

**EXHIBIT A**  
**FULL TEXT OF BOND PROPOSITION**

**HILMAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CLASSROOM SAFETY, RENOVATION AND  
CONSTRUCTION MEASURE**

This proposition may be known and referred to as the “Hilmar Unified School District Classroom Safety, Renovation and Construction Measure” or as “Measure \_\_\_”. *[designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters]*

**BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the voters of the Hilmar Unified School District (the “District”) voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$31,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled “BOND PROJECT LIST” below (the “Bond Project List”), and qualify to receive State of California 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 voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code (the “Education Code”).

**Evaluation of Needs.** The Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) has prepared a needs analysis in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District at each campus and facility, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and

information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

**Limitations on Use of Bonds.** Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only 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, including, to the extent permitted by law, the acquisition or lease of real property in connection with a future financing of the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List, including the prepayment of existing or future interim lease, certificate of participation or lease revenue bond financings, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** The Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the Education Code. In accordance with Section 15282 of the Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

**Annual Performance Audits.** The Board 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. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing

Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

**Annual Financial Audits.** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

**Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board.** Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary 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 of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after the sale of the first series of bonds, stating (a) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (b) 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 the Superintendent of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

### **FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

**Joint-Use Projects.** The District may enter into agreements with 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 shall determine.

**Single Purpose.** 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 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, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

**Other Terms of the Bonds.** When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

### **ESTIMATED BALLOT INFORMATION**

The District is required by law to include in the statement of the measure to be voted on estimates of the amount of money to be raised annually to repay the bonds and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds. As of the time this proposition was placed on the ballot, the District estimated an average of \$1,700,000 would be raised annually for the repayment of the authorized bonds while the bonds are outstanding at an average projected tax rate of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that such information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for

construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

### **BOND PROJECT LIST**

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of the bond proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or facility 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. Any authorized repairs shall be capital expenditures. The Bond Project List does not authorize non-capital expenditures. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local

environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds of the bonds under this proposition are as follows:

<b>CLASSROOM SAFETY, RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION MEASURE PROJECTS</b>
<b>The following projects are authorized to be financed District wide:</b>
<b>New Elementary School</b>
<b>Acquisition and construction of a new elementary school and related facilities, including:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements made necessary by construction of such facilities.</li><li>• Planning, designing, and constructing the school and related facilities, including costs related to construction services, architectural design, engineering, site inspection and testing services and plan review fees.</li><li>• Associated onsite and offsite development, demolition of existing structures, and other improvements made necessary for construction of such facilities.</li><li>• Construction of such school and related facilities and grounds, including necessary supporting infrastructure.</li><li>• Acquisition and installation of fixtures, furnishings and equipment related to the constructed facilities.</li></ul> <p>All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).</p>
<b>School Site Safety and Security Projects</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upgrade, expand and/or acquire and install fencing, gates, locks, security lighting, security alarm, and video surveillance.</li><li>• Reconfigure, renovate, repair, resurface, improve and/or expand roads, sidewalks, pathways, paved areas, parking lots and related areas, and pick-up/drop-off areas to</li></ul>

improve ingress/egress and alleviate traffic.

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

### **School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects**

- Modernize, upgrade, renovate, replace, rehabilitate, re-configure, expand, acquire and install, and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, labs, restrooms, common areas and grounds, career technical educational facilities and school support facilities (including library, multipurpose room/auditorium, food storage, preparation and service, cafeteria and office/staff support facilities, whether permanent, portable or modular, including interior and exterior (as applicable) doors, windows, door and window hardware, roofs, rain gutters and downspouts, walls, ceilings and floors and finishes, paint, siding, insulation, casework, cabinets, secured storage, carpets, drapes, window coverings, infrastructure, lighting, sinks, drinking fountains, fixtures, signage, fencing, landscaping, furniture and equipment.
- Renovate, repair, re-configure and/or modernize portable classroom buildings or replace such buildings with permanent or modular classroom buildings.
- Renovate, replace, upgrade, acquire, install and/or integrate major site/building/utility systems, equipment and related infrastructure and housing, including lighting, electrical (including wiring and related infrastructure for modern technology), heating, refrigeration, cooling and ventilation, water, sewer, gas, irrigation, drainage, and energy efficiency/management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls.
- Acquire, install, upgrade and/or construct renewable energy and/or energy-saving systems, improvements and equipment, including electricity generation and distribution systems and/or water heating systems, natural light improvements, upgraded insulation and roofing, efficient lighting, windows and window coverings, shade structures, energy management and conservation systems, and other passive technologies, and structures to support such

systems, improvements and equipment and related infrastructure.

- Acquire and install technology equipment, fixtures and infrastructure, including computers, tablets, mobile devices, software, interactive educational technology, digital projectors and cameras, monitors, audio systems, video systems, network equipment (including servers, network interface devices, network switches and routers, wireless network equipment, firewalls, network security equipment, racking, power and cooling equipment, wiring and uninterruptible power supplies), etc.
- Furnish and equip classrooms and other school facilities, including, but not limited to, desks, chairs and classroom furniture, science and lab equipment, school-site maintenance equipment, copy machines, “cubicle” partitions, chairs, storage units and school office equipment, including initial purchases and continued replacement of equipment and furniture as needed.

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

### **Career Technical Education**

- Construct additional classrooms/classroom buildings, career technical education facilities, restrooms, support facilities and related school facilities.

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

### **Physical Education, Athletic and Multipurpose Facilities**

- Construct/install and/or renovate physical education and athletic facilities and areas, including physical education classrooms, athletic stadiums, gymnasiums, track and fields, tennis courts and other hardcourts, pools, field houses, baseball/softball dugouts, scoreboards, fitness/wellness center and related athletic facilities.
- Construct multipurpose space/facility for physical education, athletic use and/or performing arts.



All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

### MISCELLANEOUS

**All listed bond projects include the following as needed:**

- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint as needed.
- Planning and designing necessary for listed bond projects.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property for the listed school facilities projects.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; relocating fire access roads.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including relocatables/portables) for students and school functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.
- For any project involving renovation, modernization or rehabilitation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction/re-construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the Board of Education of the District determines that replacement and new construction/re-construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation and repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life,

comparative cost and other relevant factors.

- All other costs and work necessary and incidental to the listed bond projects.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, or make lease payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance the listed school facilities projects.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Severability.** If any provision of this bond proposition, or part thereof, is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this bond proposition are severable.

**Headings.** The headings or titles of the sections of the bond proposition, including any headings or titles included in the bond project list, are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of the bond proposition.