



County Voter Information Guide & Sample Ballot

Presidential General Election November 5, 2024

Please review this Voter Information Guide for details on the Election and voting options.

IMPORTANT: POLLING PLACES WILL ONLY BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY

Please see back cover for your assigned polling place if you are unable to vote by mail, prefer to vote at your polling place, or require assistance.

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING AND CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

For additional information on what is considered electioneering or corrupting the voting process, please visit our website at **sbcvote.com**.

County Elections Division Offices

Main telephone number: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)

Website: sbcvote.com

SANTA BARBARA AREA

4440-A Calle Real

Office Hours (Beginning October 7, 2024): 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri., except holidays

LOMPOC AREA

401 E. Cypress Ave, Room 102

Office Hours (Beginning October 31, 2024): 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Mon. – Fri., except holidays

SANTA MARIA AREA

511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 134

Office Hours (Beginning October 7, 2024): 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri., except holidays

All locations will be open:

November 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mailing Address:

County of Santa Barbara Elections Division

PO Box 61510

Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510

Important Dates to Remember

October 7 - October 29, 2024	Vote by Mail ballots mailed to ALL eligible voters.
October 7 - November 5, 2024	Voting at County Election Division offices. See hours and locations above.
October 21, 2024	Close of Registration, register at registertovote.ca.gov .
October 22 - November 5, 2024	Conditional Voter Registration Period, also known as Same Day Voter Registration.
October 29, 2024	Deadline to request a replacement Vote by Mail ballot or Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) ballot be sent to you.
October 29, 2024	Suggested last day to mail your voted ballot.
November 5, 2024	Election Day, Polls and County Election Division offices open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Important Election Information

All voters will receive a Vote by Mail ballot for this Election. Please review the information provided with your ballot and return envelope for instructions on how to properly mark and return your ballot.

Official ballots will begin mailing by October 7, 2024. If you do not receive your Vote by Mail ballot by Monday, October 14, 2024, contact our office or check your ballot status at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.



How to Vote by Mail

All voters will receive a Vote by Mail ballot for the **November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election**.

The County of Santa Barbara Elections Division will send voters Vote by Mail ballots, in envelopes similar to the one pictured to the right, by **October 7, 2024**.



VOTING BY MAIL IS EASY



MARK IT.

Follow the instructions on the ballot and mark your choices.



SEAL IT.

Insert your voted ballot in the return envelope provided and seal it.



SIGN IT.

Make sure the signature on your return envelope matches the one on your driver's license/state ID or the one you provided when registering, and complete all required information on your return envelope.



RETURN IT.

You may return your voted ballot by mail or in person by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on **Election Day, November 5, 2024**.

By mail: Make sure your ballot is **postmarked** by Election Day. No stamp required. Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day are considered timely if received by **November 12, 2024**.

In person: Return your ballot to any county elections office, official ballot drop box or polling place within the state by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

This guide contains a list of official ballot drop box locations and information for the County of Santa Barbara. County Elections Division office locations and business hours may be found on the inside cover of this guide.



TRACK IT.

Sign up at **wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov** to receive status alerts by text (SMS), email or voice call notifications to confirm the County Elections Division has received your ballot.



Official Ballot Drop Boxes

Official ballot drop boxes will be available 24 hours a day (unless otherwise noted) **October 7, 2024**, until **November 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.**

Drive-Up **D** | Walk-Up **W**

Area	Ballot Drop Box	Address	
Buellton	Buellton City Hall	107 W. Highway 246	D, W
Carpinteria	Carpinteria City Hall	5775 Carpinteria Ave.	D, W
	Casa De Las Flores	4090 Via Real	W
Goleta	Goleta City Hall	130 Cremona Dr.	W
	Goleta Valley Community Center	5679 Hollister Ave.	D, W
Guadalupe	Guadalupe City Hall	918 Obispo St.	W
Isla Vista/UCSB	UCSB Student Resource Building	UCSB Campus	W
Lompoc	Lompoc City Hall (Near utility payment drop box)	100 Civic Center Plaza	D, W
	Lompoc Public Library	501 E. North Ave.	W
	COSB Department of Social Services/Public Health	1100 West Laurel Ave.	W
	Vandenberg Village Library	3755 Constellation Rd.	D
Los Alamos	Los Alamos Branch Library	405 Helena St.	W
Montecito	Manning Park (Area 9 – Parking lot off Santa Rosa Ln.)	449 San Ysidro Rd.	D
New Cuyama	Cuyama Valley Rec. District (Montgomery Hall Bldg.)	4885 Primero St.	W
Orcutt	Oak Knolls Shopping Center (Parking lot by State Farm)	1103 E. Clark Ave.	W
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara City Hall	735 Anacapa St.	W
	COSB Administration Building (Anacapa St. entrance)	105 E. Anapamu St.	W
	COSB Elections Division Main Office	4440-A Calle Real	D, W
	Eastside Branch Library	1102 E. Montecito St.	W
	MacKenzie Park (Lower parking lot., sunrise to sunset)	3111 State St.	D, W
	San Andres Hardware	635 W. Micheltorena St.	W
	Santa Barbara City College (West Campus drop-off entrance)	721 Cliff Dr.	D
Santa Maria	Atkinson Park Community Center	1000 N. Railroad Ave.	W
	Allan Hancock Community College (Off Bradley Rd., Parking Lot 3)	800 S. College Drive	W
	COSB Santa Maria Elections Division Branch Office	511 E. Lakeside Pkwy	D, W
	Minami Community Center	600 W. Enos Dr.	W
	Santa Maria Animal Center	548 W. Foster Rd.	W
	Santa Maria Public Library (City Library parking garage)	421 S. McClelland St.	D, W
Santa Ynez	Stuart C. Gildred Family YMCA	900 N. Refugio Rd.	W
Solvang	Solvang Veterans Memorial Building	1745 Mission Dr.	D

 **Locations may change due to unforeseen circumstances. For the most current list of official ballot drop boxes visit sbcvote.com.**



Accessible Voting

Language Assistance. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff is available at County Elections Division offices and polling places. Assistance for additional languages is available using an interpreter service.

Election Materials in Other Formats. Audio CDs and large print versions of the information printed in this guide and the State Voter Information Guide are available upon request. To request an audio or large print copy of this guide, return the application located on the back of this guide, or contact the County Elections Division at 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) System. The RAVBM system allows a voter to independently download, mark, and print their ballot on their own computer using their personal assistive technology. A voter may use the return envelope that came with their Vote by Mail ballot packet or their own envelope to return their voted ballot and signed declaration.

RAVBM ballots can be returned in the same way as all other Vote by Mail ballots and have the same return deadline.

To request a RAVBM ballot, please email votebymail2@countyofsb.org or call 1-800-722-8683. For more information refer to the “Remote Accessible Vote by Mail” page in this guide or visit the “Remote Accessible Vote by Mail” webpage at sbcvote.com.

Curbside Voting. Curbside voting is available at all County Elections Division offices and polling places for voters unable to come into their designated voting location. To use curbside voting, voters can:

- Call 1-800-722-8683 in advance to request curbside voting at one of the County Elections Division offices or their polling place; or
- Follow the curbside voting signs to the designated parking space and call 1-800-722-8683 once they arrive at the polling place.

Accessible Voting System. All County Elections Division offices and polling places have at least one (1) ImageCast X® (ICX) ballot marking device with ballots available in English and Spanish. The ImageCast X® (ICX) ballot marking device provides:

- an audio option that reads the ballot in both languages through provided headphones;
- a universal plug for personal assistive technology; and
- large print and black/white contrast viewing options.

Other Aides Available Upon Request. Easy grip pens and magnifiers are available upon request at all County Elections Division offices and polling places.

Personal Assistance Marking Your Ballot. Voters have the right to get help casting their ballot from anyone they choose, except from their employer or union representative. Voters may bring up to two (2) people to their polling place to assist them while voting.



Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

The RAVBM system gives voters the ability to read and mark their ballot privately and independently on their personal devices. Any active voter can request and receive access to the RAVBM system.

The RAVBM system allows you to:

- ✓ Mark your selections and review them prior to downloading and printing your voted ballot.
- ✓ Use your own assistive technology devices to read and mark your ballot.
- ✓ Select English or Spanish language.
- ✓ Change the screen contrast and font size for your ballot.

RAVBM is not “internet voting.” **You cannot submit your selections online. You must print and return your marked ballot by mail or in person.**

How to vote with RAVBM:

1. Request an RAVBM ballot access link. Submit your request:

- **Online:** Complete an electronic request online at sbcvote.com/RAVBM or when you review your voter information on My Voter Status webpage at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov, or
- **Via Email:** Email your request to votebymail2@countyofsb.org, or
- **By Phone:** Contact the County Elections Division at (805) 568-2200 or 1-800-722-8683.



RAVBM requests will be accepted through October 29, 2024.

2. Mark your ballot

Use the access link to open your ballot. Mark the ballot on your own computer, with your own assistive technology, if needed.




3. Review and print your ballot

Review your ballot choices and make any corrections. Download and print your ballot.

4. Seal and sign your ballot return envelope

Place your RAVBM ballot in the identification return envelope you received in the mail with your official ballot. Only vote and return one ballot, either the one mailed to you or the RAVBM ballot. It is a crime to vote twice. Sign the voter’s declaration (punched holes tell you where to sign). Seal the envelope. If you misplaced the official return envelope, please email votebymail2@countyofsb.org or call 1-800-722-8683 to request a new envelope.

5. Return your ballot:

-  By mail. Must be **postmarked** by Election Day, November 5, 2024, and received in our office by **November 12, 2024**.
-  At any official ballot drop box in California. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day, November 5, 2024.
-  At any in-person voting location or any county elections office in California. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day, November 5, 2024.



How to Vote at the Polls

Find your polling place on the back cover of this guide, visit our *Upcoming Elections & Events* webpage at **sbcvote.com**, or call the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division at 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683). If no polling place is assigned, this means your registered address is in a mail ballot precinct.



Look near the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of this guide to determine if your polling place is accessible to voters with specific needs. Curbside voting is also available at all County Elections Division offices and polling places.

What do I do to vote at my Polling Place?

- Take the Vote by Mail ballot you received in the mail to your polling place and give it to the Check-In Clerk.
- Provide your name and address to the Check-In Clerk and let them know if you will need assistance marking your ballot.
- Verify your information and sign on the Electronic Poll Book Tablet. You will receive a ballot issue ticket.
- Take your ballot issue ticket to the Ballot Issue Clerk to get your ballot. Please make sure your ballot matches the Sample Ballot in this guide.
- Vote your ballot at one of the voting booths.
- Deposit your voted ballot into the ballot bag.

What to do if...

You do not have your Vote by Mail ballot to turn in to the Check-In Clerk and want to vote at your polling place:

- If the Check-In Clerk can confirm that you have not voted in the election, then you may be issued a poll ballot to vote. If the Check-In Clerk is unable to confirm that you have not already voted in the election, you will be issued a Provisional Ballot to vote. Your Provisional Ballot will be counted once it is confirmed you have not already voted in the election.

You changed your name and did not re-register:

- Let the Check-In Clerk know. They will give you a new voter registration card to complete.
- You will need to sign your new and old name on the Electronic Poll Book Tablet.

You are at the wrong polling place or you are listed at a different address:

- If you have a new address, the Check-In Clerk will give you a form to complete to update your address.
- If you are at the wrong polling place, you have the following options:
 - Go to your correct polling place; or
 - Vote using an ImageCast® X (ICX) ballot marking device for your precinct's ballot; or
 - Vote a Provisional Ballot from the available poll ballots at the polling place. In this case, only the contests you are eligible to vote on will be counted.

You need assistance marking your ballot:

- You may ask to use the ImageCast® X (ICX) ballot marking device to vote independently.
- You are allowed to bring up to two (2) people to assist you with marking your ballot.
 - Assistance CANNOT be provided by your employer or an officer or agent of a union you are a member of.
- Tell the Check-In Clerk that you need assistance voting your ballot. An Election Officer is able to assist if needed.
- You and your assistant(s) will be asked to complete an Assisted Voter Form.



Important Registration Information

Eligibility to register to vote

To register to vote in California a person must be:

- ✓ a United States citizen and resident of California,
- ✓ 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- ✓ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- ✓ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

A person may pre-register to vote if that person is at least 16 years of age and meets all the other eligibility requirements. Pre-registrants are automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday.

Re-register to vote

If you have moved,
If you have changed your name,
If you want to change your political party preference, or
If your mailing address has changed.

You may re-register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov or request a paper voter registration application from the County Elections Division by calling 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683), or emailing voterreg@countyofsb.org.

Deadline to register or re-register to vote

The last day to register to vote for the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election is **October 21, 2024**.

Conditional Voter Registration

Voters who miss the deadline to register or re-register to vote may visit one of the County Elections Division offices between October 22, 2024, and November 5, 2024, or go to their polling place on Election Day to “conditionally” register and vote.



If visiting a polling place on Election Day, use the polling place look up tool at sbcvote.com or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683) to locate your polling place.

If you are a military or overseas voter or a voter with disabilities, contact the County Elections Division to learn about conditional voter registration and voting options that are available to you.

Phone: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683) Email: votebymail2@countyofsb.org.

Requirements for First Time Federal Voters

Any person voting for the first time who registers by mail and does not provide their California driver's license, California identification number, or last four digits of their Social Security number, will be asked to show a form of identification when they go to the polls, or must provide a copy of that identification with their Vote by Mail ballot. First Time Federal Voters who fail to provide identification when voting, may result in their ballot not being counted. There are 30 forms of identification that can be used for this purpose under the Help America Vote Act of 2002, including a government issued check or a utility bill that includes the person's name and address.

For a full list of the forms of identification that can be used, visit the Secretary of State's website at: sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards



Language Assistance/Asistencia con el idioma

In this year's elections, some polling places will have translated sample ballots that voters can use as a reference when voting. The polling places that will have them are determined by the Secretary of State. To find out if your polling place will have a translated sample ballot, or to request to have one sent to you before Election Day, please visit our website or call our office. Requests must be received no later than 7 days before Election Day.

If you need assistance when voting, you may bring up to two people with you to your polling place, as long as they are not representatives of your employer or your union. Bring a family member or friend!

Spanish/Español

En las elecciones de este año, algunos lugares de votación contarán con modelos de boletas traducidas que los votantes pueden usar como referencia al votar. La Secretaría de Estado determinó qué lugares de votación contarán con estos modelos de boletas. Para saber si su lugar de votación contará con una boleta modelo traducida, o para solicitar que le envíen una antes del Día de Elecciones, por favor, visite nuestro sitio de internet o llame a nuestra oficina. Las solicitudes se deben recibir antes de los 7 días previos al Día de Elecciones.

Si necesita ayuda al votar, puede llevar hasta dos personas con usted a su lugar de votación, siempre que no sean representantes de su empleador o sindicato. ¡Lleve a un familiar o amigo!

Chinese/ 中文

在今年的選舉中，一些投票站將提供翻譯的選票樣本，投票人可以在投票時用作參考。選民所屬的投票點由國務卿決定。若想了解您的投票站是否有提供翻譯的選票樣本，或請求在選舉日之前將翻譯樣本發送給您，請訪問我們的網站或致電我們的辦公室。請求必須在選舉日7天前收到。

如果您在投票時需要幫助，您可以最多帶兩個人（只要他們不是您雇主或工會的代表）到您的投票站。您可帶上家人或朋友！

Korean / 한국어

올해 선거에선 일부 투표소에 투표자가 투표할 때 참고용으로 사용하도록 번역된 샘플 투표 용지를 비치할 예정입니다. 번역된 투표 용지를 비치할 투표소는 국무 장관이 결정합니다. 귀하의 투표소의 번역된 투표 용지 비치 여부를 알아보시거나 선거일 전에 번역된 용지를 받아보도록 신청하시려면 웹사이트를 방문하시거나 사무실에 전화 주십시오. 신청은 선거일 최소 7 일 전에 수신되어야 합니다.

투표할때 도움이 필요하신 경우 귀하의 고용주 또는 조합의 대표인이 아닌 사람 최대 두명과 투표소에 동행하실 수 있습니다. 가족이나 친구와 함께 오세요!

Tagalog / Tagalog

Ngayong eleksyon ngayong taon, ang mga lugar ng botohan ay magkakaroon ng mga balota na pwedeng pagbasehan para sa proseso ng pagboto. Ang mga lugar na pagbobotohan na magkakaroon ng mga balotang ito ay tutukuyin ng Sekretarya ng Estado. Upang malaman kung ang iyong lugar na pagbobotohan ay may naisalin na balota o para humingi ng kopya nito bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon, paki-bisita lamang ang aming website o tawagan ang aming opisina. Lahat ng hiling ay dapat matanggap sa loob ng 7 araw bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon.

Kung kailangan niyo ng tulong sa pagboto, pwede kayong magdala ng hanggang dalawang tao sa lugar ng botohan basta sila ay hindi kinatawan ng iyong lugar na pinagtrabahuan o ng iyong unyon. Magdala kayo ng miyembro ng pamilya o isang kaibigan!



Additional Resources

A Ride to your Polling Place.

Transportation to and from polling place locations may be available on Election Day to senior citizens and to persons with mobility impairments. Most transportation services require that you schedule services up to two weeks in advance. For information on scheduling services and fees, please contact the agency directly.

Carpinteria Area (Help of Carpinteria): Call 805-684-0065

Santa Barbara/Goleta Area (Easy Lift Transportation): Call 805-681-1181

Santa Ynez/Solvang Area (Santa Ynez Valley Transit): Call 805-688-5452

Santa Maria Area (SMOOTH – Santa Maria Organization of Transport Helpers): Call 805-922-8476
(Santa Maria Regional Transit): Call 805-928-5624.

Voting on Election Day if hospitalized or in a care facility due to a medical emergency.

Most hospitals and care facilities in Santa Barbara County have staff available to help voters in their care with retrieving and returning an emergency ballot on Election Day.

Contact the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division for additional information on emergency voting at votebymail2@countyofsb.org or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

OTHER RESOURCES



Disability Rights California

Website: disabilityrightsca.org

Voting Hotline – 1-888-569-7955

TTY: 1-800-719-5798



Independent Living Resource Center

Website: ilrc-trico.org

Voice: 805-963-0595 (Santa Barbara) 805-925-0015 (Santa Maria)

Video Phone (VP): 805-284-9051 (Santa Barbara) 805-354-5948
(Santa Maria)



Tri-County Glad

Website: tcglad.org

Voice: 805-644-6322

TTY: 805-644-6323

Video Phone (VP): 805-256-1053

Email: info@tcglad.org



Appendix A - Information about Candidates

Candidate contact information and campaign financial disclosure statements are available online:

Local Candidates: sbcvote.com

Statewide Candidates: sos.ca.gov

Federal Candidates: fec.gov

State Legislative Candidates – Voluntary Spending Limits

California law includes voluntary spending limits for candidates running for state offices who choose to keep their campaign expenses under specified dollar amounts. Candidates for state legislative offices who agree to the voluntary spending limit are able to purchase space for a candidate statement to be printed in this voter guide. Some candidates, however, chose not to buy space for a statement.

The following state legislative candidates have agreed to abide by the voluntary spending limits.

Office	Candidate's Name	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications Included
State Senator, District 21	S. Monique Limón	Yes
State Senator, District 21	Elijah Mack	No
Member of the State Assembly, District 37	Sari M. Domingues	Yes

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates have the option to prepare and pay for a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications (candidate statement) to be printed in this voter guide.

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted, including errors.

Candidate statements are arranged by candidate's last name in a random alphabet order. The random alphabet used depends on the contest, following either the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by the Secretary of State's office or the County Elections Division.

The following pages may or may not represent a complete list of candidates. For a complete list of candidates on your ballot, please see the Sample Ballot pages of this guide.

<p>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24</p>	<p>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24</p>
<p>SALUD CARBAJAL Age: 59 Occupation: Member of Congress Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal, and I'm working to advance our Central Coast priorities in Congress.</p> <p>I grew up on the Central Coast. My father worked as a farmworker in Ventura County. I attended UCSB while working two jobs to become the first in my family to graduate from a university. I proudly served our country in the Marine Corps Reserves, and my community as Santa Barbara County Supervisor. My wife, Gina, and I raised our family here, and now are watching our grandchildren grow up here.</p> <p>In Congress, I've focused on supporting hardworking families and growing the middle class. I helped pass laws that are creating jobs, investing in our infrastructure and clean energy, and lowering costs of living including housing and health care.</p> <p>I'm still fighting to defend reproductive freedom and restore abortion access nationwide. And as an immigrant, I am committed to advancing overdue fixes to our broken immigration system and restoring order at our borders.</p> <p>I've worked on legislation that protects our environment, addresses climate change, bans new offshore drilling off our coastline, supports our veterans, and makes our communities safer by getting guns and deadly fentanyl off our streets. At a time when Washington dysfunction is at an all-time high, I've remained focused on finding common ground across the aisle to tackle homelessness, improve child care availability, and prevent wildfires.</p> <p>I would be honored to continue working for you in Congress.</p> <p>For more information, visit SaludCarbajal.com.</p> <p>I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.</p>	<p>THOMAS COLE Age: 67 Occupation: Data Analyst Education and Qualifications: Dear voters, it's time for a decision. For the safety of your children and the protection of your nation, we need you to decide.</p> <p>Do you want a country that fights endless wars?</p> <p>Do you want \$200 billion of your tax dollars sent to Ukraine while our homeless veterans die on the streets?</p> <p>Do want a nation that has open borders?</p> <p>Do you want schools that have men competing against your daughters and in their showers?</p> <p>Do you want a nation where bicoastal political and media elites and tech barons prosper while you can't afford basic necessities?</p> <p>And, do you want continuing inflation destroying your paycheck, doubling the price of food and gas and your mortgage payment?</p> <p>Now, I offer a solution and that is to vote for me, Thomas Cole for Congress, where your vote for me will mean a vote for America. A vote for your right to have safe schools, safe borders, plentiful jobs and stable money.</p> <p>We need the government to get out of the way and allow the private sector to provide more energy jobs, more housing, and better education.</p> <p>And, government should be providing the things we cannot do ourselves, like border security, infrastructure and national defense.</p> <p>Instead, what you are getting is politicized schools promoting transgenderism, open borders with crime and thousands of homeless people -- many of them mentally disturbed and violent -- admitted into your neighborhoods.</p> <p>It's time for a change. I will be that change. Learn more at thomascoleforcongress.com</p>

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
State Senator
District 21**

S. MONIQUE LIMÓN

Occupation: California State Senator

Education and Qualifications: As a lifelong resident of the Central Coast, I'm honored to represent Santa Barbara County in the State Senate.

I have a proven record of working to improve our schools, protect our environment, expand job training, advance women's health care, protect consumers, combat the high cost of living, and bring resources to our area to prevent and fight wildfires. That's why I am proud to be supported by a broad range of community leaders including teachers, nurses, and firefighters.

Since being elected, I've worked to tackle climate change, protect consumer privacy, improve mental health care and long-term strategies to prevent homelessness, improve access to quality healthcare including aging and Alzheimer's, and help safeguard human trafficking survivors. Access to healthcare continues to be a priority for our community and I have worked with a coalition to protect and improve it. I earned a 100% voting record with Health Access California.

I've worked to protect our air, water and coastline, and earned a 100% rating from the Sierra Club and California Environmental Voters.

In response to the Supreme Court's overruling of Roe v. Wade, I co-authored Proposition 1, which passed overwhelmingly by the voters of California, to enshrine the right to choose for women in our State Constitution.

These challenging times require effective leadership and the integrity to stand up for the people of the Tri-Counties. I believe my record reflects both.

I would be honored to earn your vote for my re-election to the State Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

www.MoniqueLimonforSenate.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
State Assembly
District 37**

SARI M DOMINGUES

Occupation: Retired

Education and Qualifications: I'm Sari M Domingues, and I'm honored to be your candidate for California State Assembly District 37. Growing up in this community, I've witnessed California's potential firsthand and have experienced it's decline. It is time to stop the decline and bring California back to the strong, vibrant state we all love. With 30 years of extensive experience in public service, I had to problem solve, project manage, be detail oriented and a critical thinker. I worked with all levels of employees including front-line staff, subject matter experts, technical staff, and administration. My work experience taught me valuable lessons on collaboration and has given me strength dealing with adversity. I have earned a master degree in Organizational Leadership based on Servant Leadership. My dedication to the principles of Servant Leadership, and love for my community make me the candidate capable of bringing positive change to District 37 and the State as a whole. With your support, I'll work tirelessly to revitalize our local economy, promote job growth, strengthen our schools, and create safe and flourishing communities. Together, we can create a brighter future for District 37 and California. Please vote Sari M Domingues for California State Assembly District 37.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 4
Santa Maria-Bonita School District**

HUNTER JAMESON

Occupation: Retired Teacher/Journalist

Education and Qualifications: Clear Communication: My education, including bachelor's degrees in English from the University of Oregon and Oxford University and a doctorate from Indiana University, and jobs as teacher, newspaper reporter and editor, and benefit plan writer showed me the necessity of clear communication. I will strive for full, clear communication between schools and our students' most important educators, their parents.

Safety: I will seek to assure students' physical safety by returning resource officers to schools needing them and, as legally possible, removing disrupters and bullies from classrooms.

Protection: I will seek to protect students from pornography online or in print at our schools.

Seeking Improvement: Less than 25% of our students district-wide meet state standards in English, 16% in mathematics, and 13.1% in science. **Remedies:** Increase the number of consistently present teacher aides and other classroom support staff; develop an adequately sized substitute-teacher pool; continue to transition schools to teaching reading through the phonics rich "science of reading" approach.

Shared Culture: Foster respect for our great country's cultural heritage and history, including its founding Judeo-Christian principles as embodied in the Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, and Constitution.

For Further Information: htjameson@verizon.net

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 4
Santa Maria-Bonita School District**

RICARDO VALENCIA

Age: 41

Occupation: Teacher

Education and Qualifications: As the current President of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District Board, I bring a wealth of experience and a proven track record of effective leadership. My background includes a Master's degree in Teaching and administrative credentials in school leadership, equipping me with the skills needed to drive educational excellence.

I have served in various leadership roles, from UC Berkeley's student government to multiple committees and leadership teams at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District. This diverse experience has honed my ability to address the unique challenges faced by our students, families, teachers, and staff.

My deep commitment to education is rooted in my own journey from Santa Maria High School-where I was inspired to be the first in my family to attend college and return as a history teacher. This personal experience fuels my dedication to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

I am committed to advancing collaboration among all stakeholders to continue improving our schools and community. Your vote for Ricardo Valencia ensures experienced, dedicated leadership for the Santa Maria-Bonita School District.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR Mayor City of Santa Maria	STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR Mayor City of Santa Maria
<p>DIANA PEREZ</p> <p>Age: 58</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: Diana Perez has a New Direction for Santa Maria and the Right Experience to Make It Happen!</p> <p>Santa Maria is In Crisis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$21.3 Million Budget Deficit this fiscal year- \$20.2 Deficit next fiscal year- Depleted Reserves to Cover Fiscal Irresponsibility- Firefighters are Severely Underpaid & Understaffed- Homelessness is Straining City Services- City Hall Management in Chaos <p>Diana's New Direction for Santa Maria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Restore Reserves and Spend within our Means- Compassionately but Effectively Address Homelessness- Improve Public Safety by Paying Our Firefighters a Fair Wage- Prioritize our Veterans, Seniors, & Families with Supportive Services- Grow Santa Maria's Economy: Jobs, Business, Entertainment- Unify the Council to find Qualified and Effective Managers to Operate City Hall <p>Diana has the Right Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10 years as Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees- 24 years Director of Cal-SOAP helping Students Achieve Success at Allan Hancock College- 4 years as a California State Parks Commissioner (Off-Highway Division) <p>Together, We Can Make Santa Maria Reach Its Full Potential. Vote Diana Perez for Mayor</p>	<p>ALICE M. PATINO</p> <p>Occupation: Incumbent</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: A third generation Santa Marian, I attended local schools, graduating from Santa Maria High School, Allan Hancock College and San Jose State University. My husband and I owned and operated a small business for over thirty years.</p> <p>My community service includes 4-H leader, Santa Barbara County Human Services Commission, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Trustee, Marian Regional Medical Foundation, Dunes Center Guadalupe, Project Opioid Santa Barbara County, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, Minerva Club, Rotary, Mayors Youth Task Force, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission, Air Pollution Control District and many others.</p> <p>Public Safety is a priority. I will strive to find funds needed to foster a highly trained and visible police and fire presence. We hired 37 police officers in the past four years and will continue filling positions. For the first time in years the fire department is fully staffed.</p> <p>The General Plan decides where and how Santa Maria will grow. A plan for a population of 140,000 by 2040. This growth includes commercial, retail, schools, fire stations, parks as well as residential.</p> <p>Fiscal Responsibility is crucial. The economy has weakened the city's revenue while expenditures continue to rise. Government should never spend more money than it takes in. I will continue to make difficult decisions on controlling our budget.</p> <p>As Mayor, I have consistently supported critical services such as fire, police, libraries, housing and public works. I have opposed government wastefulness and overregulation while investing the taxpayer's dollars wisely.</p>



Appendix B - Local Measures

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN BALLOT MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS

(For measures that will be on your ballot)

Arguments in support of or in opposition to a measure are the opinions of the authors. All information for ballot measures are printed exactly as submitted to the County Elections Division, including errors.

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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE J2024
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, which is the governing board of the School District.

If approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, this measure authorizes the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (School District) to issue and sell bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$194,000,000 to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the School District's Bond Project List. The Bond Project List, as well as the full text of the measure, are printed in the voter information guide. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from the proceeds of property taxes levied on taxable property in the School District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers in the School 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 School District's estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2062-63.

The bond measure includes the following accountability requirements:

- A. A requirement that the proceeds from the bond sale be used only for the above purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
- B. A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the School District's Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.
- C. A requirement that the School District's Board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.
- D. A requirement that the School District's Board 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 the Bond Project List.
- E. If the measure is approved, the School District's Board will also establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used only to fund the projects listed in the Bond Project List, as printed in the voter information guide.
- F. If the measure is approved, the School District's Board will establish an account in which proceeds authorized by this measure shall be deposited. As long as any proceeds remain unexpended, an annual report will be filed with the Board stating the amount of funds collected and expended in that year, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded from bond proceeds.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE J2024
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

An election will be held in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$194,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If the bond measure is approved by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the bond measure, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

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 assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$24.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2062-63.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$24.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2062-63.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$438,139,696.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate, the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected and the year or years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, due to variations in the timing of bond sales, the amount or amortization of bonds sold, market conditions at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount or amortization of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. Market conditions, including, without limitation, interest rates, are affected by economic and other factors beyond the control of the District and will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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. The growth or decline in assessed valuation is the result of a number of economic and other factors outside the control of the District.

/S/ Antonio Garcia
Superintendent
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
June 12, 2024

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE J2024
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Vote YES on J for our local high schools. Relieve student overcrowding! Protect student safety! Prepare graduates for success in college and careers!

All **local high schools are severely overcrowded**. Most were built for 2,000 students, now serve more than 3,000 students, and continue to grow. Studies show that **overcrowded schools are not safe**, making it harder to respond to emergencies, increasing **health risks** and **campus violence**.

Each day, thousands of local students attend class in **50 temporary portable classrooms** that are **more than 20 years old and deteriorating**. Some have **structural damage** and **water leaks**.

Student safety and security has become a top priority for schools around the nation. Safety and security improvements are needed to **protect local students, teachers, and staff** in case of an emergency.

Voting YES on J will:

- Provide modern classrooms, labs, career training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades
- Create modern classrooms to support hands-on science instruction
- Provide classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology
- Improve student safety with modern campus security systems including fencing, cameras, emergency communications, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers
- Replace aging portables with modern, permanent classrooms

Measure J Requires Strict Fiscal Accountability and Local Control:

- By law, **no funds can be taken away by the State** or used for any purpose other than improving local high schools
- **Public disclosure of all spending, an independent oversight committee, and annual audits ensure** funds are spent as promised

Voting **Yes on J helps local high schools qualify for state matching funds** that will otherwise go to improve schools in other communities.

Join teachers, parents, grandparents, business and community leaders in voting **YES on J for local high schools**.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure J2024 at the General Election for the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Gloria Soto 7/30/2024

Santa Maria City Councilmember

/S/ Edwin Weaver 7/30/2024

Executive Director, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley

/S/ Carol Karamitsos 7/31/2024

Local Physician, Former SMJUHSD Board Member, and 30-year Resident

/S/ Dominick Palera 7/31/2024

Retired Santa Barbara County Sheriff Commander and 44-year Resident

/S/ Glenn Morris 7/31/2024

Former President/CEO, Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J2024 WAS FILED.

**FULL TEXT
MEASURE J2024
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLEGE/CAREER PREPARATION MEASURE

This measure may be known and referred to as the "Santa Maria Joint Union High School District College/Career Preparation Measure" or as "Measure J2024. "

KEY FINDINGS

- The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District") serves almost 9,000 local students at three comprehensive high schools, providing the knowledge and skills graduates need to succeed in college and the workforce.
- The District strives for every student to graduate with a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering, math, and skilled trades so they are equipped for the world ahead.
- All local high schools in the District are severely overcrowded, most having been built for 2,000 students and now serving more than 3,000 students.
- Overcrowded schools make it difficult for students to access classes, programs, support, and activities needed to succeed academically and for a well-rounded education.
- Studies show that overcrowded schools are not safe, increasing health risks, campus violence, and complicating responses to school emergencies.
- Each day, hundreds of students attend class in more than 50 portable classrooms that are more than 20 years old, are deteriorating, have structural damage, and leaky roofs.
- To relieve student overcrowding and provide the classrooms, labs, and job training facilities needed to prepare students for graduation, the District is planning for a new high school.
- Because the State does not provide dedicated funding for school facility improvements, classrooms and school facilities must be funded locally.
- The Board of Education (the "Board") of the District believes that locally controlled funding from a school facilities improvement bond measure is needed.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern classrooms, labs, career training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would provide classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high-quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would improve student safety with modern campus security systems including fencing, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers.
- Funds from a school facilities improvement bond measure would replace aging portables that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms.
- A local school facilities improvement bond measure would require strict fiscal accountability protections, including public disclosure of all spending, an independent citizens' oversight committee and audits to help ensure funds are spent as promised.
- No funds from a school improvement bond measure could be taken away by the State or used for any purpose other than improving local high school facilities.
- No funds from a school improvement bond measure could be used for administrator salaries, pensions, or benefits.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the measure, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$194,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled "BOND PROJECT LIST" below (the "Bond Project List"), and allow the district to qualify to receive potential State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the Constitution of the State of California (the "California Constitution"), and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board has evaluated the facilities needs of the District to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. To address the facilities needs of the District, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to fund the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the 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. More specifically, the Bond Project List provides for the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure and such proceeds shall be applied only to those specific purposes.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*, the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the California Education Code, to ensure that (a) bond revenues are expended only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and (b) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses. In accordance with Section 15282 of the California Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. The committee may be comprised of the same members of the citizens' oversight committees for other District bond measures. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(D) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53410 and following, upon approval of this measure 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 authorized by this measure shall be deposited. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53411, as long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the chief fiscal officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board at least once a year, stating (a) the amount of funds collected and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the chief fiscal officer of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Joint-Use Projects. The District may enter into agreements with other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of the school facilities financed with the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure in accordance with California Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this measure

hereby specifies and acknowledges that, subject to the limitations on the uses provided for herein, the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board shall determine.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this measure shall be united and voted upon as one single measure, pursuant to California Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Bonds may be issued in Excess of Statutory Bonding Limit. Issuance of all of the authorized bonds might require the outstanding debt of the District to exceed its statutory bonding limit (currently 1.25% of the total assessed valuation of taxable property in the District). In that event, the District intends to seek a waiver of its bonding limit from the State Board of Education, which has the power to waive certain requirements of the California Education Code applicable to the District. By approval of this measure, the voters have authorized the District to seek such a waiver, and to issue authorized bonds in excess of the District's statutory bonding limit as the State Board of Education may approve. No such waiver has yet been sought or granted.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this bond measure and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond measure. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or school facility site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. In so far as permitted by law, each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, permitting and entitlements, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim facility costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain project funds expected from non-local bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bond proceeds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-local bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure are as follows:

DISTRICT WIDE PROJECTS	
The following projects are authorized to be financed at all school facilities sites District wide:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construct or acquire and install additional classrooms and related facilities.• Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install restrooms.• Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install skill shops and community services buildings.• Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install physical education facilities and grounds, including gymnasiums, weight rooms, locker rooms, fields, courts, turf, outside instructional areas, paved and other hard surfaces, and replace, acquire and/or install furniture, equipment and fixtures in such facilities and areas.	
All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the California Education Code (or any successor provision).	

CONSTRUCT HIGH SCHOOL

Acquisition and construction of a new high school and related facilities, including:

- Acquisition of land and any rights-of-way and easements made necessary by construction of such facilities.
- Planning, designing and constructing the school and related facilities, including digital arts labs, science labs, a culinary arts classroom, wood and welding shops, a band room, a choral and drama room and sports facilities.
- Associated onsite and offsite development and other improvements made necessary by construction of such facilities.
- Acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment related to the newly constructed facilities.

All or portions of this project may be used as a joint-use project within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the California Education Code (or any successor provision).

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Planning and designing necessary for listed bond projects.
- The inspection, sampling and analysis of grounds, buildings and building materials to determine the presence of hazardous materials or substances, including asbestos, lead, etc., and the encapsulation, removal, disposal and other remediation or control of such hazardous materials and substances.
- Seismic and historical evaluations, site surveys (including topographic, geological and utility surveys), and infrastructure analyses.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings or other temporary buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; and relocating fire access roads or ingress/egress pathways.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct other improvements required to comply with building codes, including seismic safety requirements, the Field Act, and access requirements.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, licenses and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property made necessary by the listed bond projects.
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel.
- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other school facilities; furnishing and equipping shall include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of technology.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, or make lease payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance or refinance the listed school facilities projects.
- All other costs and work necessary or incidental to the listed bond projects.

PROJECTS INVOLVING RENOVATION, REHABILITATION OR REPAIR

For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition) if the Board determines that replacement new construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation or repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such words as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used in the Bond Project List to describe school facilities projects in plain English and are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond, or have an effect on, and shall be interpreted to only permit, what is authorized under Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. In this regard, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds

authorized by this measure for current maintenance, operations or repairs. The school facilities projects on the Bond Project List only authorize capital expenditures.

Estimated Ballot Information. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this bond measure concur, that the information included in the statement of the bond measure to be voted on pursuant to Section 13119 of the California Elections Code is based upon the District's projections and estimates only and is not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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.

Headings. The headings or titles of the sections of the bond measure, including any headings or titles included in the Bond Project List, are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of the bond measure.

Severability. The Board and the voters hereby declare that every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, application and individual project (individually referred to as "Part" and collectively as "Parts"), of this bond measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each Part hereof regardless of whether any other Part of this bond measure would be subsequently declared invalid. Upon approval of this bond measure by the voters, should any Part of this bond measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining Parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the Parts of this bond measure are severable.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

Approval of Measure J2024 does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure J2024 will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure J2024. 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.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE K2024
SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Education of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District, which is the governing board of the School District.

If approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, this measure authorizes the Santa Maria-Bonita School District (School District) to issue and sell bonds of up to \$77,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the District's Bond Project List. The Bond Project List, as well as the full text of the measure, are printed in the voter information guide. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from property taxes levied on taxable property in the School District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers in the School 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 School District's estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053-54.

The bond measure includes the following accountability requirements:

- A. A requirement that the proceeds from the bond sale be used only for the above purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
- B. A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the School District's Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.
- C. A requirement that the School District's Board conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.
- D. A requirement that the School District's Board 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 the Bond Project List.
- E. If the measure is approved, the School District's Board will also establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used only to fund the projects listed in the Bond Project List, as printed in the voter information guide.
- F. If the measure is approved, the School District's Board will establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be deposited. An annual report will be filed with the Board stating the amount of proceeds received and expended in the past year, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded with bond proceeds.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE K2024
SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT

An election will be held in the Santa Maria-Bonita School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$77,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If the bond measure is approved by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the bond measure, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

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 assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$29.55 per \$100,000 (2.955 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2053-54.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$30.00 per \$100,000 (3.000 cents per \$100) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2027-28.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$165,246,560.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate, the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected and the year or years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, due to variations in the timing of bond sales, the amount or amortization of bonds sold, market conditions at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount or amortization of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. Market conditions, including, without limitation, interest rates, are affected by economic and other factors beyond the control of the District and will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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. The growth or decline in assessed valuation is the result of a number of economic and other factors outside the control of the District.

/S/ Darren McDuffie, Superintendent
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
June 12, 2024

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE K2024
SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Every child deserves to learn in safe, modern school facilities. Help continue to make it true for the youngest learners in OUR community.
VOTE YES on Measure K.

Ten years ago, our voters approved Measure T, a local school bond authorizing upgrades to Santa Maria-Bonita School District (SMBSD) neighborhood elementary and junior high schools. Since then, as Measure T projects were delivered on time and on budget, families have continued moving into our community, and enrollment has climbed even higher. Several SMBSD schools built for 600 students, now serve over 1,000 students. Some classrooms are still bursting at the seams.

Studies show that overcrowded, aging schools are not safe. Overcrowding makes it harder to respond in emergencies, elevates health risks, and increases potential for conflict at school.

To improve the local quality of education, we need additional classrooms and upgrades to schools built over 50 years ago. Measure K will help.

Measure K will:

- **Upgrade** classrooms for high quality reading, writing, science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) instruction
- **Renovate** older schools to match safety and academic standards of newer schools
- **Construct** additional classrooms/schools to reduce overcrowding
- **Repair** leaky roofs, deteriorated plumbing, electrical, gas, sewer and building systems
- **Replace** aging portables with modern permanent classrooms
- **Improve** school safety/security

Taxpayer safeguards are MANDATORY. ALL Measure K FUNDS STAY LOCAL benefiting SMBSD schools and children. NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries or pensions. Independent Citizens' Oversight, annual audits, and transparent public reporting ensure funds are spent properly.

Whether you have school-age children or not, protecting the quality of our neighborhood schools is a wise investment. That's why teachers, parents, school leaders and residents representing EVERY Santa Maria-Bonita School District neighborhood are VOTING YES on K.

Make YOUR vote count, for **our** children, for **our** community.

VOTE YES on Measure K.

www.YesonKforSantaMariaKids.com

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure K2024 at the General Election for the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Vedamarie "Veda" R. Alvarez-Flores 7/30/2024
Retired 38-Year Santa Maria-Bonita Teacher

/S/ Steve Lavagnino 7/30/2024
Supervisor, 5th District

/S/ Theresa Diaz 7/30/2024
Principal, Tunnell (Martin Luther) Elementary School, SMBSD

/S/ Feliciano Aguilar 7/30/2024
North County 2022 Leader of the Year, SMJU High School Board Member

/S/ LaWanda Lyons-Pruitt 7/30/2024
NAACP President, 2022 Congressional Woman of the Year

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K2024 WAS FILED.

**FULL TEXT
MEASURE K2024
SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT [SCHOOL SAFETY, RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION] MEASURE

This measure may be known and referred to as the "Santa Maria-Bonita School District [School Safety, Renovation, and Construction] Measure" or as "Measure K".

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the voters of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District (the "District") voting on the measure, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$77,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled "BOND PROJECT LIST" below (the "Bond Project List"), and allow the district to qualify to receive potential State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure so that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the Constitution of the State of California (the "California Constitution"), and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has evaluated the facilities needs of the District to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. To address the facilities needs of the District, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to fund the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the 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. More specifically, the Bond Project List provides for the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure and such proceeds shall be applied only to those specific purposes.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*, the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the California Education Code, to ensure that (a) bond revenues are expended only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the California Constitution, and (b) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses. In accordance with Section 15282 of the California Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. The committee may be comprised of the same members of the citizens' oversight committees for other District bond measures. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(D) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the

proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53410 and following, upon approval of this measure 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 authorized by this measure shall be deposited. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53411, as long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the chief fiscal officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board at least once a year, stating (a) the amount of funds collected and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the chief fiscal officer of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this measure shall be united and voted upon as one single measure, pursuant to California Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this bond measure and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond measure. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or school facility site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. In so far as permitted by law, each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, permitting and entitlements, inspection, and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain project funds expected from non-local bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bond proceeds will provide sufficient funds to allow the completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-local bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure are as follows:

DISTRICT-WIDE PROJECTS	
The following projects are authorized to be financed at all school facilities sites District-wide:	
Creating/upgrading classrooms that improve foundational learning and facilitate class size reduction, core academics, specialized instruction, learning support, and early education for our youngest learners.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct or acquire and install additional classrooms and related facilities. • Construct, reconfigure, modify and/or acquire and install school facilities and improvements to school grounds to create innovative indoor and outdoor learning areas and spaces, including outdoor learning areas, shade structures, and walkways. • Modernize, upgrade, renovate, rehabilitate, re-configure, expand and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, restrooms, common areas, and school support facilities (including library, multipurpose room/auditorium, food storage, preparation and 	

service, cafeteria, and office/staff support facilities), whether permanent, portable or modular, including interior and exterior (as applicable) doors, windows, door and window hardware, roofs, rain gutters and downspouts, pillars, structural supports, walls, ceilings and floors and finishes, paint, siding, insulation, casework, surfaces, cabinets, secured storage, carpets, drapes, window coverings, infrastructure, lighting, sinks, drinking fountains, fixtures, signage, furniture, and equipment.

- Construct, replace, improve, renovate, and/or acquire and install Early Learning Centers and construct, improve, and/or expand Transitional Kindergarten facilities and learning spaces.

Renovating older schools so they meet current health and safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities, and remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older school sites.

- Renovate, construct, replace, and/or modernize all classrooms for current educational standards, including acquiring, installing, and/or upgrading technology equipment, fixtures, and infrastructure.
- Construct, replace, improve, renovate, and/or acquire and install restrooms.
- Construct, replace, improve, renovate, and/or acquire and install kitchens and food preparation facilities.
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities.

Constructing new schools and classrooms to accommodate our growing student enrollment.

Acquisition and construction of an elementary and/or junior high school and related facilities, designed to meet student housing needs and reduce student overcrowding, including:

- Acquisition of land and any rights-of-way and easements made necessary by construction of such facilities.
- Planning, designing, and constructing the school and related facilities.
- Associated onsite and offsite development and other improvements made necessary by the construction of such facilities.
- Acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment related to the newly constructed facilities.

Repairing deteriorated school facilities - e.g. leaky roofs and deteriorated gas lines, plumbing and sewers, HVAC, ventilation, electrical systems, etc.

- Remove, repair, and refinish building and site areas damaged by dry rot, water, termites, etc.
- Erosion mitigation improvements to grounds and buildings.
- Upgrade, construct, expand, and/or acquire and install safety and security improvements, equipment, fixtures, and systems, including fencing, gates, master key and lock systems, lighting, alarm systems, fire detection and suppression systems, emergency signage, safety doors, camera and video surveillance systems, and emergency communication systems.
- Make safety and accessibility improvements and/or eliminate or mitigate health and safety risks and/or comply with local, state, and federal building, health, safety, access, and other related requirements, including requirements of the Field Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Replacing aging portable classrooms. Replace outdated portables with permanent classrooms to continue supporting high-quality teaching and learning.

- Replace aging, outdated portables that are expensive to repair with modern permanent classrooms.
- Remove unneeded aging and outdated portables including restoration, improvement, and integration of remaining areas to, among other things, ensure safe access to outdoor learning, physical education, and other learning community opportunities are created and available.

Improve safety/campus security. Upgrade emergency communication systems, security cameras, and electronic door locks, improve fencing, security lighting, parking, crosswalks, pick-up/drop-off zones, and safe, reliable utility connections.

- Replace and/or acquire and install refrigeration, heating, ventilation, and cooling (including HVAC) systems.
- Replace, upgrade, construct, and/or acquire and install electrical systems (including wiring and related infrastructure for modern technology).
- Repair, replace, upgrade, and/or install water systems, septic systems, well storage tanks, gas systems, and plumbing systems, including drainage, irrigation, and sewer systems.
- Reconfigure, renovate, repair, resurface, improve, and/or expand parking lots and related areas, including ingress and egress areas, student pick-up/drop-off areas, and parking areas.
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from older school sites.

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Planning, designing, and providing temporary housing necessary for listed bond projects.

- The inspection, sampling, and analysis of grounds, buildings, and building materials to determine the presence of hazardous materials or substances, including asbestos, lead, etc., and the encapsulation, removal, disposal, and other remediation or control of such hazardous materials and substances.
- Seismic and historical evaluations, site surveys (including topographic, geological, and utility surveys), and infrastructure analyses.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings or other temporary buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data, and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; and relocating fire access roads or ingress/egress pathways.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation, or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct other improvements required to comply with building codes, including seismic safety requirements, the Field Act, and access requirements.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, licenses, and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property made necessary by the listed bond projects.
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel.
- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other school facilities; furnishing and equipping shall include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades, and updating of technology.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or interest therein, or make lease payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance or refinance the listed school facilities projects.
- All other costs and work necessary or incidental to the listed bond projects.

PROJECTS INVOLVING RENOVATION, REHABILITATION OR REPAIR

For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation, or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition) if the Board determines that replacement new construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation or repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost, and other relevant factors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such words as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used in the Bond Project List to describe school facilities projects in plain English and are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond, or have an effect on, and shall be interpreted to only permit, what is authorized under Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. In this regard, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure for current maintenance, operations, or repairs. The school facilities projects on the Bond Project List only authorize capital expenditures.

Estimated Ballot Information. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this bond measure concur, that the information included in the statement of the bond measure to be voted on pursuant to Section 13119 of the California Elections Code is based upon the District's projections and estimates only and is not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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.

Headings. The headings or titles of the sections of the bond measure, including any headings or titles included in the Bond Project List, are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, or effect of the bond measure.

Severability. The Board and the voters hereby declare that every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, application, and individual project (individually referred to as "Part" and collectively as "Parts"), of this bond measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each Part hereof regardless of whether any other Part of this bond measure would be subsequently declared invalid. Upon approval of this bond measure by the voters, should any Part of this bond measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining Parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the Parts of this bond measure are severable.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

Approval of Measure K2024 does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Santa Maria-Bonita School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure K2024 will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure K2024. 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.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY
COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara in order to increase the transient occupancy tax (commonly referred to as the "Hotel Tax") rate from 12% to 14%. Although the County tax is collected only in the unincorporated areas of the County, the law requires that there be a countywide vote on the question of increasing the tax rate to 14%.

This measure passes if approved by a majority of voters voting thereon.

The California Constitution and the Government Code authorize the County, upon a majority vote, to levy a general tax. The Revenue and Taxation Code authorizes the County to levy a tax on the privilege of occupying a room or rooms, or other living space, in a hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging for 30 days or less in the unincorporated areas of the County.

The transient occupancy tax is a general tax. Revenues from the transient occupancy tax go into the County's general fund and may be used for general governmental purposes, without restriction.

The transient occupancy tax rate is currently at 12%. This measure would authorize the increase of the transient occupancy tax rate to 14%. According to the Ordinance, the increased tax rate of 14% would take effect beginning January 1, 2025. If the measure does not pass, the transient occupancy tax rate would remain at 12%.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

**SUMMARY OF IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY
COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

A YES vote on this measure means:

A majority "yes" vote means that the County of Santa Barbara's Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Tax) rate will increase to 14%.

A NO vote on this measure means:

A majority "no" vote means that the Hotel Tax rate will remain at 12%.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT BY
COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Summary

This measure would increase County revenues by increasing the existing County of Santa Barbara unincorporated area Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 12% to 14% of the daily rent paid for lodging. The current transient occupancy tax rate of 12% generated \$17,746,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 for the County. If this measure is approved, the tax rate would increase to 14% and is estimated to generate an additional \$3.0 million annually. The total of the tax collected changes on an annual basis as a result of increases or decreases in lodging rates and lodging occupancy.

Revenue generated by the transient occupancy tax is considered general revenue for the County General Fund. This tax source is a significant discretionary General Fund tax source. This revenue is expended on general County government services and capital needs for public safety, law and justice, health services, public assistance, community resources, public facilities, administrative, and other general government purposes.

Background

Local governments were first granted the power to tax the privilege of occupying a room or living space in a hotel, motel, inn, short-term rentals, and other lodging establishments when rented for 30 days or less, in 1963. The Transient Occupancy Tax (also commonly referred to as TOT or hotel bed tax) is collected by the lodging provider in the unincorporated area of the County then remitted to the County Treasurer-Tax Collector for deposit as general revenue to the County.

/S/ Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA
County Auditor-Controller

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Protect our quality of life for local residents -- vote **YES on H** to update Santa Barbara County's Tourist Tax. Your YES on H vote generates money for the core services you expect and deserve: improving 911 response services, fixing potholes, repairing roads damaged during winter storms, and upgrading aging and deteriorating bridges. Funding is needed to carry out more local flood control projects and clean out storm drains to prevent mudslides and protect homes.

YES on H generates \$3,000,000 annually to maintain these services -- and is 100% paid for by tourists and lodging guests visiting unincorporated Santa Barbara County communities. Vote YES on H to ensure tourists pay their fair share of the services they use when visiting our amazing region.

YES on H:

- Protects groundwater supplies.
- Maintains 911 emergency, wildfire, and disaster response services.
- Addresses homelessness.
- Repairs deteriorating bridges, roads, and other transportation infrastructure.

All funds generated by **YES on H** are subject to the County's strict accountability provisions, ensuring public transparency on how funds are spent. This includes online budget and expenditure reports and annual independent audits available for public review.

State and federal governments can't take a dime of the money generated by Measure H. By law, all funds raised are controlled locally and will be used to maintain the services so many families need. Join First Responders, small business owners, and residents from every corner of our amazing county.

Protect the region we all love, without raising your taxes -- vote **YES on H!**

For the official text of Measure H, visit www.countyofsb.org.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Joan Hartmann
County 3rd District Supervisor 8/1/2024

/S/ Das Williams
County 1st District Supervisor 8/1/2024

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

VOTE NO ON MEASURE H: WE DON'T NEED HIGHER TAXES

Just months ago, Santa Barbara County Supervisors passed the largest budget in county history -- \$1.59 BILLION. This record-high county budget represented a 7.3% increase from the previous year, but now we're being told we need Measure H to raise taxes by another \$3 million a year.

MEASURE H IS A BAIT AND SWITCH TRICK

The truth is politicians often will promise one thing then do another. Measure H says the taxes will go towards things that are popular with voters like public safety, roads, and addressing homelessness, but Measure H contains a giant loophole that allows politicians to spend the money on anything they want, including administrative costs, outside consultants, pay raises, and pensions.

MEASURE H GIVES POLITICIANS A \$3 MILLION BLANK CHECK

The politicians say Measure H is for "essential" community services, but because it was put on the ballot as a General Tax, the funds won't be dedicated to addressing a specific problem and there are NO guarantees on how our tax money will be spent. Measure H gives politicians a blank check with no accountability.

MEASURE H IS FLAWED

Measure H's higher taxes will hurt small and family-owned businesses. If we're going to raise taxes, we need *real protections* ensuring our tax dollars will go where promised and not end up diverted to the General Fund, where the money can be used for other purposes.

We need better accountability from politicians, not just higher taxes. Vote NO on Measure H.

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Tom Widroe
Taxpayer Advocate 8/6/2024

/S/ Lorena Chavez
Farm Management 8/6/2024

/S/ June Van Wingerden
Flower Grower 8/6/2024

/S/ Kari Campbell Bohard
Ranch Management 8/6/2024

/S/ Andy Caldwell
Government Watchdog COLAB 8/6/2024

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Supervisors Are Wasting Tax Dollars; Don't Give Them More of Your Hard-Earned Money!

The county makes no specific promises as to how they will spend this \$3 million tax and that should tell you something! The *real reason* county supervisors want to raise taxes is because they refuse to reduce the size and cost of their workforce of 4,763 employees. That is, the odds are the money from this tax will be used for out-of-control county employee salaries and benefits which cost \$824 million per year and average \$170,000 per employee which is twice as much as what most residents earn.

The supervisors' misplaced priorities include a \$400 million deficit in maintaining our roads and infrastructure and a plan to reduce the capacity of the jail to hold criminals. They wasted \$250 million on a "trash digester" that doesn't work. Millions more were squandered when the county was convicted of a felony for an oil spill for which they were responsible, not to mention their attempt to steal a contract for ambulance services which encouraged a judge to slap them with a preliminary injunction! County supervisors also burned through \$100 million in extra (COVID) money from the state and federal government and they have little to show for it.

Supervisors haven't laid off any workers in years, instead, they have been cutting services and raising fees for services to residents! Why is that? The sad truth is that our county government's top priority is to serve its employees, not the public, at taxpayer expense! More than one half of their \$1.6 billion budget goes into the pockets of county employees. Please don't vote for higher taxes until county supervisors tighten their own belt as working families have had to do. Vote NO on Measure H2024.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument against Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Tom Widroe
Taxpayer Advocate 7/30/2024

/S/ Lorena Chavez
Farm Management 7/29/2024

/S/ June Van Wingerden
Flower Grower 7/30/2024

/S/ Kari Campbell Bohard
Campbell Ranches 7/29/2024

/S/ Andy Caldwell
Government Watchdog COLAB 7/29/2024

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Opponents of Measure H claim it will impact your money, but that is completely false. Measure H is funded solely by tourists staying in 24 hotels outside of our cities - (local residents will not face any tax increase.) Here's why Measure H is a smart choice:

- 1. Transparent:** Measure H clearly identifies priorities for County expenditures, such as:
 - **Enhance Emergency Services:** Improve response times and capabilities for better safety.
 - **Repair Roads:** Fix damage from recent storms to ensure safe transportation.
 - **Address Homelessness:** Invest in effective programs to manage and reduce homelessness.
 - **Flooding Protection:** Prevent flooding by cleaning storm drains (protecting homes and businesses).
- 2. Tourist-Funded, (Not Resident-Funded):** We live in one of the most desirable places to visit in the world. Measure H ensures these visitors contribute a small additional amount to support the parks, roads and services they enjoy, instead of burdening local residents.
- 3. Local Control and Economic Benefits:** Measure H funds will be managed locally, ensuring they directly benefit our community rather than being redirected by state or federal agencies. This investment supports local businesses, enhances public safety, and boosts our economy.
- 4. Comprehensive Accountability:** Measure H guarantees transparency through public budget hearings and independent audits (ensuring funds are used efficiently.)

By voting YES on Measure H, you support a responsible solution for maintaining and improving essential services (*without increasing taxes for local residents*). This measure is a practical step to keep our infrastructure strong and our county thriving. **Vote YES on H!**

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument against Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Laura Capps
County 2nd District Supervisor 8/9/2024

/S/ Steve Lavagnino
County 5th District Supervisor 8/9/2024

**FULL TEXT
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

ORDINANCE NO. 5217

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32-12 OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE
TO INCREASE THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX RATE TO
FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%)

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: VOTER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE SECTION 32-12. Section 32-12 of the Santa Barbara County Code is hereby set forth for voter approval to read as follows:

Sec. 32-12. Transient Occupancy Tax

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of fourteen percent (14%) of the rent charged by the operator. Such tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the County which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the County. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the hotel. If for any reason the tax is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the County Tax Collector may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the County Tax Collector. The tax rate of fourteen percent (14%) shall take effect beginning January 1, 2025. In the interim period between the November 5, 2024 election and January 1, 2025, for the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of twelve percent (12%) of the rent charged by the operator.

SECTION II: NATURE OF TAX. If approved by a majority of the electorate voting on the measure, the ordinance will increase the current transient occupancy tax rate to fourteen percent (14%) of rent charged. The transient occupancy tax is a tax imposed upon transients for the privilege of occupying defined hotels located within the unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County. The tax would be collected by hotel operators in the same manner as the current transient occupancy tax is collected. The collection of the tax from hotel operators would be administered by the Santa Barbara County Tax Collector as provided in Chapter 32, Article II of the Santa Barbara County Code.

SECTION III: GENERAL TAX. The transient occupancy tax imposed by this ordinance is a general tax within the meaning of Government Code Section 53721 and Article XIII C, Section 1 (a) of the California Constitution. The revenue generated by this general tax is available for general government use and purposes. To that end, the Auditor- Controller is instructed to deposit the revenue from the tax into the County General Fund. The County shall include an estimate of the revenue from this general tax, together with the estimates of other revenue sources, in the tabulation that is annually required to be prepared by Government Code Section 29060. The revenue from this general tax shall be made available to the Board of Supervisors for annual appropriation in the County's budget for any lawful expenditure. Nothing in this ordinance nor in any other ordinance, advisory measure, resolution, or policy shall be construed as limiting, in any way, the amount or the objects of the appropriations and expenditures that can be made from the revenue of the tax nor be construed as creating a continuing appropriation. The tax will remain in effect unless and until repealed.

SECTION IV: EFFECT. Voter approval of this ordinance shall have the effect of increasing the transient occupancy tax.

SECTION V: COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), adoption of this tax increase ordinance as a government funding mechanism is not a project subject to the requirements of CEQA. Prior to commencement of any project that may result from the expenditure of revenues from this tax increase, any necessary environmental review required by CEQA shall be completed.

SECTION VI: SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VII: ELECTION. An election shall be held on November 5, 2024, on the issue of increasing the current transient occupancy tax rate to fourteen percent (14%) of rent charged. If the measure is defeated, the transient occupancy tax will remain at the existing transient occupancy tax rate of twelve percent (12%) of rent charged.

SECTION VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of the electorate voting on the ordinance at the November 5, 2024 general election.



ELECTION OFFICERS WANTED!

The County of Santa Barbara Elections Division is seeking volunteers to serve on Election Day, November 5, 2024.

Paid positions from \$220-\$350

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be available to work on Election Day, November 5, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Registered to vote in the State of California or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Bilingual Spanish speakers needed throughout the county. Chinese, Korean, and Tagalog speakers needed in certain areas.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

County of Santa Barbara Elections Division,
PO Box 61510, Santa Barbara CA 93160-1510
Phone: 1 (800) 722-8683 (press option 5),
Email: poll1@countyofsb.org; or
Website: countyofsb.org/1006/

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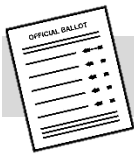
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Appendix C - Sample Ballot Information

Sample Ballots are available in English and Spanish. Sample Ballots may also be available in Chinese, Korean, and Tagalog depending on your precinct. Please see the Language Assistance section of this guide for more information.

How to Use the Sample Ballot

Use the Sample Ballot in this guide to review the contests and measures you will find on your official ballot. You may use the Sample Ballot as a “practice ballot” before you mark and vote your official ballot.

Notice to All Voters Regarding the United States Senate Contests

There are two United States Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election ballot.

- The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.
- The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

Party Endorsements for Voter-Nominated Offices – Submitted at the option of the Political Party

Not all parties submit endorsements and some parties may endorse a candidate from another party. A candidate’s party preference does not necessarily mean that they have that party’s endorsement or support.

The following political parties have submitted endorsements and have been listed below in the order of the County of Santa Barbara randomized alphabet drawing.

Office	Republican Party	American Independent Party	Democratic Party
U.S. Senator Full Term	No endorsement submitted	No endorsement submitted	Adam B. Schiff
U.S. Senator Partial/Unexpired Term	No endorsement submitted	No endorsement submitted	Adam B. Schiff
U.S. Representative District 24	Thomas Cole	Thomas Cole	Salud Carbajal
State Senator District 21	Elijah Mack	Elijah Mack	S. Monique Limón
Member of the State Assembly District 37	Sari M. Domingues	Sari M. Domingues	Gregg Hart

Sample Ballot

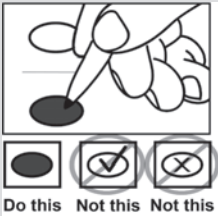
SAMPLE BALLOT

Ballot Type: 145

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

24TH CONGRESSIONAL, 21ST SENATE, 37TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Instructions for Voting



- To vote for a candidate, completely fill in the oval next to the candidate's name or the word "Yes" or "No."
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.
- If you make a mistake: contact the elections official for instructions or to obtain another ballot.
- Make sure your vote counts, use a Blue or Black ballpoint pen.
- Do not select more candidates than the number to be elected. You may vote in as many or as few contests as you want.
- A mistake in one contest does not affect the rest of the ballot.

Party-Nominated Offices	Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices	NONPARTISAN OFFICES
Candidates for these offices are the official nominee of the party displayed with their name.	Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval.	SCHOOL
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	UNITED STATES SENATOR	COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
President and Vice President	There are two U.S. Senate contests on this ballot.	Governing Board Member Trustee Area 4
Vote for One Party	• One for the regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031	Vote for One
DONALD J. TRUMP For President JD VANCE For Vice President	• One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025 <td>PATRINA JONES Technician</td>	PATRINA JONES Technician
CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ For President KARINA GARCIA For Vice President	You may vote for both contests.	GUY R. WALKER Financial Advisor
KAMALA D. HARRIS For President TIM WALZ For Vice President	United States Senator Full Term	
ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. For President NICOLE SHANAHAN For Vice President	Vote for One	Write-In
CHASE OLIVER For President MIKE TER MAAT For Vice President	STEVE GARVEY Party Preference: Republican Professional Baseball Representative	SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT
JILL STEIN For President RUDOLPH WARE For Vice President	ADAM B. SCHIFF Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative	Governing Board Member Trustee Area 4
	United States Senator Partial/Unexpired Term	Vote for One
	Vote for One	HUNTER JAMESON Retired Writer
	STEVE GARVEY Party Preference: Republican Professional Baseball Representative	RICARDO VALENCIA Governing Board Member, Santa Maria-Bonita School District
	ADAM B. SCHIFF Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative	
	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE	CITY
	United States Representative District 24	CITY OF SANTA MARIA
	Vote for One	Mayor
	THOMAS COLE Party Preference: Republican Campaign Data Analyst	Vote for One
	SALUD CARBAJAL Party Preference: Democratic Member of Congress	ANDREW "ANDY" FOSTER
	STATE SENATOR	DIANA PEREZ College Administrator
	State Senator District 21	ALICE M. PATINO City of Santa Maria Mayor
	Vote for One	WILLIAM "WILL" SMITH Reverend
	S. MONIQUE LIMÓN Party Preference: Democratic California State Senator	
	ELIJAH MACK Party Preference: Republican College Student	Write-In
	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY	City Clerk
	Member of the State Assembly District 37	Vote for One
	Vote for One	PATTI RODRIGUEZ Incumbent
	SARI M. DOMINGUES Party Preference: Republican Retired Business Analyst	
	GREGG HART Party Preference: Democratic State Assemblymember	Write-In
		Treasurer
		Vote for One
		TERESSA HALL Incumbent
		Write-In

Sample Ballot

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		SCHOOL	
STATE		SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	
<p>PROPOSITION 2 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond. Supporters: California Teachers Association; California School Nurses Organization; Community College League of California Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association</p>		<p>MEASURE J2024 Santa Maria Joint Union High School District College/Career Preparation Measure. To provide up-to-date classrooms/labs/career training facilities that prepare students for college and in-demand careers in science, engineering, technology, skilled trades; make student safety/school security improvements; replace aging portables; and construct school facilities to relieve overcrowding, shall Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's measure authorizing \$194,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, be adopted, levying approximately \$24/\$100,000 assessed valuation (\$13,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight/audits/all funds controlled locally?</p>	
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>		<p>BONDS-YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BONDS-NO <input type="radio"/></p>	
SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT			
<p>PROPOSITION 3 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MARRIAGE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends California Constitution to recognize fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. Fiscal Impact: No change in revenues or costs for state and local governments. Supporters: Sierra Pacific Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Equality California Opponents: Jonathan Keller, California Family Council; Rev. Tanner DiBella</p>		<p>MEASURE K2024 To repair, modernize, and construct elementary/junior-high school classrooms, science labs, and facilities that reduce overcrowding and support student achievement in science, technology, reading, writing, arts, and math; improve school safety/security; and fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical, infrastructure, shall Santa Maria-Bonita School District's measure authorizing \$77,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, be adopted, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 assessed value (averaging \$5,700,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, independent audits, and all money locally controlled?</p>	
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>		<p>BONDS-YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BONDS-NO <input type="radio"/></p>	
COUNTY			
<p>PROPOSITION 4 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$400 million annually for 40 years to repay the bond. Supporters: Clean Water Action; CALFIRE Firefighters; National Wildlife Federation; The Nature Conservancy Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association</p>		<p>MEASURE H2024 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES MEASURE. To fund local services such as: maintaining 911 emergency communications; gang prevention; repairing deteriorating bridges, potholes, roads, transportation infrastructure; protecting groundwater; addressing homelessness; and general county services/purposes, shall the ordinance increasing Santa Barbara County's Transient Occupancy Tax (paid only by hotel/ short-term rental guests), in unincorporated areas (excluding cities), from 12% to 14%, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring public audits; all funds locally controlled, be adopted?</p>	
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>		<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>PROPOSITION 5 ALLOWS LOCAL BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH 55% VOTER APPROVAL. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low- and middle-income Californians with 55% vote. Accountability requirements. Fiscal Impact: Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters. Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes. Supporters: California Professional Firefighters; League of Women Voters of California; Habitat for Humanity California Opponents: California Taxpayers Association; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; Women Veterans Alliance</p>		<p>PROPOSITION 35 PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services. Fiscal Impact: Short-term state costs between roughly \$1 billion and \$2 billion annually to increase funding for certain health programs. Total funding increase between roughly \$2 billion to \$5 billion annually. Unknown long-term fiscal effects. Supporters: Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists; American Academy of Pediatrics, CA Opponents: None submitted</p>	
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>		<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>PROPOSITION 6 ELIMINATES CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ALLOWING INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends the California Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (<i>i.e.</i>, forcing incarcerated persons to work). Fiscal Impact: Potential increase or decrease in state and local costs, depending on how work for people in state prison and county jail changes. Any effect likely would not exceed the tens of millions of dollars annually. Supporters: Assemblymember Lori Wilson Opponents: None submitted</p>		<p>PROPOSITION 36 ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950, if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions. Fiscal Impact: State criminal justice costs likely ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Local criminal justice costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually. Supporters: Crime Victims United of California; California District Attorneys Association; Family Business Association of California Opponents: Diana Becton, District Attorney Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice</p>	
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>		<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	



Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
 - ★ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
 - ★ at least 18 years old
 - ★ registered where you currently live
 - ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list. You will vote using a provisional ballot.**
Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,
Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office,
or at your polling place, or
Vote using a provisional ballot.
6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights or if you are aware of any fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

 **On the web at sos.ca.gov**

 **By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)**

 **By email at elections@sos.ca.gov**



Attention Voters

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- *DO NOT* illegally vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to vote or aide another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- *DO NOT* engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- *DO NOT* challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- *DO NOT* possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *DO NOT* forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* alter the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- *DO NOT* display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *DO NOT* coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- *DO NOT* act as an election officer when you are not one.

EMPLOYERS cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote by mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.



Attention Voters

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHERE:

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box the following activities are prohibited.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

TIME OFF FOR VOTING

DIVISION 14. ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES

CHAPTER 1. Privileges of Voters

14000.

(a) If a voter does not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election, the voter may, without loss of pay, take off enough working time that, when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will enable the voter to vote.

(b) No more than two hours of the time taken off for voting shall be without loss of pay. The time off for voting shall be only at the beginning or end of the regular working shift, whichever allows the most free time for voting and the least time off from the regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

(c) If the employee on the third working day prior to the day of election, knows or has reason to believe that time off will be necessary to be able to vote on election day, the employee shall give the employer at least two working days' notice that time off for voting is desired, in accordance with this section.

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DID YOU SIGN AND PRINT YOUR RESIDENCE
AND EMAIL ADDRESSES ON YOUR APPLICATION?

Mail, return in person to the County Elections Division
or fax to (805) 681-4003
Suggested Last Day to Mail: October 25, 2024



JOSEPH E. HOLLAND
COUNTY CLERK, RECORDER AND ASSESSOR
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX 61510
SANTA BARBARA CA 93160-1510



FROM:
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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Notice: If the person named on the county voter information guide is not at the address, please help keep the voter rolls current and save taxpayer dollars by returning this county voter information guide to your mail carrier.

YOUR POLLING PLACE
LOCATION



If "No" appears below, your polling place is inaccessible to voters with specific needs. See Accessible Voting page for options.

YOUR ADDRESS

BALLOT
TYPE 145

You will automatically be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot for the
November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election.

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APPLICATION FOR ELECTION MATERIAL PREFERENCES

Due no later than October 29, 2024

Only return this application if you are requesting the following
(check all that apply):

ELECTION MATERIALS

☐ Marque esta casilla para recibir información de la
elección en español.
Check this box to receive election information in
Spanish.

County Voter Information Guide (CVIG)

I no longer want to receive my CVIG by mail.

☐ I would like to receive an electronic notification
when the CVIG is available online for all future
elections. (Email address required)

If available in my precinct, please send me a facsimile
copy of a ballot in:

☐ 如果本選區可以提供，請寄給我一份中文版選票 (Chinese)

☐ 우리 선거구에서 제공된다면 한국어로 된 투표용지를
저에게 보내주십시오. (Korean)

☐ Kung mayroon sa aking presinto, mangyaring padalhan
ako ng isang balota sa Tagalog. (Tagalog)

I would like to receive accessible election material:

☐ In large print format ☐ As an audio file

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Email (Required for CVIG): _____

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct.

SIGN
AS
REGISTERED

IMPORTANT: Each applicant must sign own signature.

Date: _____

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