

## **FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE E**

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REPAIR AND SAFETY MEASURE. To improve outdated classrooms/neighborhood schools by: improving technology/labs/career education classrooms/electrical systems/wiring; upgrading handicapped accessibility/earthquake safety; upgrading bathrooms, fire alarms/sprinklers/security cameras; removing lead paint/asbestos; installing air conditioning; improving student health/physical education; repairing/constructing/acquiring facilities/equipment, shall Long Beach Unified School District issue \$1,500,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, requiring independent audits, citizens' oversight, no money for administrators' salaries/pensions; and all funds used locally?

### **PROJECT LIST**

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Long Beach Unified School District (the "District") continually evaluates the District's urgent and critical school needs, including retention of quality teachers, student health and safety, competing in a global economy, school repair issues, seismic safety requirements, energy and water efficiency and aging, outdated or deteriorating school buildings, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as provided in the Long Beach Unified School District Facility Master Plan, which was most recently updated by the Board on June 6, 2016 ([www.lbschools.net](http://www.lbschools.net)) (as updated from time to time, the "Facility Master Plan"). In developing the scope of projects for the Facility Master Plan, parents, teachers, staff, students and community members were engaged to prioritize the key health and safety and repair needs so that the most critical school site needs are addressed. The Board continually conducts a thorough evaluation at all school sites in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as provided in the Facility Master Plan.

In approving the following Priority School Projects List, the Board has determined that:

- (i) all of its schools must be healthy and safe from excessive heat, earthquake risks and hazardous materials such as asbestos, mold and fire dangers; and
- (ii) in repairing aging schools, priority shall be given to basic repairs, such as leaky roofs, plumbing and electrical and utility systems; and
- (iii) all of its schools should be safe learning environments, free from gang or drug influence; and
- (iv) the District will allocate to the extent possible proceeds of the Bonds equitably among the communities that constitute the District, including Long Beach, Signal Hill, Lakewood and Catalina Island; and

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- (v) priority will be given to installation and upgrading fire detection systems, providing security and emergency response systems at every school so that all students are safe, and making repairs in compliance with energy saving and sustainability standards; and
- (vi) Bond projects should be managed by professional program/construction managers with a proven track record of delivering school construction projects on time and on budget; and
- (vii) the District will apply for State matching funds and spend any local Bond money exclusively on schools and facilities within the District.

The following Priority School Projects List sets forth the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. Each project may include a share of costs of the election and bond issuance, program planning and analysis, architectural, engineering and similar planning costs, construction management costs, relocation costs, legal costs and other costs ordinarily chargeable to capital accounts or otherwise permitted by law, the costs of furnishing and equipping new facilities, and a customary contingency for unforeseen site acquisition, design, construction, and other unforeseen costs. No bond money will be used for teacher or administrator salaries or for any other school operating expenses.

Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that all of the projects proposed to be financed by the bonds and set forth herein will be funded. Any State matching funds which are available to the District will be used for and applied to pay the costs of projects on the Priority School Projects List. The District's proposal for the projects on the Priority School Projects List assumes the receipt of State matching funds, which is subject to appropriation by the State. The Board does not guarantee that the Bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects.

Proceeds of the bonds may also be used, to the extent permitted by law, to satisfy any portion of a legally required reserve fund for ongoing and major maintenance to school facilities to the extent such proceeds will be expended for projects included in the Priority School Projects List. Proceeds of the bonds may also be used to replace other sources of funding for projects included in the Priority School Projects List, including without limitation to refund certificates of participation and other obligations of the District which financed any such projects if such replacement or refunding is lawful and deemed by the District to be appropriate.

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The Priority School Projects List describes work that the District may undertake, provided funds are sufficient to complete the work contemplated. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction contracts are awarded, and projects are completed. The District commits that no funds obtained through bonds authorized by this bond measure will be spent except as provided in the Priority School Projects List. The Facility Master Plan is on file at the District's Facility Planning and Management Branch.

#### School Renovation; Repair and Upgrade Projects

Goal and Purpose: Schools will benefit from the renovation, repair and upgrade of deteriorating, outdated school buildings, science labs, classrooms, computer learning centers and school libraries and equipment, allowing all children to have the resources they need to learn and excel.

The following projects from the Priority School Projects List will be implemented to further the foregoing goal and purpose:

- Install energy efficient air-conditioning systems.
- Repair, upgrade and replace worn-out leaking roofs.
- Upgrade security features, including outdated emergency communications systems, lighting and fencing.
- Upgrade electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and internet access.
- Upgrade aging and deteriorating school bathrooms.
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increase capacity.
- Replace existing water, sewer and plumbing systems to meet current codes, including the elimination of lead-containing fixtures.
- Replace older ceilings, heating, ventilation and lighting systems with building-code-compliant, energy efficient systems.
- Install code-compliant ventilating systems in bathrooms.
- Upgrade and repair classrooms, science labs, multipurpose rooms, indoor and outdoor physical education facilities, including pools, athletic fields and physical education resources, kitchens, auditoriums, libraries, arts and music rooms, and childcare, preschool, after-school recreational programming, adult education and educational support spaces.

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- Improve facilities to comply with Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff and student bathrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, and other similar items.
- Replace old, portable classrooms.
- Repair aging schools.

#### School, Teacher and Student Health and Safety, Earthquake Safety and Energy Efficiency School Projects

Goal and Purpose: To attract and retain excellent teachers and provide a healthy and safe learning environment and to maintain existing childcare and after-school recreational programming in local schools.

The following projects from the Priority School Projects List will be implemented to further the foregoing goal and purpose:

- Install energy efficient air-conditioning systems.
- Improve emergency communications systems in neighborhood schools.
- Remove or abate asbestos, lead paint, mold and hazardous materials.
- Retrofit classrooms and schools to meet earthquake safety standards.
- Upgrade fire alarm systems, safety doors and sprinkler systems.
- Upgrade and repair schools to meet current handicap accessibility requirements.
- Upgrade gas pipe systems.
- Replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks.
- Install/replace/upgrade security fencing.
- Replace/upgrade existing security and irrigation systems.
- Install energy efficient systems.
- Replace existing window systems with energy efficient systems.
- Install new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, outdoor lighting, fencing, and gates.
- Upgrade emergency communication systems.
- Upgrade site playground equipment replacement to meet current safety standards.

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- Replace and/or improve outdoor education facilities.
- Add or improve student drop-off areas for safety.
- Inspect and improve play area fields for safety and drainage.
- Replace aging and deteriorating doors, doorframes and ceilings.
- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds.
- Retrofit and repair schools and classrooms to meet safety standards.

The foregoing building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project may include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering and similar planning costs, program/project management costs, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, this bond measure also authorizes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the remodeling of administrative support spaces, installation of signage and fencing, the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, computing devices, facility assessment reviews, Facility Master Plan updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), construction documentation, and temporary facilities of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. 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 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. Certain projects may be undertaken as joint-use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. Possible joint-use type projects may include any of the following at various school sites identified in the Facility Master Plan: gymnasiums, auditoriums, libraries, multi-purpose rooms, media centers/or labs, health clinics, parking facilities, art and indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, assembly rooms, science labs, career technical facilities, classrooms, computer and technical labs, community meeting facilities, and energy-efficient, renewable and/or sustainable facility projects. The estimated cost for each project may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain 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

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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. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. Upon approval of this bond measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the District shall take actions to create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

Project construction accountability and safeguards. Projects paid for with bond funds will be subject to oversight of professional construction/program managers with a proven track record of delivering school construction projects on time and on budget to save taxpayer dollars.

No administrator salaries. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this bond measure shall be used only for the projects described in this bond measure and not for teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

Fiscal accountability. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to the strict accountability requirements provided for by law. In accordance with existing law, performance and financial audits will be conducted annually and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that funds are spent as described in this bond measure. The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers' association, a business organization and a senior citizens' organization. No District employee or vendors are allowed to serve on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.