the improvements thereon, as well as create a citizen's oversight committee, appointed by the District, to guarantee the funds obtained by the bond sale are spent only on school improvement costs.

A "NO" vote is a vote not to authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds.

Dated: July 30, 1999

Placer County Counsel's Office
By: Sabrina M. Thompson, Deputy County Counsel

**TAX RATE STATEMENT CONCERNING MEASURE W
TAX RATE STATEMENT
REGARDING PROPOSED
\$41,500,000
PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE W**

An election will be held in the Placer Union High School District (the "District") on November 16, 1999, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring a bonded indebtedness of the District in a principal amount of \$41,500,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. 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, and assuming the entire debt service will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund the 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 1.61 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation (or \$16.10 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) for the year 2000-01.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is 1.62 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation (or \$16.20 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) for the year 2006-07.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issues and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply based on estimated assessed valuation available at the time of filing this statement is 1.63 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation (or \$16.30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) for the year 2009-10.

Attention to all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual times of sales of said bonds and the amount sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which in any event will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sales. The actual assessed valuations in the future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Hence, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated as above stated.

Randall Olson
Superintendent, Placer Union High School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W

VOTE YES ON MEASURE W.

Voting Yes on Measure W will help our communities maintain our quality of life.

Colfax, Del Oro, and Placer High Schools are all over 40 years old. Our school buildings are worn out and overcrowded. Plumbing, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems are inadequate; underground sewer pipes are deteriorating. We need to upgrade classrooms, libraries, and science labs to prepare our students for jobs in the 21st century.

Your Yes vote for Measure W will:

- Install wiring in classrooms and libraries for computers and technology
- Replace deteriorated plumbing, heating, ventilation, and sewer systems
- Build classrooms and restrooms to relieve overcrowding
- Modernize science labs at Placer High School
- Construct community performing arts centers and multi-use gyms at Del Oro and Colfax
- Construct basic school facilities in Foresthill

OUR tax dollars should be invested in OUR communities.

Voters must pass Measure W in order for our communities to receive \$19 million dollars of state funds for necessary repairs and upgrades. We have a small window of opportunity to access these dollars. If Measure W fails, our tax dollars will go to other communities that do pass school bonds.

An independent Citizens Oversight Committee will insure that bond funds will ONLY be used for construction of school facilities as spelled out in the ballot and regulated by state law. No funds can be spent on salaries. An independent C.P.A. firm will audit spending and the results will be made public.

Our high schools have been recognized statewide and nationally for educational achievements and producing graduates who are successful in our society. Passage of Measure W will help secure our quality of life.

Please vote yes on Measure W to obtain our \$19 million for our children, our schools, and our communities.

Kurtis H. Fox, M.D.

Edward N. Bonner
Placer County Sheriff

Gordon Takemoto

Maureen S. Ward

Janice L. Forbes

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W

Look at the "Argument In Favor of Measure W" to see how \$60,000,000 would be spent if Measure W were to pass. The list includes construction that will do nothing to provide additional classroom space as well as a new school in Foresthill, which does little to reduce congestion in the other schools. This is a wish list - not an answer to current or predicted overcrowding in the district. Whether the measure passes or not, additional money, probably another bond would be needed to prevent overcrowding. Sooner if it fails, not much later if it passes.

The proponents of the bond issue suggest that one of the reasons we should vote for the bond issue is to receive state funds. State funds are as much taxpayer money as district funds. Money received from the state should not be wasted any more than money raised by putting district property owners in debt. Saddling ourselves with \$41,000,000 of debt to get \$19,000,000 from ourselves is foolish spending. This will not be our last chance. The window of opportunity cited by the bond backers is a government program extending beyond the year 2000. State money will be available to districts that pass a bond measure that year. The voters can be assured that the window will be open when the district submits a bond issue that will pay for our children's real needs.

Wally Reemelin
President, League of Placer County Taxpayers

Dan Sokol
Vice President, League of Placer County Taxpayers

Thomas E. Nunley

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE W

The League of Placer County Taxpayers agrees that the Placer Union High School District needs additional classroom space and renovation of existing facilities that have been allowed to deteriorate because of negligence. However the money to be raised in the \$41,500,000 bond issue is not allocated for the most needed facilities.

The high school board seems to have a tradition of missing opportunities to get funds from available sources such as grant money that other schools have obtained and higher developer fees than the state mandated minimum. It is time the voters demand a well thought out plan that effectively solves the overcrowding problem while considering the plight of property taxpayers.

The proposed plan allocates \$10,000,000 for a new school in Foresthill with a capacity of 400 students. This is \$25,000 per student compared with \$15,000 per student for a school with a 2100 student capacity which could offer the broader variety of courses and extracurricular activities than could be offered in the 400 student school. Furthermore, the improved Foresthill Road will lessen the justification for a high school in Foresthill until the Foresthill population increases significantly.

The proposed plan includes many items that do nothing to reduce overcrowding or to rectify substandard conditions, but these features apparently are included in order to attract yes votes from voters with narrow interests.

\$60,000,000 is too much for the proposed plan even with \$20,000,000 in State matching funds. We ask you first to vote no on Measure W and then to tell the district trustees to come back in the March, 2000 election with a bond measure that will provide funds for facilities that are actually needed. Remember, the students of today are the ones who will be saddled with most of the additional debt of the bond issue.

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Vote Yes on Measure W.

It is important that voters understand the facts and not be misled by false accusations.

FACT: We must approve this bond NOW or risk losing 19 million dollars of state funds, which are our local tax dollars.

FACT: Placer Union High School District has consistently spent more than the state recommended minimum on school building maintenance. All our campuses are over 40 years old and require major repairs and replacement of plumbing, heating and ventilation systems.

FACT: Our schools are operating at 136% of capacity. Measure W will relieve overcrowding by constructing necessary classrooms at Colfax, Del Oro, and Placer High Schools.

FACT: During the past five years a citizens task force examined the physical condition of our schools and recommended this plan to cover the most critical health, safety, and educational needs. The individuals authoring the opposition argument participated in public hearings concerning these recommendations.

FACT: Measure W will improve education. It will fund electrical upgrades to accommodate technology, additional computer and science labs.

FACT: The construction of a small basic High School at Foresthill is critical for the following reasons:

- It will reduce the student population at Placer High School by 400 students
- The construction of a small high school is a cost efficient solution to district overcrowding.
- Local voters took the same approach 40 years ago. They approved a local bond to construct Colfax High School which opened with 136 students and now has over 900.

BETTER SCHOOLS MEAN BETTER COMMUNITIES.

Vote Yes on Measure W.

Michael Morello, Auburn Chief of Police

John M. Hale, Talk Show Host "Time for Seniors"

Marilyn J. Gehlbach, Former President E.V. Cain Parents Club

Diane M. Stilwell, Small Business Owner

Evelyn O'Connell, President, Colfax Elementary School Board of Trustees