# OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL\* BOND MEASURE "P"

Under this measure, the Ocean View School District ("District") is submitting a bond measure, described below, to the voters for approval. The measure will become effective only if fifty-five percent (55%) of the voters vote "Yes" on the measure.

The measure would reauthorize the District to issue \$4,200,000 in bonds that were authorized by voter approval of Measure J6 (2006), at an interest rate not exceeding the legal rate (12%) with maturity dates not greater than 40 years from date of issuance. The District seeks reauthorization because, as a result of economic downturn and declines in the assessed valuations of property in the District, the District determined that it will be unable to issue unissued Measure J6 bonds in the immediate future.

Bond proceeds will be used to fund projects included in the Bond Project List set forth in the measure. Bond proceeds may be used to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, rebuild, and furnish the facilities described in the Bond Project List. The District's Board of Trustees ("Board") has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing the Bond Project List.

Approval of the bond measure does not guarantee that any particular project will be funded beyond the local revenues 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. Bond proceeds may also be used for other incidental costs associated with the listed projects, including election and bond issuance costs. Bond proceeds may not be used to maintain equipment, purchase supplies, or to pay teacher or administrator salaries or for other school operating expenses.

Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers in the District. The amount of the increased taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. The District estimates that the initial tax rate that will be necessary to fund this bond issue will be \$20.94 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation and that the average tax rate will be \$15.36 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The tax rate in any given year may not exceed \$30 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Performance and financial audits must be performed annually to ensure that bond proceeds are spent only as specified. The Board must appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee that will monitor expenditures to ensure bond funds are expended only on the school facilities listed in the measure. District officials must submit annual reports to the Board stating the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year and the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds.

\* Section 9500 of the California Elections Code requires the County Counsel to prepare an impartial analysis for each school measure appearing on the ballot.

# OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE STATEMENT BOND MEASURE "P"

An election will be held in Ocean View School District (the "District") on November 6, 2012 to reauthorize the sale of \$4,200,000 in general obligation bond, previously approved by voters in November 2006 through the issuance of new 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 \$.02094 per \$100 (\$20.94 per \$100.000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2013-14.
- 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 \$.02094 per \$100 (\$20.94 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2013-14.
- 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 \$.02094 per \$100 (\$20.94 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.
- 4. The best estimate of the average 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 \$.01536 per \$100 (\$15.36 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

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 12, 2012

s/William C. Young Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Ocean View School District

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE "P"

In November 2006, voters in the Ocean View School District overwhelmingly passed a general obligation bond to improve our community's elementary schools. Since that time, tremendous progress has been made throughout the District in repairing and rehabilitating our children's schools and classrooms.

But much remains to be done. Measure P will reauthorize \$4.2 million of the previously approved 2006 bonds. By voting YES on Measure P, we can continue the job of improving our children's schools and SAVE MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

Here's how Measure P funds will improve our schools:

Improve student access to computers and 21st Century Instructional Technology by upgrading and adding electrical and technological systems throughout the District.

Enhance and improve athletic playing fields and the gymnasium at Ocean View Junior High.

Install energy saving technology, such as solar panels, and upgrade heating/cooling systems throughout the District to reduce long term utility costs and redirect the savings to educational programs.

Upgrade safety throughout the District including fire alarm, communication, data, and security systems.

Additionally, Measure P comes with strong taxpayer protections:

The reauthorized bonds will NOT increase total District debt.

By reauthorizing the 2006 bonds, the District can borrow at much lower interest rates, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in interest.

An independent citizens' oversight committee must review all expenditures.

Funds cannot be spent on employee compensation.

By law, all funds must be used for our children's schools and CANNOT be taken away by the State and spent elsewhere.

Your YES vote is critical. Measure P will let us continue to make significant and lasting improvements in our children's schools and classrooms. It will improve our community, help protect housing values and stimulate our local economy. And, it will save taxpayers millions of dollars in interest.

Please join us by voting YES on Measure P!

s/William L. Terry

Member Bond Oversight Committee

s/Gloria Roman Community Member

s/Sharon Kennedy
Past Parent of Ocean View Students

s/Paul H. Chatman Board President NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

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#### **FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE "P"**

To increase student computer/technology access; continue repairing, upgrading, equipping, and constructing classrooms and schools facilities; and reduce overall borrowing costs, shall \$4,200,000 of Ocean View School District bonds, previously approved by voters in November 2006, be reauthorized through issuance of new bonds, with no increase in total authorized District debt, interest rates below legal limits, independent citizen oversight, no money for administrator salaries, and all funds spent locally and not taken by the State?

Bonds—Yes Bonds—No

# **BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$4.2 million in aggregated principal at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific school facilities 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.

District voters previously approved Measure J6 at an election held in the District on November 7, 2006. However, due to State law limitations imposed on the issuance of bonds under Measure J6, the District estimates that it will be unable to issue any additional Measure J6 Bonds in the immediate future. The Governing Board of the District has found and determined that there continues to be an urgent need in the District for the completion of the educational projects approved by District voters under Measure J6, and that no other District resources are available to finance such projects. If the Bonds are approved and issued, the Governing Board of the District has covenanted that it will cancel and shall not authorize the issuance of Measure J6 Bonds in a like amount.

### ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, 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 School Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The School Board 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 School Board 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 listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

**Performance Audits**. The School Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits**. The School 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 below.

## **FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

**No Administrator Salaries.** Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or 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.

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# **BOND PROJECT LIST**

**Projects Subject to Available Funding**. The following list of projects is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues 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.

**Scope of Projects**. Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve educational and support facilities within the District. Projects which are described below include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire real property (or any interest in real property) for future educational and support facilities and to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other educational facilities within the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects which are described below as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction.

Whenever specific items are included in the following list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion.

### RENOVATION, MODERNIZATION, AND REPAIR OF EXISTING SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, rebuild and furnish the District's facilities as described in the following list. Whenever specific items are included in the following list, they are presented to provide an example and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects.

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the facilities of the District located at the following locations:

Laguna Vista Elementary School Built, 1962 Ocean View Junior High School Built, 1971
Mar Vista Elementary School Built, 1951 Tierra Vista Elementary School Built, 1965
Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Support Facilities, 1955

Such projects shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- Provide additional computers and upgrade electrical and technological systems throughout the District to improve student access to computers and 21st century instructional technology.
- Install community-wide wireless Internet access technology to provide students Anytime + Anywhere learning opportunities via 21st century instructional technology.
- Install energy saving technology, such as solar panels, throughout the district to reduce long term utility costs and redirect the savings to educational programs.
- Enhance and improve athletic playing fields and gymnasium at Ocean View Junior High.
- Furnish and equip schools as needed to the extent permitted by law.
- Replace and upgrade heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems with energy efficient systems throughout the District.
- Make safety and utility upgrades throughout the District including fire alarm, communication, data, and security systems.
- Repair and replace roofs throughout the District.
- Upgrade, modernize, or replace Maintenance, Operations, and/or Transportation Support Facilities.
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (e.g., plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.).

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