



BALLOT MEASURE SUBMITTAL FORM

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BALLOT MEASURE QUESTION

Jurisdiction Name*: FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Election Date*: NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Note: The information as it appears within the text box will be printed on the ballot and voter guide.

Insert ballot question text here*:

“To repair/upgrade local schools by updating classrooms/ science labs/ classroom technology/ equipment; replacing leaking roofs; replacing outdated, aging/ deteriorating portables with permanent classrooms; acquiring, constructing, repairing classrooms, facilities, sites/ equipment; and replacing inefficient HVAC, electrical/ plumbing systems with updated sustainable systems; shall Fremont Unified School District’s measure authorizing \$919,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 4.9¢/ \$100 assessed value (\$63,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring citizen oversight/ audits, and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

TYPE OF MEASURE*	PERCENTAGE NEEDED TO PASS*
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Measure <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel Tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bond Measure <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> 50% + 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 66.6667% <input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: 55%

FULL-TEXT OPTION*

Full Text to be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet:

YES (note: must provide an MS Word file)

NO – Do not print, but it’s accessible at: Click or tap here to enter text.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE/CONTACT PERSON*

(office use)

Print Name: [REDACTED]	Signature: [REDACTED]
Phone #: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]

CONTACT INFORMATION

(public use)

Phone #: PATTY SANDOVAL, 510-65-2542	Email: msandoval@fusdk12.net
	Website: fremontunified.org

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COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

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**ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA OF A
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE**

Measure M ("Measure"), a Fremont Unified School District ("District") bond measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to issue and sell bonds of up to \$919,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at interest rates that will not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Pursuant to provisions of the California Constitution and the California Education Code, if 55% of those who vote on the Measure vote "yes," the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount noted above. Approval of this Measure will authorize a levy on the assessed value of taxable property within the District by an amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds in each year that the bonds are outstanding.

If approved, the District's best estimate of the tax rates required to be levied to fund the bond issue is as follows: the average annual tax rate estimate and the highest tax rate estimate are \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year anticipated to collect the tax is 2056/57, and the total debt service estimate to repay all of the bonds (including principal and interest) is approximately \$2 billion.

California Education Code Section 15100 restricts the use of the proceeds from the bond sale to items such as building school buildings, improving school grounds, and supplying school buildings and grounds with equipment. In addition, proceeds may only be used for the projects listed in the Measure and not for any other purpose, such as teacher and administrator salaries.

This Measure provides that its proceeds will fund projects set forth in the full text of the Measure printed in this sample ballot that include, among others: repairing and upgrading local schools by updating classrooms, science labs, and classroom technology and equipment; replacing leaking roofs; replacing outdated, aging and deteriorating portables with permanent classrooms; acquiring, constructing, and repairing classrooms, facilities, sites, and equipment; and replacing inefficient HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems with updated sustainable systems.

Certain accountability measures apply, such as establishing an account to deposit the proceeds from the sale of the bonds. To ensure that the proceeds are spent only for the projects listed in the Measure, it provides for an independent citizens' oversight committee, an annual independent performance audit, and an annual financial audit. Finally, the Superintendent shall file a report no later than January 1 of each year after the sale of the first series of bonds, stating the amount of the bond proceeds received and expended and the status of any project funded from the proceeds.

This Measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

DONNA R. ZIEGLER
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure M, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acvote.org.



BALLOT MEASURE ARGUMENT
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Submission of: (select one)

Argument in Favor
(300 words or less)

Argument Against
(300 words or less)

Measure letter: M

Title of Election: General

Jurisdiction: Fremont Unified School District

Election Date: 11/5/2024

Submitted by: (select one)

The Governing Body of Alameda County, a school district, or a special district
A governing board member who signs an argument must be authorized to do so by the governing board.

Bona Fide Organization
Arguments from a bona fide organization must be signed by one of the principal officers. The individual signing an argument on behalf of a bona fide organization does not have to be a registered voter in the jurisdiction.

Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
Individual(s) signing an argument must be registered voters eligible to vote on the measure.

Indicate County Board Member or Specific District: (if applicable)
Name of Organization/Association: (if applicable)

Support Fremont Schools FPPC# 1361191

Contact Person's Printed Name: John Schinkel-Kludjian		Address: [REDACTED]
Title: Campaign Director, Support Fremont Schools		[REDACTED]
Phone #: [REDACTED]	Fax # : [REDACTED]	E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Grant Deny

Permission to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to post the below listed information on the Alameda County Registrar of Voters internet site.

INFORMATION TO BE POSTED:

[REDACTED]	Address:
[REDACTED]	Fax #:
E-Mail Address:	Website Address:
[REDACTED]	Date: <u>8/13/2024</u>

Argument/Rebuttal Signatures

Submitted by:

Name: **John Schinkel-Kludjian**

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No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted. If more than five are submitted, only the first five will appear on the voter information pamphlet.

Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed in below.

DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTTALS (Election Code Section 9600)

The undersigned author(s) of the argument:

Measure M Election Date: 11/5/2024 Jurisdiction: Fremont Unified School District

Argument in Favor
(300 words or less)

Argument Against Measure
(300 words or less)

Rebuttal to Argument Against
(250 words or less)

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor
(250 words or less)

Hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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Bona Fide Organization

Individual (s) eligible to vote on the
measure

1. Print Name: **Kathy Kimberlin**

Title: **President, Fremont Education Foundation**

Residence Address:

Date:

8/13/24

2. Print Name: **Jasmine Basrai**

Title: **Parent, Local Business and Property Owner**

Residence Address:

Date:

8/13/2024

3. Print Name: **Yajing Zhang**

Title: **President, Fremont Unified School District Board of Education**

Residence Address:

Date:

8/13/2024

5. Print Name: **Bryan Gebhardt**

Title: **Former FUSD Trustee, Bond Oversight Committee Member**

Residence Address:

Date:

8/13/2024

Argument in Favor of Measure M

Vote YES on Measure M to invest in updated equipment for classrooms, science and classroom technology, and libraries for our children's schools, most of which are over 60 years old. Measure M will support Fremont schools by building new facilities and maintaining, repairing, replacing, and modernizing old ones.

Politicians and special interests in Sacramento cannot touch a single penny of Measure M, and no money can be spent on administrators' or teachers' salaries. Measure M will address the most critical needs, while providing strict accountability such as:

- An independent citizen oversight committee
- Public disclosure of all money spent
- Annual audits and reports

Our school district is one of the lowest funded districts in Alameda County and many schools need basic repairs including replacing aging and leaking roofs.

Voting Yes on Measure M will provide more classroom space for all students and student programs, significantly enhancing the quality of education in science, technology, engineering, art, and math programs, ensuring our students have access to the same high-quality education as other students in the region.

Vote Yes on Measure M to ensure our community can continue to recruit and retain quality teachers and educational staff.

We are proud to have award-winning schools and strong student test scores. Measure M specifically protects the academic programs that help our students succeed.

Whether or not you have school-age children supporting quality education is a wise investment. Good schools protect our quality of life and our property values. Measure M also ensures that large property owners and large businesses pay their fair share so average homeowners and renters don't shoulder the entire burden.

Please join business and community leaders, educators and parents to provide up-to-date classrooms and technology that our students need to succeed.

Please vote YES on Measure M.

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RESOLUTION NO. 011-2425

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN
ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF
THE ELECTION ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Fremont Unified School District (the "District") is devoted to improving the quality of education in our local public schools by providing updated equipment for classrooms, science labs and libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that schools within the District need updated classrooms, science labs and classroom technology each provided in a fiscally prudent manner to enable District students to have access to the same state-of-the-art educational facilities that other students in Alameda County already have; and

WHEREAS, because of the age of Fremont schools, basic repairs are also needed, such as replacing aging and leaky roofs, aging technology infrastructure, and outdated and inefficient heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing systems; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed a long-term capital facilities plan and conducted multiple community meetings receiving input on needed facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, since the State of California (the "State") does not provide the District with enough funding for facilities, local Fremont schools cannot maintain quality educational programs without local funding provided by a locally supported measure; and

WHEREAS, whether or not you have school-age children, supporting quality education is a wise investment, as good schools protect our quality of life and our property values;

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and the District's bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that every penny from a local measure must benefit only Fremont elementary, middle and high schools, and that funds generated by such a measure cannot be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, the measure will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including independent citizens oversight, annual audits and reports to the community to ensure the District used the funds as promised; and

WHEREAS, by law, no money from this measure can be used for administrator salaries or central administration; and

WHEREAS, over the years the District has been fiscally prudent and a good steward of taxpayer dollars securing over \$51 million in property owner savings through several bond refinancings and by maintaining a strong credit rating; and

WHEREAS, these savings have lowered property tax bills for District residents; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act (“Proposition 39”) which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* property tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond measure; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the “Act”) became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District have solicited stakeholder and community input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, the community and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District’s voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities which will improve the safety, health, and quality of education for students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be strictly monitored by the District’s Citizens’ Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued for school facilities will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.* requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and to request the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Alameda County Registrar of Voter to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors

of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$919,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet. The District's Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 5, 2024.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A," incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 policies of the Board and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated the safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational and information technology needs of the District;

(c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board shall appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322. In connection with ordering the election pursuant to the provisions cited above, the District has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the Alameda County Assessor that are available to the District.

Section 6. That the Alameda Registrar of Voters and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other

elections to be held on November 5, 2024 within the District. As provided in Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be conducted in the manner described in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters no later than August 9, 2024.


Section 8. That Bonds may be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.


Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County are requested to permit their Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Alameda County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FREMONT
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By 
Yajing Zhang, President


Dianne Jones, Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)SS
ALAMEDA COUNTY)


I, Erik Burmeister, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 011-2425, which was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Fremont Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on the 5th day of August, 2024, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Yajing Zhang, Larry Sweeney, Dianne Jones, Sharon Coco, Virek Prasad)

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

By 
Dianne Jones, Clerk

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EXHIBIT A

“To repair upgrade local schools by updating classrooms’ science labs’ classroom technology’ equipment’ replacing leaking roofs’ replacing outdated, aging’ deteriorating portables with permanent classrooms’ acquiring, constructing, repairing classrooms, facilities, sites’ equipment’ and replacing inefficient HVAC, electrical’ plumbing systems with updated sustainable systems’ shall Fremont Unified School District’s measure authorizing \$919,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 4.9c \$100 assessed value (\$63,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring citizen oversight’ audits, and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

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EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Fremont Unified School District.

“To repair/upgrade local schools by updating classrooms/ science labs/ classroom technology/ equipment; replacing leaking roofs; replacing outdated, aging/ deteriorating portables with permanent classrooms; acquiring, constructing, repairing classrooms, facilities, sites/ equipment; and replacing inefficient HVAC, electrical/ plumbing systems with updated sustainable systems; shall Fremont Unified School District’s measure authorizing \$919,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 4.9¢/\$100 assessed value (\$63,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring citizen oversight/ audits, and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the Fremont Unified School District is committed to **supporting the quality of education** in local Fremont schools by providing safe, secure and modern classrooms, science labs and classroom technology needed to provide District students access to the same state-of-the-art educational facilities as other students in Alameda County. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, basic repairs, and computer and information technology needs in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below.

In approving this Project List, the Board of Education determines that the District **must**:

- (i) **PROVIDE updated equipment and computers for classrooms, science labs and libraries; and**
- (ii) **REQUIRE that every penny of this measure benefit Fremont elementary, middle and high schools, and that funds cannot be taken by the State; and**
- (iii) **REPLACE aging and leaky roofs; and**
- (iv) **UPDATE classrooms and classroom technology for current educational standards; and**
- (v) **REQUIRE THAT MONEY FROM THIS MEASURE CANNOT BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES OR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND THAT ALL FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO INDEPENDENT CITIZEN OVERSIGHT, ANNUAL AUDITS AND REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THE DISTRICT USES FUNDS AS PROMISED.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

LOCAL FUNDING TO UPGRADE AGING SCHOOLS, CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO IMPROVE QUALITY EDUCATION

School Repair, Safety and Upgrade Projects

Goals and Purposes:

By law, no money from this measure can be used for administrator salaries or central administration. This measure ensures that large property owner and large businesses pay their fair share so average homeowners do not shoulder the entire burden. Every penny raised by this measure will benefit Fremont elementary, middle and high schools, and cannot be taken away by the State.

- Replace aging and leaky roofs.
- Repair, replace, upgrade and install security, fire, lighting and other safety systems.
- Update classrooms, science labs and technology.
- Replace outdated, aging and deteriorating portable classrooms with permanent classrooms.
- Update career and job-training classrooms for current educational standards.
- Renovate, improve, repair, expand or upgrade existing classrooms.
- Repair and replace outdated inefficient heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing systems and other school facilities and equipment.
- Update art, music and performing arts classrooms.
- Repair, renovate and add student restrooms.
- Update student lunch areas to provide heat and rain protection.
- Provide kindergarten classrooms, play areas and restrooms for the youngest students, who can be as young as 4 or 5.

UPGRADE CLASSROOMS AND LABS TO SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN MATH, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Projects That Improve Student Success

Goals and Purposes:

This measure will ensure that Fremont Unified School District have access to the same state-of-the-art education facilities that other students in Alameda County already have. The measure will provide sufficient classroom space for all students and student programs, including science, technology, engineering, art and math programs.

Updated facilities ensures that the District can recruit and retain quality teachers and educational staff.

- **Provide updated equipment and computers for classrooms, science and labs and libraries.**
- **Upgrade classrooms, science labs and classroom technology for current educational standards.**
- Improve libraries and library technology.
- Upgrade computer learning technology and technology infrastructure.

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school and District support facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and upgrade electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, electrical generation and financial savings; improve accessibility for students, staff and the public with disabilities; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, floors, doors and drinking fountains/hydration stations; construct or renovate offices and facilities for multipurpose and indoor/outdoor learning spaces, more efficient areas for professional development and administration and for the safety of students on campuses; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade or construct support facilities including administrative, central kitchens, physical education, music, art, and performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, science, computer labs/classrooms, career technical facilities, media centers/libraries and buildings, covered eating areas, shade and rain shelter, playgrounds, administrative and maintenance facilities and yards; acquire modular portable classrooms; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications, public address and security systems; improve facilities to satisfy ADA and seismic requirements; as needed, removal of hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from older schools, as needed; improve resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve hard courts, turf, tracks, athletic fields, irrigation, and downspout drainage systems and campus landscaping; install signage, solar electric systems and fencing; expand parking and improve pick-up and drop-off areas; improve all site utilities; acquire land; construct new school buildings; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering, including carpets, and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems and back-up power generators; improve or replace playgrounds, play structures, athletic fields/stadiums, lockers and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety; construct or upgrade aquatic facilities, pools, including pool filtration systems, plaster and decking; replace outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide lunch shelters, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade music labs, multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and media centers; add or upgrade parking lots including solar systems and electric vehicle charging stations. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project 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 Project List; 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, DSA oversight, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, scanners and copiers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone intercom systems, call manager and network security firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, archiving and preservation, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. 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 portable classrooms and 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 or modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, utility 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, connection fees, program and project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District bond audits and staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and 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.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

- 1. EVERY PENNY OF THIS MEASURE WILL BENEFIT FREMONT ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS AND CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.**
- 2. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities. BY LAW, NO MONEY FROM THIS MEASURE CAN BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES OR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION.**

3. **THE MEASURE REQUIRES INDEPENDENT CITIZEN OVERSIGHT, ANNUAL AUDITS AND REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT USES THE FUNDS AS PROMISED.** The citizens' oversight committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No District employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the citizens' oversight committee.

4. **THE MEASURE REQUIRES PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL SPENDING.**



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TAX RATE STATEMENT CONCERNING MEASURE I


An election will be held in the Fremont Unified School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$919,000,000 in general obligation bonds (the "2024 Bond Authorization"). If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9406 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

The following information is provided pursuant to Elections Code Section 9401:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$49.00 per \$100,000 (4.9¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2056-57.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, for each year that bonds are outstanding, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$49.00 per \$100,000 (4.9¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year the bonds remain outstanding.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$2.0 billion.

Voters should note that these estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates, and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par 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 District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations 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.


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