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Full text of Measure H

With no projected increase in current tax rates, shall Shandon Joint Unified School District's measure to repair deteriorating septic systems, improve student safety, upgrade technology and provide additional classrooms by authorizing \$4 million in bonds be adopted with legal rates, levies averaging less than \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation through 2048 (generating \$260,000 per year), annual audits, independent oversight and no funds used for administrators' salaries or benefits?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Shandon Joint Unified School District (the "District") will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$4 million in aggregated principal at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

The Bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the Bonds are issued.

FINANCING PLAN

The District intends to use the Bonds to modernize, replace, renovate, equip, acquire and rebuild the District facilities on the Bond Project List. No series of Bonds will be issued if such issuance would cause the tax rate levied to pay debt service on all of the outstanding Bonds to exceed \$40 per year per \$100,000 of taxable property, based on projections made by the District at the time of issuance of such series of Bonds.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facility needs of the District will be 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 of the District (the "Board of Trustees") has identified detailed facility needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

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 described in the Bond Project List below.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List below.



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Annual Report to the Board. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Trustees no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

Expenditure of Bond Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the District's bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose. Such proceeds will be deposited into a Project Fund to be held by the San Luis Obispo County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List below, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

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

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board of Trustees pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate and with a term not exceeding the statutory maximum. Furthermore, the weighted average maturity of each issue of bonds will not exceed 120 percent (120%) of the average reasonably expected economic life of the projects financed by the bonds, consistent with federal tax law. Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project List expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

This measure authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the types of projects set forth on the Project List below, to be repaid by tax collections for the years that the bonds are outstanding. The measure present to District voters on the ballot, as set forth above, includes information regarding the expected average amount of money to be raised annually to pay issued bonds, the estimated rate of the approved tax per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the year through which it is approximated the proposed tax will be levied and collected. In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Measure.

Each of these estimates and approximations are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates only, and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds or the tax rate or duration supporting repayment of the bonds. The approximations and estimates provided depend on numerous variables which are subject to variations and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs, and changes in assessed valuation in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations have been provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District.

BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of the ballot measure, describes the specific projects the District



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proposes to finance with bond proceeds.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used to modernize, replace, renovate, equip and rebuild the District's facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities.

The District facilities include:

The repairs, renovations, constructions and equipment acquisitions shall include but not be limited to:

- Repair and replacement of septic systems and aging restroom
- Replacement and repair of wiring and electrical systems including upgrade of power systems to accommodate 21st century technology systems
- Repair and installation of drainage systems
- Repair of asphalt paving
- Installation of communication systems including alarms and cameras for increased student safety
- Remove asbestos
- Replace windows
- Acquire portable classrooms
- Landscape school grounds, playgrounds and athletic fields as needed
- Refurbish and remodel elementary, middle and high school facilities
- Upgrade technology and equipment throughout the District
- Repair and upgrade fire alarm systems as necessary to meet current and new standards

Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, 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; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; 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 is more economical for the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto, for said reason or, alternatively, based on other considerations deemed in the best interest of the District by the Board. In



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In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. In addition, authorized projects include reimbursements for paid project costs and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes, and including payment and prepayment of lease payments relating to projects and/or equipment previously financed.

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

Projects Subject to Available Funding. The foregoing list of projects is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. 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's proposal for the 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. The District plans to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects.