
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

PUNCH OUT OFFICIAL BALLOT WITH
VOTING INSTRUMENT ATTACHED TO VOTING DEVICE,
NEVER WITH PEN OR PENCIL.

To vote on a measure which appears in the Sample Official Ballot, punch out the official ballot at the point of the arrow opposite the number which corresponds to the words “**Bonds Yes**” or the words “**Bonds No.**”

All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the official ballot void.

If you punch out the wrong number, tear, or deface the official ballot, return it to the Precinct Official and obtain another official ballot.

On an absentee voter ballot, follow the “Instructions for Absentee Voters” provided with your ballot.

TO START YOUR VOTING. . . .

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
SPECIAL ELECTION

October 23, 2001

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

SCHOOL

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote Bonds Yes or Bonds No **MEASURE W**

5	Bonds Yes	Shall Galt Joint Union Elementary School District relieve overcrowding, improve education and increase student safety throughout the district by constructing an elementary and middle school on district owned land, by issuing \$9.24 million of bonds at interest rates within the legal limit, with citizen oversight, annual audits of expenditures and performance and no proceeds used for teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses?
6	Bonds No	

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The following pages contain

BALLOT MEASURE, ANALYSIS, AND ARGUMENT

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEASURE ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES



The staff at Voter Registration and Elections has attempted to locate and use polling places that are accessible to persons with limited mobility. A notation appearing on the label of your Sample Official Ballot Pamphlet indicates whether or not your polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities. Over 99% of the polling places are accessible.

If your Sample Official Ballot label has a “**NO**” under the wheelchair symbol, your polling place does not meet State Guidelines for accessibility to voters with disabilities. If you have limited mobility, but are not in a wheelchair, your polling place may be accessible to you. Call (916) 875-6100 for specific information about accessibility in your polling place.

If your polling place is not accessible you can cast your ballot in other ways.

1. You may vote by absentee ballot. See the last page in this Sample Official Ballot Pamphlet for more information. An application for an absentee ballot is printed on the back cover.
2. You may go to your assigned polling place, at the nearest place accessible to you (hallway, parking lot or walkway) and a Precinct Official will bring a ballot to you. After you have voted the ballot, the Precinct Official will return your ballot to the polling place and deposit it into the ballot box. To make arrangements for this service, please call (916) 875-6100.

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE W

Shall Galt Joint Union Elementary School District relieve overcrowding, improve education and increase student safety throughout the district by constructing an elementary and middle school on district owned land, by issuing \$9.24 million of bonds at interest rates within the legal limit, with citizen oversight, annual audits of expenditures and performance and no proceeds used for teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses?

“Approval of Measure W does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure W will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure W. The school district’s proposal for the project or 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.”

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE W

As shown on the enclosed official ballot, an election is being held in the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (the “District”) on October 23, 2001, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the question of whether the District shall issue and sell bonds of the District in the amount not to exceed \$9,240,000. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate, or rates to be established at such time as the bonds are sold, not to exceed the maximum applicable statutory rate for such bonds. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and the interest thereon are a general obligation of the District payable from the proceeds of tax levies on real property in the District.

The following information regarding the tax rate is given to comply with Sections 9400 to 9404 of the Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources and other experience within the District or demonstrable factors and is subject to change.

(a) The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first and only sale of the bonds based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is \$37.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for tax year 2002-03.

(b) The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the term of the bond issue based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is \$38.20 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that the highest tax rate would apply in the 2008-09 tax year.

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 any bond sales, the amount of bonds sold, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE W

Prepared by Sacramento County Counsel

Approval of Measure W would allow the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District to incur bonded indebtedness up to a maximum amount of \$9.24 million. The issuance and sale of such general obligation bonds would be for the specific purposes of acquiring and constructing a new middle school and a new elementary school on property owned by the School District. No funds derived from the bond sales could be applied to any other purposes than those for which the bonds were issued. Additionally, by its terms, Measure W specifically prohibits use of any bond sale proceeds for district administrator or teacher salaries or other operating expenses.

Measure W provides for annual expenditures and performance audits and also for citizen oversight without detailing the design, scope or manner of such oversight.

If Measure W is approved, the actual dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold would be governed by the District. The number of years that the whole or any part of such school district bonds are to run could not exceed the statutory maximum of 25 years, calculated from the date of the bonds or any series thereof. If Measure W is passed, the tax rates necessary for payment of principal and interest on any bonds sold will be largely dictated by the timing of the bond sales, the amount sold at a given sale, market interest rates at the time of each sale (although in no event greater than the maximum bond net interest rate allowed by law), as well as actual assessed valuation of taxable property in the District over the term of repayment.

Passage of Measure W requires approval by two-thirds of the voters voting thereon.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W

Vote Yes on Measure W

Our students deserve your Yes vote on Measure W. On average, the District has grown 200 students per year over the last 10 years with over 900 residential dwelling units planned for the immediate future.

Current school facilities simply can't keep pace with our growing population.

Additional schools must be constructed to relieve overcrowding and accommodate a growing enrollment.

Measure W will:

Construct a new middle school east of Highway 99 to accommodate growing enrollment and reduce overcrowding at Greer Middle School.

Build an additional elementary school on Lake Canyon Avenue that will help reduce the student population at existing elementary schools and give the District an opportunity to phase out year-round schedules.

Allow our District to qualify for \$8.24 million in state grants. These funds will allow the District to use local Mello Roos dollars to construct Quail Hollow Elementary School.

Measure W will alleviate overcrowding at all existing schools!

Every penny of Measure W will be spent wisely.

A Citizens Oversight Committee will be created to ensure all expenditures are spent as voters approved. There will be annual, independent public audits of all spending.

Our kids deserve your vote.

There are more than 4,000 children between the ages of 5 and 14 enrolled in our school district. They need a good education today to meet tomorrow's challenges. They need your help.

On October 23rd, please join us in voting Yes on Measure W.

"The undersigned proponent(s) of the primary argument in favor of ballot Measure W at the Special Election for the Galt Elementary School District to be held on October 23, 2001, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief."

Bill Tanimoto, PTA President, Valley Oaks School

Valerie Garbarino, PTA Co-President, Fairsite School

Elisa Mello, PTVS President, Vernon E. Greer Middle School

Jene Neal, PTA President, River Oaks School

Karin M. Liu, 2000/2001 PTA President, Marengo Ranch School

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE W WAS FILED

PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTING

(916) 875-6463 FAX (916) 875-6594

A Permanent Absentee Voter is mailed a ballot for each election conducted in their precinct. Voters with specified physical disabilities may qualify as Permanent Absentee Voters. If you meet any of the qualifications listed below and wish to apply for Permanent Absentee Voter status, complete and sign the application provided.

Failure to return a ballot in any statewide Primary or General Election will automatically remove you from the Permanent Absentee Voter list. However, this will not cancel your affidavit of registration, but you will need to reapply for Permanent Absentee Voter status.

Permanent Absentee Voter Application

California Elections Code 3201 states in part "Any voter who has lost, or lost the use of, one or more limbs; has lost, or lost use, of both hands; is unable to move about without the aid of an assistant device (e.g., canes, crutches, walker, wheelchair); is suffering from lung disease, blindness, or cardiovascular disease; has a significant limitation in the use of the lower extremities; or is suffering from a diagnosed disease or disorder that substantially impairs or interferes with the person's mobility may apply for Permanent Absentee Voter status."

This category also includes a relative related by blood or marriage who lives with the voter and has primary responsibility for his or her care.

Name _____ Phone _____

Resident Address _____

Mailing Address _____
(if different from residence address)

I am claiming Permanent Absentee Voter status in Sacramento County under Section 3201 of the California Elections Code.

Signature _____ Date of Birth _____

Mail Completed Form To:

County of Sacramento
Voter Registration and Elections
3700 Branch Center Road
Sacramento, CA 95827-3808

ABSENTEE VOTING

(916) 875-6463 FAX (916) 875-6594

To qualify for an absentee ballot, you must:

- ⁂ Be a registered voter in Sacramento County, and
- ⁂ Live in the district holding the election.

Voters may apply for an absentee ballot in one of the following ways:

- ⁂ **By Mail or FAX** – You can use the application form located on the back cover of this pamphlet. Mailed or faxed applications must be received at the Registrar of Voters' Office no later than **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2001.**
- ⁂ **In Person** – The Registrar of Voters' Office is located at 3700 Branch Center Road, Sacramento. Office hours are weekdays, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ⁂ **Written Authorization** – A spouse of a voter or a parent of an unmarried voter may pick up an absentee ballot with written authorization. After **Tuesday, October 16, 2001**, you may authorize anyone to pick up a ballot for you. Please call for more information.

Voted absentee ballots must be received in the Registrar of Voters' Office or at any polling place in Sacramento County by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

NOTE: Voters with specified physical disabilities may qualify as Permanent Absentee Voters. For more information, please see the Permanent Absentee Voting page in this pamphlet.

If you have any questions concerning Absentee Voting call (916) 875-6463, or FAX (916) 875-6594.

**TAKE THIS PAMPHLET WITH YOU TO YOUR POLLING PLACE ON
ELECTION DAY.**
