

**DINUBA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE T**

(Required to Pass: 55% of votes cast)

To relieve student overcrowding by building new classrooms, restrooms and schools, making repairs and improvements to schools throughout the District including science labs, roofing and electrical upgrades, and making the District eligible for approximately \$16,000,000 in State matching funds, shall Dinuba Unified School District issue \$37,000,000 of bonds at the lowest possible interest rates provided spending is annually reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee and no money is used for administrative salaries or taken by the State?

BONDS YES

BONDS NO

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE T

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Dinuba Unified School District General Obligation Bond of 2006, or Measure T

FINDINGS

The Dinuba Unified School District (the "District"), which serves the community of Dinuba, and portions of unincorporated Tulare County, is a recognized leader in providing top quality education to Tulare County students.

The achievements have been accrued by the District as a result of the long history of visionary leadership from the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), as well as from staff members, parents, and members of the District communities. During its long history, the District has benefited from a community, which supports its educational institutions by establishing high standards for academic achievement while at the same time providing the means required to meet and even to surpass those expectations.

Dinuba High School, the oldest District school, has been serving students and the community for more than 70 years.

In order to provide our local students with the same classrooms and school facilities as other California school districts, major repairs, upgrades, and classroom construction are necessary to ensure these buildings will remain functional for future generations.

The Board has prepared a facilities plan and identified significant repairs, upgrades, and classroom construction needs due to increased enrollment that are more than the District is able to fund from currently available sources or annual revenues

The District has sought, and continues to seek, all available outside sources of funding to improve our school buildings, including local, state, and federal grants and state bond funds. Historically, the state requires that local school districts provide local funds as a condition of receipt of state matching funds.

It is necessary to seek voter approval of a bond measure in order to provide the local funding for identified school facility repairs, modernization projects, and growth needs to address student enrollment.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$37,000,000 in aggregated principal at interest rates below the legal limit, to provide finance for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A-

1, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A-1 shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

Approval of this Bond Measure (the "Measure") does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the Measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Measure. If state matching funds become available, they will be used for and applied to the Bond Project List as per Exhibit A-1. The District's proposal for the project or projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District 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, after a year long process involving staff members, parents, students, and community members at each school site throughout District, has prepared an updated facilities plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District and determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A-1.

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 on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

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 Exhibit A-1.

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 Exhibit A-1.

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 annually 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 the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities and joint-use 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.

The proceeds of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Tulare County Treasurer, as required

by the California Education Code.

**EXHIBIT A-1
BOND PROJECT LIST**

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

Dinuba High School – Built in 1936	Roosevelt Elementary School – Built in 1988
Grand View Elementary School – Built in 1949 with additions in 2000	Sierra Vista High School – Built in 1987
Jefferson Elementary School – Built in 1953	Washington Intermediate School – Built in 1967
Kennedy (John F.) Academy – Built in 2004	Wilson Elementary School – Built in 1961
Lincoln Elementary School – Built in 1953	

Such projects shall include:

- Construct new classrooms and restrooms to alleviate student overcrowding
- Make improvements and repairs to classrooms and school facilities including roofing, restrooms, science labs, and electrical upgrades
- Construct two new schools to accommodate a growing student population
- Replace aging facilities including temporary/portable facilities, modular facilities, and student support facilities
- Upgrade and/or replace playground equipment and athletic facilities to improve student safety
- Make health and safety improvements including the upgrade and/or repair of fire safety systems
- Conduct necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (e.g., plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.)

Furnish and equip schools as needed to the extent permitted by law

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TULARE COUNTY COUNSEL
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Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution authorizes an increase of the ad valorem taxes to pay bonded indebtedness for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including furnishing and equipping school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, if approved by 55 percent of qualified electors.

If 55 percent of the qualified electors voting on the measure vote in favor of the measure, the Dinuba Unified School District (the “District”) will be authorized to incur debt by issuing general obligation bonds to provide financing for construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities and joint-use facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities. Proceeds may only be used for the stated purpose and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries, or other school operating expenses.

If the measure is approved, the District will be authorized to increase the ad valorem taxes on property located within the District’s boundaries to pay the bond principal, interest and associated costs. The maximum principal amount of the proposed bonds is not to exceed \$37,000,000.00. The bonds will bear interest at a rate not exceeding the legal limit.

The interest rate will not exceed twelve percent (12%) per year. The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds are to run will not exceed the statutory maximum, which is twenty-five (25) years in the case of bonds issued under the authority of the Education Code and forty (40) years in the case of bonds issued under the authority of the Government Code, from the date of the bonds or the date of any series thereof. The exact effect on tax rates cannot be determined until after the bonds are sold.

Expenditure of bond revenues will be actively reviewed by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. An independent financial audit of the proceeds, and an independent performance audit of the specific projects will be performed by the District Board of Education annually. An annual report will be prepared by Superintendent of the District, indicating the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project on the Bond Project List.

The measure makes no change to existing law. The electors entitled to vote on this measure are the registered voters within the boundaries of the District. If the measure is not approved by at least 55 percent of the votes cast, the measure will fail and the bonds will not be issued.

KATHLEEN BALES-LANGE
Tulare County Counsel

By: Nina F. Dong
Deputy County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT MEASURE T

An election will be held in Dinuba Unified School District (the "District") on November 7, 2006 to authorize the sale of \$37,000,000 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 2007-08.
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 2016-17.
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.

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: August 3, 2006

Jerry Sessions
Superintendent
Dinuba Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T

Everyone knows the importance and value of having quality schools. From higher achieving students to greater safety to improved property values, quality schools make a difference. While teachers and staff do their best in educating our children, overcrowded and aging classrooms are inadequate to provide students with the education they need to succeed.

Our schools are overcrowded. The Dinuba schools are currently 569 students over capacity and are expected to grow by 1,000 students in five years.

Our schools are outdated and need major upgrades and renovations. While facilities have been well maintained over the years, classrooms, many over 40 years old, must be brought up to today's modern standards.

Your YES vote on Measure T will create a lasting, positive impact on the quality of our schools, neighborhoods, and community.

Measure T will improve District classrooms and school facilities by:

- Constructing new schools, classrooms, and restrooms to accommodate student growth
- Repairing and upgrading classrooms and facilities including roofing, restrooms, science labs, and electrical upgrades
- Replacing aging and temporary, portable classrooms and school facilities
- Upgrading playground equipment and playfields to improve student safety
- Qualifying the District for approximately \$16,000,000 in State matching grants

As taxpayers, we agree in the importance of quality schools and legal safeguards.

Measure T makes financial sense and has taxpayer protections by law.

- Improvements will be made now instead of later when they will only cost more
- All spending must be annually audited and reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee
- Funds can only be spent to improve schools and not for administrative salaries

Measure T deserves our support because it will not only maintain the quality of our local schools, it will also help us maintain the quality of our community.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE T!

s/ Mary Villarreal, Board President

s/ Yolanda Valdez, High School Principal/Parent

s/ Pearl M. Zulim, Dinuba Women's Club and Garden Club Member

s/ Sandra Sills, Chief Fiscal Officer, Dinuba Economic Development Committee

s/ Steve Sunderland, Rotary Club of Dinuba-President

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED