

MEASURE R

Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District

Ballot Question

To improve the quality of education with funding that cannot be taken by the state; construct, renovate, and upgrade classrooms and school buildings; provide facilities for job training/career technical education; replace deteriorating plumbing and outdated HVAC systems; repair/replace leaky roofs; and make health, safety and security improvements; shall Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District issue \$39,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with annual audits, an independent citizens' oversight committee and NO money for teacher or administrative salaries?

BONDS-YES
BONDS-NO

What your vote means?

YES

A "yes" vote is a vote to authorize issuance and sale of up to \$39,000,000 in education bonds.

NO

A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$39,000,000 in education bonds.

Who Filed an Argument In Favor or Against this Measure?

IN FAVOR

WALT JENSEN, Coalinga School Alumni & Grandparent
JUVENAL RAMIREZ, Huron Business Owner & Parent
JOHNY ALBRECHT, Board President CHJUSD & Grandparent
KATIE DELANO, Coalinga Business Leader & Parent
MANJIT MULTANI, Huron Business Owner & Parent

AGAINST

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST WAS FILED

This measure contains the following information:

1. *COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS*
2. *TAX RATE STATEMENT*
3. *COMPLETE TEXT OF THE MEASURE*
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COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE R

Voter approval of this Measure will authorize the governing board of the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District (the "District") to issue and sell bonds in the maximum amount of Thirty-nine Million Dollars (\$39,000,000) bearing interest at legal rates and at maturity dates within legal limits. The bond proceeds may be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or replace school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities within the District.

The Bond Project List ("List") in the measure describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The District may only use bond proceeds for the purposes specified in the measure. The bond proceeds may not be used for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses. Inclusion of a project on the List does not guarantee the project will be funded or completed. In accordance with the Act, the Board has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

This Measure would require annual independent performance and financial audits of the use of bond proceeds including annual reports to the governing board. In addition, a Citizens' Oversight Committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended.

Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes levied annually on real property within the District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers owning real property within the District. The amount of the increased taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bond. It is estimated the maximum tax would be levied at \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value. If all bonds permitted by this measure are issued and sold it is estimate the principal and interest that would be required to be repaid is \$86,000,000.

A "yes" vote is a vote to authorize issuance and sale of up to \$39,000,000 in education bonds.

A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$39,000,000 in education bonds.

The Measure must be approved by 55% of eligible votes cast or the bonds will not issue.

/s/ BARBARA THOMPSON, Assistant County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE R

An election will be held in the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016 to authorize the sale of up to \$39,000,000 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 \$.06000 per \$100 (\$60.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE R – Continued...

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 \$.06000 per \$100 (\$60.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2025-26.

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 \$.06000 per \$100 (\$60.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. This vote is projected to apply in each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding.

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 \$86,000,000.

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: June 15, 2016

/s/ HELEN FOSTER
Superintendent, Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District

COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE R

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District General Obligation Bond of 2016, or Measure R.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$39.0 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 Fresno, 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 Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified 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. Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District, including those located at the following locations:

Baker Street Campus Year Opened: 1954	Cheney Elementary School, Kindergarten Year Opened: 1948
Bishop Elementary School, Grades K-1 st Year Opened: 1958	Huron Elementary School, Grades K-5 th Year Opened: 1943
Dawson Elementary School, Grades 2-3 rd Year Opened: 1941	Coalinga Middle School Grades 6-8 th Year Opened: 1999
Sunset Elementary School, Grades 4-5 th Year Opened: 1938	Coalinga High School, Grades 8-12 th Year Opened: 1934
Huron Middle School, Grades 6-8 th Year Opened: 1999	

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

School Renovation, Repair, Upgrade, and Construction Projects

- Construct classrooms and facilities for career technical education and job training in both Coalinga and Huron
- Replace deteriorating plumbing systems
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Make health, safety and security improvements
- Modernize, upgrade, and construct, as needed, classrooms, restrooms and school facilities
- Replace outdated portable classrooms with permanent classrooms at Dawson Elementary, Huron Elementary, Bishop Elementary Schools
- Construct music classrooms at the elementary and middle schools in the District
- Improve playgrounds, playfields, and outdoor learning areas, including shade structures
- Upgrade P.E./athletic fields and facilities for school and community use
- Replace outdated and energy-inefficient windows
- Construct student support facilities at elementary schools including a library and multipurpose room
- Modernize auditorium at Coalinga High School
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology
- Modernize/renovate classroom interiors to meet 21st century educational standards
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity
- Upgrade and equip labs, multipurpose rooms, food service facilities, auditoriums, libraries, and other school facilities

Miscellaneous District-wide Projects

- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades including playground equipment replacement
- All 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.

- Purchase school facilities the District is currently leasing
- Upgrade student drop off and pick up areas including school site parking, roadways, sidewalks, and grounds
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards
- Necessary site acquisition and preparation/restoration 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 (such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property

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 list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the 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. Modernization/renovation/upgrade of classrooms and schools include interior/exterior improvements to flooring, ceilings, walls, carpeting, tiling, painting, etc. 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, such as gyms, fields and multipurpose rooms, 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 and the costs of issuing the bonds. 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.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Our schools are the most important assets in our community and should be our number one priority. From higher achieving students, to greater neighborhood safety, quality schools make a difference. While our teachers and staff do a great job in educating our students, many classrooms and school facilities in the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District are outdated and inadequate to provide students with the facilities they need to succeed. This is why our students need your **YES vote on Measure R!**

In 2010, District voters passed a school improvement measure to modernize, upgrade, and renovate many of our local classrooms and school facilities. Today, we need to finish the job by completing school projects and upgrading technology throughout the District. Measure R will allow us to prepare our students for better paying jobs and higher education by meeting today's safety, technological, and educational standards. This will not only improve our schools, but benefit our communities.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R – Continued...

If passed, Measure R will make critical facility improvements to Coalinga and Huron classrooms, restrooms and school facilities, including:

- Constructing classrooms and facilities for career technical education and job training in both Coalinga and Huron
- Replacing deteriorating plumbing systems
- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Making health, safety and security improvements
- Replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems

Measure R makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- All 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.
- Funds can only be spent to improve local schools, not for teacher or administrator salaries.

Measure R upgrades and renovates old and inadequate classrooms, improves the education of local students, and maintains the quality of our communities. That's something we can all support. Please join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE R!

/s/ WALT JENSEN, Coalinga School Alumni & Grandparent

/s/ JUVENAL RAMIREZ, Huron Business Owner & Parent

/s/ JOHNY ALBRECHT, Board President CHJUSD & Grandparent

/s/ KATIE DELANO, Coalinga Business Leader & Parent

/s/ MANJIT MULTANI, Huron Business Owner & Parent

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R WAS FILED
