PLACER COUNTY

COMPOSITE SAMPLE BALLOT

SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007
COUNTY OF PLACER
The Tahoe Forest Hospital District
Special District
All-Mail Ballot Election
Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Sample Ballot
and Voter Information Pamphlet

Voter Alert
There is no polling place for this election, per Election Codes 4000 and 4002 Special Districts may request an All-Mail Ballot Election.

For questions please call: (530) 886-5650 or toll free in California 1-800-824-8683
Website address: www.placer.ca.gov/elections
E-mail address: election@placer.ca.gov

The enclosed ballot is your official ballot for this election. Please do not discard.
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

TO VOTE:

* Use a pencil or a pen with blue or black ink to mark the ballot.
* Darken the oval completely (●).

To vote on a measure, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL beside the word "Yes" if you desire to vote in favor of the measure or beside the word "No" if you desire to vote against the measure.

Marks not allowed: All distinguishing marks on the ballot (such as your name, written comments, drawings, etc.) or erasures are forbidden and can make the ballot void.

Damaged ballots: If you incorrectly mark, tear or deface any portion of your ballot, contact the Placer County Elections Division at the telephone number on the back of this pamphlet for instructions on how to receive a replacement ballot or go to the Fairway Community Center (Fireside Room) in Tahoe City on Election Day.

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING, place the voted ballot into the postage-paid return envelope provided with this pamphlet, sign the envelope where requested and return your ballot to the Placer County Elections Division. PLEASE NOTE that if you do not sign the return envelope where requested, your ballot cannot be counted. (Election Code Sec. 3011)

RIGHT

Correct way to mark your ballot.

WRONG

Incorrect way to mark your ballot.

WRONG

Incorrect way to mark your ballot.

To be counted, your voted ballot must be returned in one of the following ways:

1. By Mail – The ballot must be received by the Placer County Elections Division no later than 8:00 PM on September 25, 2007. Your ballot cannot be counted if received after 8:00 PM on Election Day, regardless of postmark.

2. By You in Person Prior to Election Day – The Elections Division (2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn) is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (excluding holidays). Ballots may be returned to the office during those hours. For after-hours service, the Elections Division has a 24-hour drive-up drop box located in front of our office. For directions to our office, please call 530-886-5650 or toll free in California 1-800-824-8683.

3. By Your Authorized Representative – If you are unable to personally deliver your ballot because of illness or other disability, you may authorize your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or housemate to deliver the voted ballot on your behalf. Please complete the required information on the return envelope and have your ballot delivered by your authorized representative to the Placer County Elections Division.

4. By You in Person on Election Day – The Placer County Elections Division (2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn) or the Fairway Community Center (Fireside Room), 330 Fairway Dr., Tahoe City will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Election Day, September 25, 2007, for any voter who:

- wishes to deliver his/her ballot in person;
- prefers to vote his/her ballot in a voting booth;
- needs a replacement ballot;
- has questions about his/her eligibility to vote; or
- requires assistance with voting.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR BALLOT: Starting on August 27, 2007 through Election Day you may vote a provisional ballot at the Elections Division in Auburn or on Election Day you may go to the Fairway Community Center. Once election officials confirm that you are eligible to vote and did not vote the ballot mailed to you, your provisional ballot will be counted.
The following pages contain:

- BALLOT MEASURE TEXT
- IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
- ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

(Please note no argument against Measure C was submitted)

Also the Tahoe Forest Hospital District is shared between Placer and Nevada counties.

By law, this material is printed exactly as submitted. This includes any spelling or grammatical errors as submitted by the author on the original documents.

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THE ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED MEASURE IS THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR
MEASURE C

PROPOSAL TO ISSUE BONDS FOR TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL DISTRICT

To maintain a full service hospital in our community; expand and enhance the Emergency Room to ensure access to lifesaving care; maintain critical medical services including pediatrics, maternity, long term care for seniors and cancer care; and upgrade facilities that are outdated or do not meet state-mandated earthquake safety standards, shall Tahoe Forest Hospital District issue $98.5 million in bonds to improve healthcare facilities with an independent citizens’ oversight committee and all funds being spent on local projects?

BONDS YES ____

BONDS NO ____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY NEVADA COUNTY COUNSEL

Measure C is proposed by the Tahoe Forest Hospital District ("the District"). The District is seeking voter approval to authorize the District to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $98,500,000. A bond is a legal debt instrument used to borrow money, with obligated repayment at a fixed rate of interest.

If Measure C is approved by the voters by a two-thirds majority, the bonds would be sold to investors over time in order to generate proceeds with which to fund project needs. The proceeds of the bonds would be used for projects, such as to finance and refinance the expansion, improvement, acquisition, construction, and equipping and renovation of health facilities (buildings and equipment) of the District. Approximately $3.5 million of the bond proceeds would also be used to refinance existing debt. Proceeds of the bond sales would not be used for staff and administrator salaries or other operating expenses of the District.

The bonds would be sold in series. The District estimates that it will sell the bonds in three series, while it reserves the right to sell in more or fewer series. In each series the bonds would have to mature (be paid off) in 30 years or less. The timing of the sale of each series is in the discretion of the District, which must consider project timetables, costs and prevailing interest rates.

The bonds’ principal, with interest, will be paid back by revenues raised through an ad valorem tax rate which will be levied upon taxable real property within the District. The District’s best estimate of the average tax rate is about $9.00 per $100,000 of assessed valuation. For example, a property owner would pay an additional $54.00 annually for land and improvements valued at $600,000; this means $54.00 in addition to any other property taxes that may be due. The District’s estimate of the highest tax rate, estimated to be in 2014-2015, is $17.42 per $100,000 of assessed valuation. Over the approximately 20 years following 2015, assessed valuation will gradually rise and the tax rate will gradually decline.

The Board of Directors of the District shall establish within 90 days of the election an independent citizen’s oversight committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes authorized by the ballot measure. In addition, a financial audit and report would be performed and prepared on an annual basis.

Measure C will not become effective unless approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total of those voting within the entire District covering both Placer and Nevada Counties. A “yes” vote means that the voter is in favor of Measure C. A “no” vote means that the voter is not in favor of Measure C.

Dated: July 16, 2007

Robert Shulman
Nevada County Counsel
For over 50 years, Tahoe Forest Hospital has served the citizens of Truckee, North Lake Tahoe, Donner Summit and Sierra Valley as our only full-service hospital.

For people critically injured in automobile or other accidents, seniors, families and children, Tahoe Forest Hospital is our local emergency care provider. In an emergency, every second counts. The next full-service hospital and Emergency Room is 45 minutes away.

Our hospital is too small and outdated to accommodate the over 14,000 Emergency Room patients who are treated each year. Upgraded technology and treatment space is needed.

Measure C will:

- Expand and upgrade the Emergency Room with life saving modern technology.
- Ensure that women's health and maternity services are available. Without Measure C, maternity will likely close and women will have to travel at least 45 minutes for maternity care.
- Enlarge the Cancer Center so patients have access to a wider array of treatments close to home.

- Upgrade the Long Term Care Center for elderly and other patients needing extended treatment.
- Ensure the hospital meets mandatory seismic requirements. By state law, portions of the hospital must be upgraded or close.

A citizens' oversight committee will ensure all funds are spent on facilities to improve healthcare in our community.

The cost of Measure C is modest; less than an average of $9 a year per $100,000 of assessed valuation, or less than $30 per year for the average local homeowner. All costs are tax deductible. All property owners will pay their fair share, not just full-time residents.

Measure C will ensure access to high-quality medical care when you and your family need it most.

Doctors, nurses, emergency service providers, seniors, business leaders and citizens throughout our community urge your support of Measure C.

Please vote YES on Measure C.

Randy Hill
Cindy Gustafson
Cathey Bervid
Ron Treatess
Bill Briner

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C WAS SUBMITTED
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District (the "District"), it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the expansion, improvement, acquisition, construction, equipping and renovation of health facilities of the District;

WHEREAS, Article XIII A, Section 1(b), of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") provides an exception to the limit on ad valorem property taxes for bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition;

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the electorate on the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, pursuant to section 32300 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code (being California's Local Health Care District Law) (the "Law");

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 10403 et seq. of the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request the Placer County Registrar of Voters and the Nevada County Registrar of Voters to perform required election services for the District;

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the California Government Code (sections 53410 et seq.) require that a local agency submitting a bond measure to the voters provide specific accountability measures; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to set forth by this Resolution the specified accountability measures with respect to the

proceeds of the bonds to be authorized by the election called pursuant to this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") of the District shall be authorized to be issued and sold in a principal amount not to exceed $98,500,000 for the purpose of financing and refinancing the expansion, improvement, acquisition, construction, equipping and renovation of health facilities of the District, and to pay costs incident thereto (the "Project"), as set forth more fully in the ballot proposition approved pursuant to Section 3 of this Resolution. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election. The election shall constitute one election in the District, with election services provided in Placer County and in Nevada County with respect to the electors residing in each respective County. Approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the total District electors voting in both counties shall constitute approval of the Bond measure even if the electors in one county do not approve the measure by two-thirds.

Section 2. Election Date. The Board hereby calls a mailed ballot election for September 25, 2007, to be held within the boundaries of the District in accordance with section 4108 of the California Elections Code.

Section 3. Purpose of Election: Ballot Measure. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a ballot measure, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to finance the Project, which is hereby approved and adopted by the Board. The Board hereby determines to include within the ballot pamphlet the Full Ballot Text attached hereto as Exhibit B, which is hereby approved and adopted by the Board.

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ballot measure, shall cause the continuation or creation of funds and accounts into which Bond proceeds shall be deposited; and shall cause the preparation of an annual report pursuant to sections 53410-53411 of the California Government Code.

Section 6. Accountability Provisions.

(a) No Money For Administrators’ Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for costs incurred in connection with funding of the Project and the cost of the issuance of the Bonds, and not for any other purpose, including staff and administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

(b) Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Audit And Report to Board. The Board hereby directs that a separate account shall be established for deposit of proceeds of the sale of the Bonds if the measure is approved by District voters. For so long as any proceeds of Bonds remain unexpended, the chief financial officer of the District (the “Chief Financial Officer”) shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than five (5) months after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the first fiscal year during which any proceeds of Bonds authorized by this measure shall have been received. The report shall state (1) the amount of Bond proceeds received and expended in such fiscal year and (2) the status of any projects funded or to be funded from the proceeds of Bonds authorized to be issued by this measure. The report may be incorporated into or filed with the audit or other appropriate routine report provided to the Board. Audited financial statements of the District will continue to be made available in accordance with applicable requirements.

(c) Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an independent citizens’ oversight committee to ensure Bond proceeds are expended only for the Project authorized by the ballot measure. The committee shall be established within 90 days after the election.

Section 7. Request for All-Mail Ballot; Costs.

(a) The District requests that the Placer County Registrar of Voters and the Nevada County

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Registrar of Voters take all steps necessary to hold the election by all-mail ballot pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with section 4000) of the California Elections Code.

(b) The District hereby agrees to reimburse Placer County and Nevada County for actual costs incurred by it for the District’s election, as set forth in the current election cost allocation procedures of Placer County and Nevada County.

Section 8. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk is hereby directed to fax (530-886-5682) no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2007, and file (or cause to be filed) a certified copy of this Resolution no later than the close of business on the same day, June 27, 2007, with the Placer County Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of the Placer County Board of Supervisors. The Clerk is hereby directed to fax (530-265-9829) no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2007, and file (or cause to be filed) a certified copy of this Resolution no later than the close of business on June 29, 2007, with the Nevada County Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.

Section 9. Impartial Analysis; Ballot Arguments; Further Authorization. The Placer County Counsel and the Nevada County Counsel are hereby requested to prepare the impartial analysis of the ballot measure in accordance with section 9160 of the California Elections Code and transmit it to the Placer County election officer and the Nevada County election officer, as applicable. Any and all members of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the District, or any of their respective designees, are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. Each of the President and Vice President of the Board, and the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the District, or any of their respective designees, are each hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, for and on behalf of the District, to execute any and all documents, and to perform any and all acts necessary or appropriate to place the Bond measure on the ballot.

Section 10. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately on and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Kahn, Dr. Sessler, Mr. Long

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dr. Thomas

Karen Sessler, M.D.
President, Board of Directors
Tahoe Forest Hospital District

ATTEST: Robert Schapper
Clerk, Board of Directors
Tahoe Forest Hospital District

EXHIBIT A
BALLOT MEASURE

To maintain a full service hospital in our community; expand and enhance the Emergency Room to ensure access to lifesaving care; maintain critical medical services including pediatrics, maternity, long term care for seniors and cancer care; and upgrade facilities that are outdated or do not meet state-mandated earthquake safety standards, shall Tahoe Forest Hospital District issue $98.5 million in bonds to improve healthcare facilities with an independent citizens’ oversight committee and all funds being spent on local projects?
EXHIBIT B
FULL BALLOT TEXT

The following is the full ballot text of the measure to be presented to the voters by Tahoe Forest Hospital District in the ballot pamphlet:

To maintain a full service hospital in our community; expand and enhance the Emergency Room to ensure access to lifesaving care; maintain critical medical services including pediatrics, maternity, long term care for seniors and cancer care; and upgrade facilities that are outdated or do not meet state-mandated earthquake safety standards, shall Tahoe Forest Hospital District issue $98.5 million in bonds to improve healthcare facilities with an independent citizens' oversight committee and all funds being spent on local projects?

Purpose of the bond. Facility improvements resulting from this bond will preserve or enhance the quality of healthcare available to the residents of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District and patients requiring medical care in the region. Proceeds from this bond may be used to upgrade, enhance, improve, expand, renovate, build, equip or replace facilities, acquire land, and refinance up to $3.5 million of existing debt that was incurred for expenditures related to capital purchases or leases to improve hospital facilities.

Special Bond Account and Mandatory Annual Audits. A separate account shall be established for deposit of proceeds of the sale of the Bonds. This account shall be audited annually and a report shall be made detailing (1) the amount of Bond proceeds received and expended in such fiscal year and (2) the status of any projects funded or to be funded from the proceeds of Bonds authorized to be issued by this measure.

No Money For Administrators' Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for costs incurred in connection with funding of the Project and the cost of the issuance of the Bonds, and not for any other purpose, including staff and administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure Bond proceeds are expended only for the Projects authorized by the ballot measure. The committee shall be established within 90 days after the election.

All funds stay local for the benefit of Tahoe Forest Hospital District Facilities. All bond proceeds shall be used to improve healthcare facilities within the Tahoe Forest Hospital District for the benefit of healthcare in the local community. No funds may be taken away by the state government, federal government, or other hospital districts or healthcare institutions.

EXHIBIT C
TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Tahoe Forest Hospital District (the "District") on September 25, 2007, to authorize the sale of not to exceed $98,500,000 in bonds of the District to finance hospital facilities as described in the ballot measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in three series (but may issue the bonds in more than or fewer than three series). Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable 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 California Elections Code:

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is $10.26 per $100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2008-2009.

2. The District's best estimate of the average tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is $8.87 per $100,000 of assessed valuation.

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3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is $17.42 per $100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2014-2015, decreasing each year thereafter.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the assessed value of taxable property on the Placer County and the Nevada County official tax rolls, not on the market value of property. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based on the District's 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 the sale of the bonds, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of the 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 construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations approved by a 2/3 vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each bond sale, among other factors. Actual future assessed valuation will depend on the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the Placer County Assessor and the Nevada County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: June 26, 2007

Karen Sessler, M.D.
President, Board of Directors
Tahoe Forest Hospital District
IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

The Tahoe Forest Hospital District Special District Election will be conducted by mail on September 25, 2007. Your official ballot and a postage paid envelope are enclosed with this pamphlet.

Your voted mail ballot must be in the Elections Division office by 8:00 PM on Election Day. If your ballot arrives later than September 25, 2007 (even with a September 25, 2007 postmark), your ballot cannot be counted.

If you prefer, on Election Day you may drop off your ballot at the Fairway Community Center (Fireside Room) at 330 Fairway Dr., in Tahoe City, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Elections Staff will be in Tahoe City to accommodate voters and reissue lost, missing, damaged or mismarked ballots and to collect voted ballots.

The Placer County Elections Division also has an after-hours drive-up drop-off box located at 2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn where voted ballots can be deposited from now until 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Placer County voters can come to the Elections Division located at 2956 Richardson Drive in Auburn to vote, pick up mail ballots or drop off their voted ballots. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

TOP 5 REASONS
WHY YOUR MAIL BALLOT MAY NOT BE COUNTED

1. NO SIGNATURE. State law requires the Elections Division to match the signature on your registration card to the signature on the outside of your return envelope before we count your ballot. You must sign your return envelope or your ballot cannot be counted.

2. UNAUTHORIZED RETURN. While most mail ballot voters return their voted ballots by mail, you may choose to return your ballot in person to the Placer County Elections Division in Auburn. You may also authorize certain people to return your ballot, but you must sign your envelope where required and the designee must print his/her name and sign the authorization box on the return envelope or we cannot accept your ballot from that person.

3. BALLOT ARRIVES AFTER 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY. We must receive your ballot at the Placer County Elections Division in Auburn no later than 8:00 PM on Election Day for it to count. An Election Day postmark does not allow us to count your ballot if delivered after Election Day, so mail your ballot as early as possible.

4. RETURNING YOUR BALLOT IN A PLAIN ENVELOPE. In most instances, state law does not allow the Elections Division to count your ballot unless the ballot is returned in the envelope we have provided to you. If you lose your return envelope, call us at 530-886-5650 or toll-free in California 800-824-8683 and we will send you another return envelope.

5. SIGNING YOUR BALLOT. We cannot count your ballot if you make any identifying marks on it (like a signature or printed name). Sign your return envelope – not your official ballot.