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# **SOLANO COUNTY**Voter Information Guide



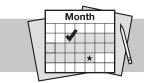
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# Presidential General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is your official voter information guide. It has information on local candidates & measures, voting by mail, and answers to common voter questions.



Text **Solano** to 2VOTE (28683) to download your sample ballot or voter information guide. (Msg & Data rates may apply)



## Important Information & Dates

- **★ Early voting** starts **Monday, October 5, 2020**. Visit us at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600, Fairfield to pick up a ballot. Our office is open Monday Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ★Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to you is Tuesday, October 27, 2020.
- ★ Any changes to your registration must be received by **Monday**, **October 19**, **2020**. Visit **registertovote.ca.gov** or call (707) 784-6675 to have a form mailed to you.

## October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Vote-by-Mail period begins.	6 Vote-by-Mail Drop boxes available at City Clerk offices.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Last day to register or update registration for the election.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot	28	29 <u>Curbside</u> Vé	30  Ballot Drop-off Locations allejo • Cordelia • Fairfic Vacaville • Dixon	31 Registrar's office open 8 a.m 5 p.m. Available:

#### November 2020

Sunday	Monday	_ Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 3 ELECTION DAY		4	5	6	7
	Curbside Ballot Drop-off Locations Available:  Vallejo • Cordelia • Fairfield  Vacaville • Dixon					



## Who is on the ballot for this election?

In the November General Election, all voters receive the same ballot, no matter what political party you are registered with (or if you have no party preference). The address where you are registered to vote determines which contests are on your ballot.

In the March Primary Election, all Californians were able to vote to decide which candidates for state and local offices moved on to the November General Election.

Presidential Nominated by party	California Top-Two Primary Nominated by voters	County and Local Primary Nonpartisan candidates
President and Vice President	<ul> <li>U.S. Representative (Districts 3 &amp; 5)</li> <li>State Senator (District 3)</li> <li>State Assembly Member (Districts 4, 11 &amp; 14)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>County Board of Supervisors (Districts 1, 2, &amp; 5)*</li> <li>School Boards*</li> <li>Special District Boards*</li> <li>Municipal Offices*</li> </ul>
The candidates nominated by each political party are on the ballot.	The top-two candidates, the ones with the most votes from the March Primary, are on your ballot.	If a candidate for these local offices received at least 50% plus 1 vote in the Primary, they were elected and are not on the General Election ballot.  If no candidate won, the two candidates with the most votes are on the ballot.
You can write-in a candidate for President and Vice President.	There is no write-in for these offices.	You can write-in a candidate for these offices.
The party nominating the candidate is listed with the candidate's name.  A candidate may be nominated by more than one party.	The candidate's party preference (or "None") is listed with their name.  Both candidates on the ballot may have the same party preference.	Candidates for nonpartisan offices do not have a party preference listed on the ballot.

<sup>\*</sup> Not all districts have an election. Please review your sample ballot for the contests available to you.

For more information you can:

- Call the Elections Department at (707) 784-6675
- ☐ Visit our website at www.solanocounty.com/elections
- The California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/general-election-november-3-2020/

## **Voter Information**



The following pages contain information relating to your ballot, which may include:

- Candidates' Statements
- Analyses

- Arguments
- Ballot Measures

This information guide may not contain a statement for each candidate. Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. (EC 13312)

- \* All measure documents and Candidates' Statements are printed exactly as filed.
- \* Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors. (EC 9315)
- \* Refer to the State Voter Information Guide for information on state candidates and measures.

## **Party Endorsements**

	American Independent	Democratic	Republican
President			
Congressional District 3	Tamika Hamilton	John Garamendi	Tamika Hamilton
Congressional District 5		Mike Thompson	Scott Giblin
State Senate District 3		Bill Dodd	Carlos Santamaria
State Assembly District 4		Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	Matt Nelson
State Assembly District 11		Jim Frazier	Debra Schwab
State Assembly District 14		Timothy S. Grayson	Janell Proctor

## **Campaign Expenditure Limits**

The following California Legislative candidates have accepted voluntary campaign expenditure limits, and were eligible to purchase a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in this Voter Information Guide (listed in alphabetical order):

State Senate, District 3 – Bill Dodd, Carlos Santamaria

State Assembly, District 4 – Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Matt Nelson

State Assembly, District 11 – Jim Frazier, Debra Schwab

State Assembly, District 14 – Timothy S. Grayson, Janell Proctor

## **VOTING OPTIONS FOR ALL VOTERS**

In an effort to reduce the impact of the Coronavirus spread, the Solano County Registrar of Voters has prepared several voting options for all voters. You have received a vote-by-mail ballot for the election in this packet.

Below is a description of the different options you have for voting new to help provide a safe voting environment for all voters, our staff, and our community partners:

## **No Contact Voting:**

As an option to in-person voting, all voters can vote from the safety of your home, using the enclosed ballot. Ballots can be returned to our office in one of three manners:



#### Ballot Drop-Off:

Starting October 5 (29 days) - 15 Drop-Off locations are available (drop box is inside an office building).



#### Curbside Drop-Off:

Starting October 29 (5 days) - 10 Curbside drop-off locations are available (stay in your car, hand ballot to pollworkers)



#### Election Day Drop-Off:

Election Day November 3 (1 day) - 100 poll place drop-off locations are available on Election day- all locations are open 7am to 8pm.

All ballots must be received or post-marked by November 3. All postage is paid by the Registrar of Voters Office for voters mailing ballots back to our office. Voters do not have to vote this ballot, and can still choose to vote in-person using one of the options listed below.

## **Limited Contact Voting:**



At your assigned <u>poll place</u>, all voters can request to vote "Curb-Side" from the comfort of your vehicle. Look for the blue cone outside of your polling place, and call the number listed on the cone. Pollworkers will come out to your car with your ballot and will securely deposit it for you.

This same curb-side option is available if you want to drop off your vote by mail ballot. It may be preferable for you to remain in your vehicle and we support that option.

## **In-Person Voting:**



Traditional poll place are still available. Your assigned location is included on the cover sheet with your official ballot. Some voters may experience additional wait times due to the need to provide social distancing within the voting location. Please be prepared it may take longer than usual to vote at your polling place.

## COVID-19 INFO:

## Pollworkers and Staff:

All poll workers will be required to wear masks and shields, additionally the Registrar of Voters will provide gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes.

#### Voters:

Voters will be required to wear face coverings as required by state law. Face coverings will be provided to any voter needing one. Hand Sanitizer and disposable pens will be provided to all voters. Voters without face coverings will be encouraged to vote from the safety of their vehicles, or when the pollworkers can clear the area for the safety of other voters.

We encourage all citizens to follow the mandated health requirements to help protect our staff and community partners. Without our staff and volunteers we cannot successfully execute an election! Please help us minimize the risk to those helping to administer your voting rights!

The following pages outline the specific addresses and hours available for each of the options on this page. Look for the icons next to the type of voting described based on your preferred option.

## **BALLOT RETURN & VOTING ADDRESSES**





October 5 to November 3, voters can drop off ballots at the following locations. (Drop Boxes are inside office buildings.)

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Benicia	Benicia City Clerk	250 East L St.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Closed Every-Other Friday)
Dixon	Dixon City Clerk	600 East A St.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Fairfield	Fairfield City Clerk	1000 Webster St. 4th Floor	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. (closed 1st and 3rd Fridays of month)
Fairfield	Fairfield/Suisun Unified School District Office	2490 Hilborn Rd.	M-F 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St.—Suite 2600	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Fairfield	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Dr.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Rio Vista	River Delta School District Office	445 Montezuma St.	M-F. 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Suisun City	Suisun City Clerk	701 Civic Center Blvd.	M-TH. 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Travis AFB	Travis Voting Office (base access required)	351 Travis Ave.	M-F 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. (closes 3:00pm on Thursdays)
Vacaville	Nut Tree Airport	301 County Airport Dr.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (closed 12pm to 1pm daily)
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	M-TH 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. (closed Fridays)
Vacaville	Solano Irrigation District Administrative Office	810 Vaca Valley Parkway	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Vallejo	Vallejo City Clerk	555 Santa Clara St. 2nd floor.	M-TH 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrounds	900 Fairgrounds Dr	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Vallejo	Masonic Temple	101 Temple Way	M-F 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

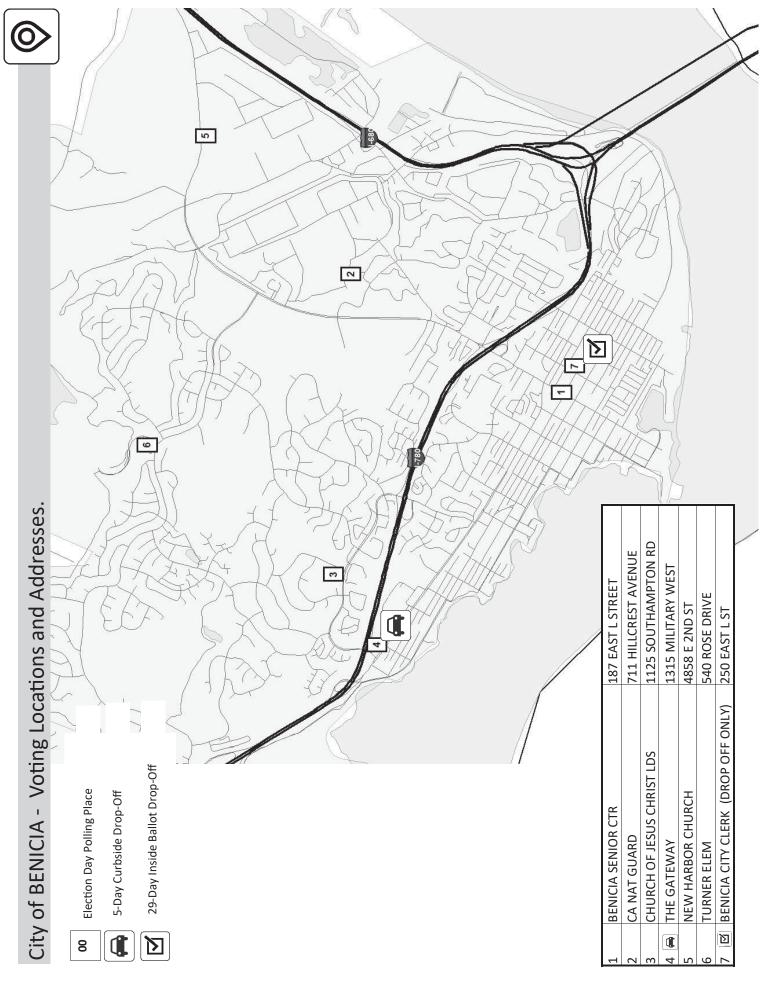


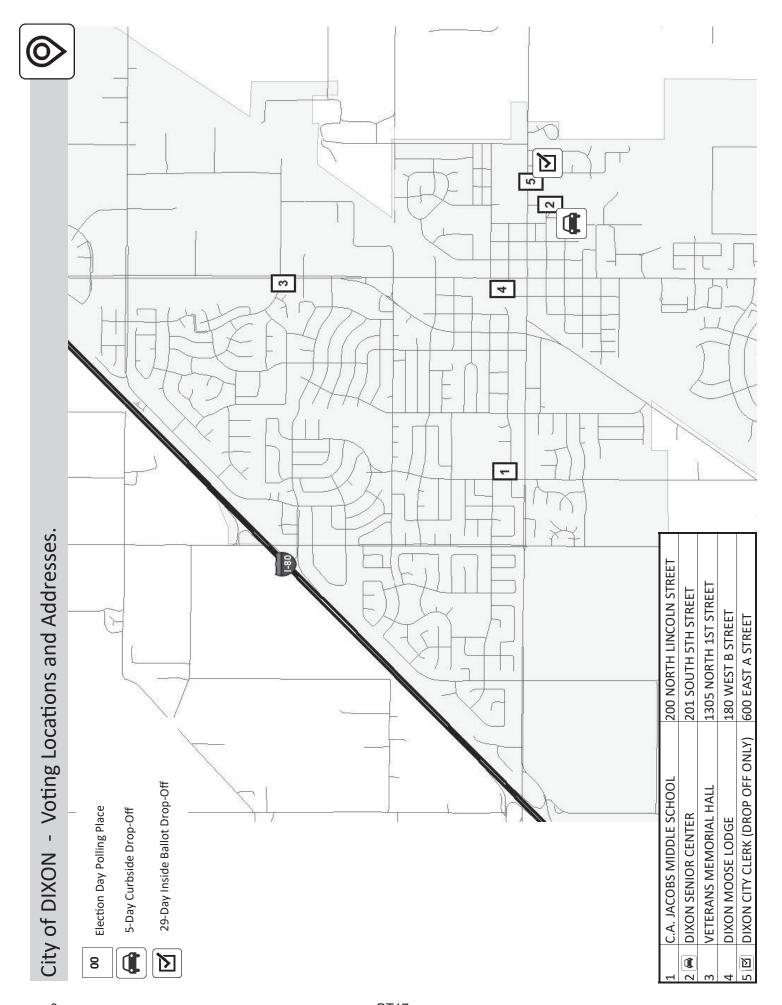
October 29, 30, 31, Nov. 2 and Nov 3, voters can drop off ballots "Curbside" at the following locations. (Stay in your car, hand ballot to pollworkers)

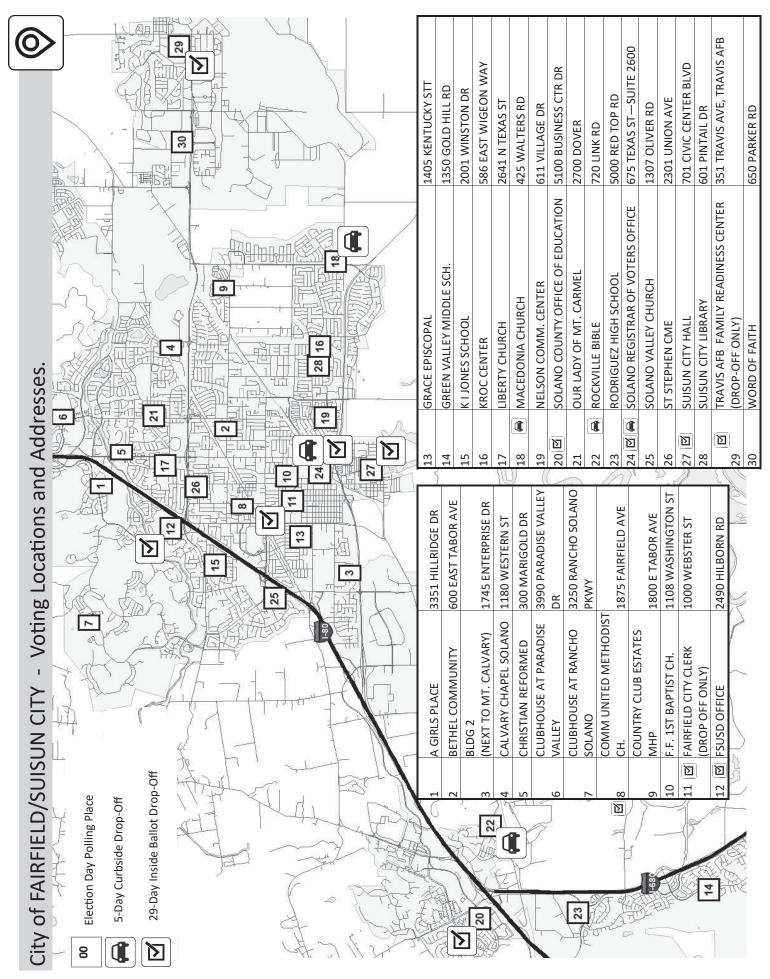
City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Benicia	The Gateway Church	1315 Military West	All Locations are open 8:00a.m. to
Dixon	Dixon Senior Center	201 South 5th St.	5:00p.m., including Saturday, plus 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. on Election Day.
Fairfield	Rockville Bible Church	720 Link Rd.	,
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St.—suite 2600	
Suisun City	Macedonia Church	425 Walters Rd.	
Rio Vista	Haps Bait and Tackle	84 Main St.	
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	
Vacaville	Mission Church	6391 Leisure Town Rd.	
Vallejo	Cal Maritime Academy (Aquatic Center.)	117 Maritime Academy Dr.	
Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrounds	900 Fairgrounds Dr	

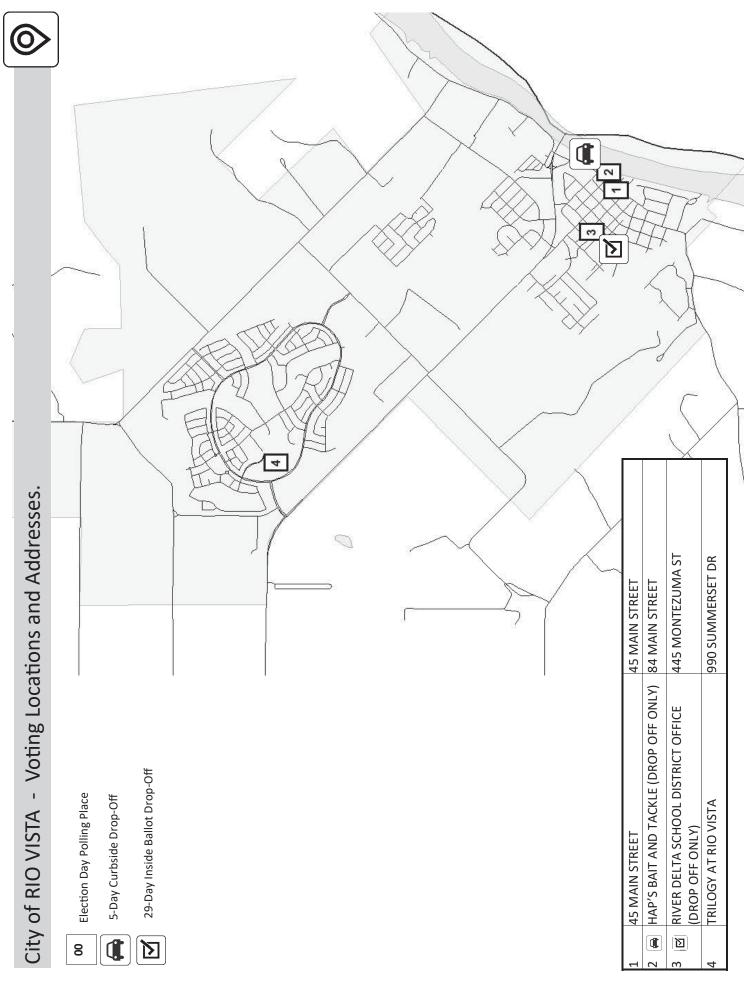


On November 3, ballots can be dropped off at any location listed above, plus 100 poll-place locations listed on the following pages.

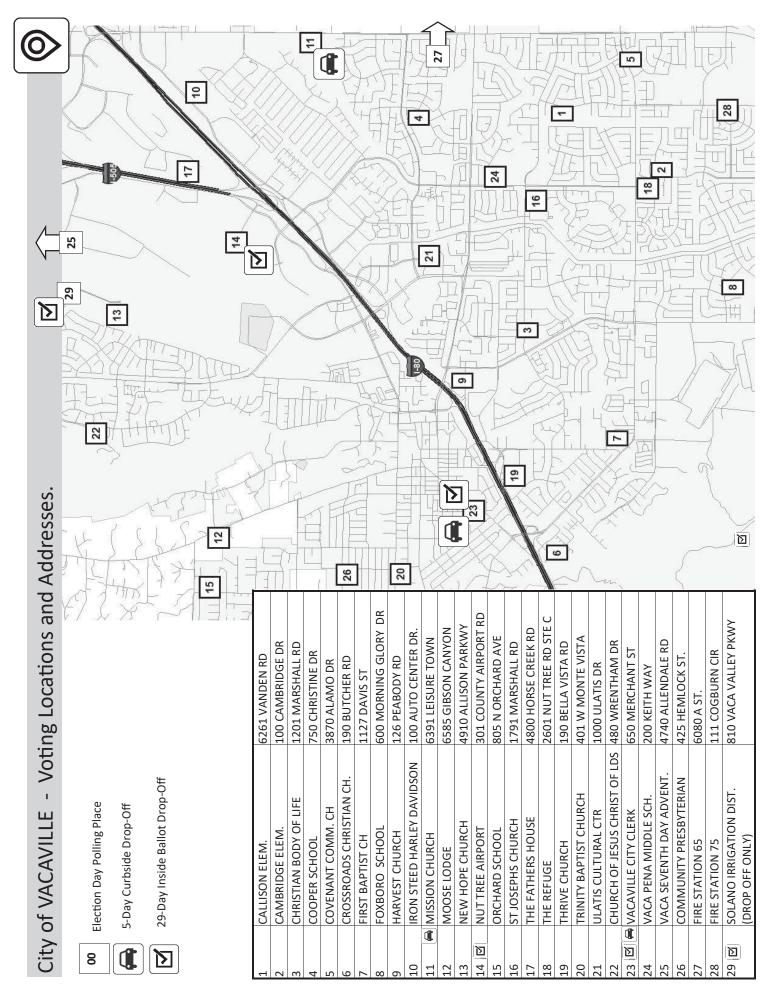


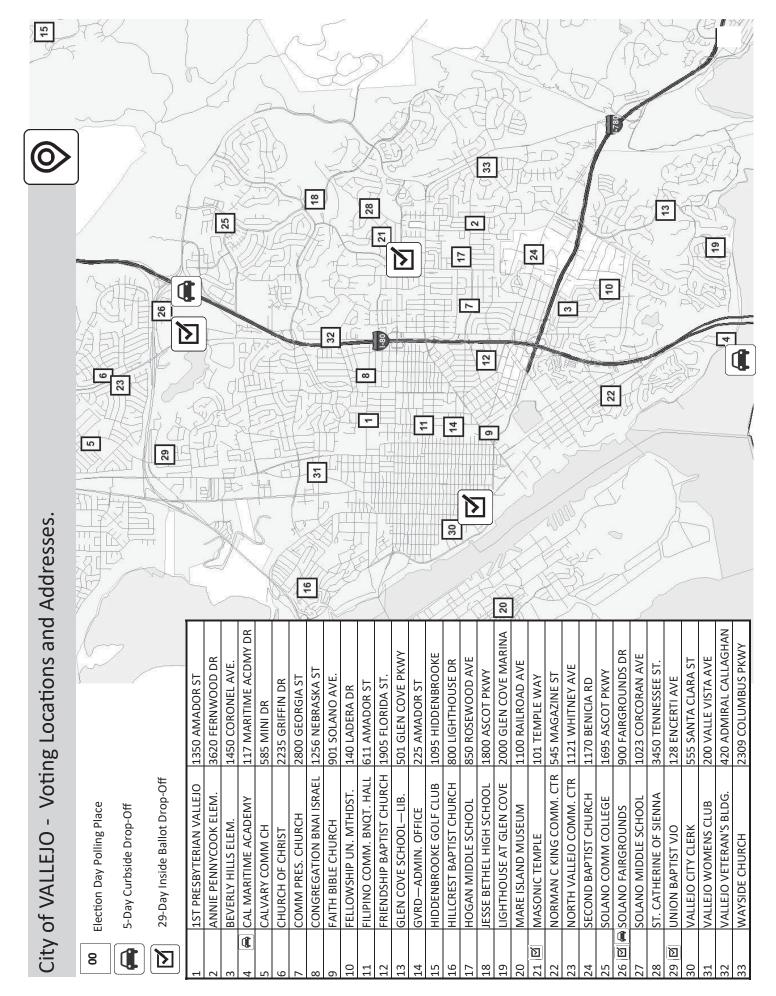






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## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 3

#### JOHN GARAMENDI

Occupation: Congressman & Rancher

**Education and Qualifications:** It's been a very difficult and tragic year, a year of anxiety and fear, a year of shutdowns and layoffs. The Covid-19 pandemic has shattered American life and for many their personal dreams of a good tomorrow. The very nature of our society and system of government, education and employment have been called into question.

Since 1776 Americans have endured hardships and pulled together to renew, restart, and continue the promise of our democracy. Now is the test of our character, our courage, and our capacity to respond to the challenge. I find optimism in our nation's history of perseverance to find the light in the face of seemingly insurmountable despair.

My greatest concern is the safety, health, and economic security of the people in my district. That is why I am proud to have voted for both the Cares Act and the Heroes Act, legislation that sent relief to millions of Americans. By following public health guidelines and working together we can get the infection rate down and have a reasonable chance of staying healthy, reopening businesses, and going back to work.

It's an honor being your voice in Congress as we work together to put our economy back on track. Together we must fight for quality education and health care for everyone. We must protect our environment, tackle climate change, create good middle class jobs and assure opportunities for everyone.

I thank you and express my sincere gratitude for your past support. I humbly ask for your vote.

## DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA REPRESENTANTE DEL CONGRESO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, DISTRITO 3

#### **JOHN GARAMENDI**

Ocupación: Congresista y Hacendado

**Educación y perfil profesional:** Ha sido un año muy difícil y trágico; un año de ansiedad, miedo, cierres y despidos. La pandemia de la Covid-19 ha destruido la vida de Estados Unidos y en el caso de muchos, sus sueños personales de un mejor futuro. Se ha puesto en duda la naturaleza misma de nuestra sociedad y sistemas de gobierno, educación y empleo.

Desde 1776, los estadounidenses han superado dificultades y han unido esfuerzos para renovar, reiniciar y continuar con la promesa de nuestra democracia. Estamos viviendo una prueba para nuestro carácter, nuestra valentía y nuestra capacidad para responder ante los desafíos. Encuentro el optimismo en la historia de perseverancia de nuestra nación para encontrar la luz ante la aparentemente insuperable desesperanza.

Mi mayor preocupación es la seguridad, salud y seguridad económica de las personas de mi distrito. Es por eso que me enorgullezco de haber votado tanto por la Ley Cares y la Ley Heroes que brindan asistencia a millones de estadounidenses. Cumpliendo con las normas de salud pública y trabajando en conjunto podemos disminuir la tasa de infección y tener la posibilidad razonable de mantenernos saludables, abrir nuevamente los comercios y volver a trabajar.

Es un honor ser su voz en el Congreso mientras trabajamos juntos para retomar el buen camino de nuestra economía. Juntos podemos luchar por una educación de calidad y cuidados de la salud para todos. Debemos proteger nuestro ambiente, enfrentar el cambio climático, crear buenos empleos para la clase media y garantizar oportunidades para todos.

Le agradezco sinceramente su apoyo en el pasado. Respetuosamente le pido su voto.

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 3

## TAMIKA HAMILTON AGE: 35

Occupation: Air Force Sergeant

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm a veteran of the United States Air Force and proud mother. I take pride in serving my country and community. I'm passionate about restoring the hope of the American dream to our neighborhoods and securing the future for the next generation.

We need new representatives in Congress if we're going to secure that future – representatives who understand government exists to serve the whole community, not just the politically connected. As your representative in Congress, I promise to rise above the partisan rhetoric and empty battles that only end up hurting underserved communities and the very people government is supposed to protect.

Our farmers, small business owners, veterans and residents deserve the simple assurance of knowing they're fairly represented and that their needs come first. As your Congresswoman, I'll fight to ensure our farmers have access to water resources and to make sure government respects hardworking taxpayers by protecting free enterprise and keeping tax rates low, stable, and fair.

As a working woman and mother of four, I know all too well the struggles women face professionally – it's time to implement paid family leave at the federal level. I will work to get that done. To make sure underserved communities have access to opportunities, I'll work with the federal government to expand opportunity zones to working-class areas of our district.

You can count on me to complete the mission. I humbly ask for your trust and your vote. For more info visit VoteTamika.com.

## DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS EN EL CONGRESO, DISTRITO 3

## TAMIKA HAMILTON EDAD: 35

Ocupación: Sargento de la Fuerza Aérea

**Educación y perfil profesional:** Soy una veterana de la Fuerza Aérea de los Estados Unidos y una madre orgullosa. Me enorgullece servir a mi país y a mi comunidad. Me apasiona restaurar la esperanza del Sueño Americano en nuestros vecindarios y asegurar el futuro para la próxima generación.

Necesitamos nuevos representantes en el Congreso si queremos asegurar ese futuro, representantes que entiendan que el gobierno existe para servir a toda la comunidad, no solo a quienes están conectados políticamente. Como su representante en el Congreso, prometo superar la retórica partidista y las batallas vacías que solo terminan perjudicando a las comunidades desatendidas y a las mismas personas que se supone que el gobierno debe proteger.

Nuestros agricultores, pequeños propietarios de negocios, veteranos y residentes merecen la seguridad de saber que están representados de manera justa y que sus necesidades son lo primero. Como su congresista, lucharé para asegurar que nuestros agricultores tengan acceso a los recursos hídricos y para asegurarme de que el gobierno respete a los contribuyentes trabajadores protegiendo la libre empresa y manteniendo las tasas impositivas bajas, estables y justas.

Como mujer trabajadora y madre de cuatro hijos, conozco muy bien las luchas que enfrentan las mujeres profesionalmente; es hora de implementar la licencia familiar remunerada a nivel federal. Trabajaré para lograrlo. Para asegurarme de que las comunidades desatendidas tengan acceso a oportunidades, trabajaré con el gobierno federal para expandir las zonas de oportunidad a las áreas de clase trabajadora de nuestro distrito.

Pueden contar conmigo para cumplir la misión. Les pido humildemente su confianza y su voto. Para obtener más información, visite VoteTamika.com.

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 3

#### **CARLOS SANTAMARIA**

Occupation: Business Owner/Consultant

**Education and Qualifications:** As a Californian native working and having my own successful business, I pledge to RESPONSIBLY represent the people and businesses of District 3 as your next State Senator.

My mission is to help reshape the state legislature to serve the people, pass responsible, fair laws, and protect our civil liberties.

Having worked in the private sector for both small and large companies for most of my career in many leadership roles, I know first-hand what it takes to solve problems, work with individuals from all walks of life, and lead people successfully.

I understand the challenges that Americans experience everyday as I have worked in the private sector and as a business owner for over 30 years. My area of expertise is in high- performance buildings and workforce development in career technical education, developing training programs that provide career and job opportunities. These muchneeded jobs will improve our economy in District 3 and in California.

Our legislators are not focusing on jobs, I am committed to expanding workforce development training with addressing the homelessness with creating new and emerging private partnership job opportunities.

I am Pro 2nd Amendment, Pro-Life, Pro-Freedom of Religion, Support Law Enforcement, Pro-Business, Love our Great Country and State, and: "I Believe in California"

As your next State Senator, I promise to improve the economy and protect and fight for our God given rights.

On November 3rd, I would deeply appreciate your vote. Thank you. Visit my website at www.electsantamaria.com/

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 4

#### **CECILIA AGUIAR CURRY**

Occupation: Assemblymember/Farmer

**Education and Qualifications:** Our communities have faced many challenges, but the unprecedented healthcare and economic impacts of the pandemic have left many residents anxious and confused. My staff and I are working 24/7 to help.

Our economy has been hit hard, but reserves built up through prudent fiscal management have allowed legislators to provide vital emergency funding for health care services and direct payments to residents and businesses.

After a tough budget fight, we protected many important priorities: schools; access to healthcare for all; direct financial aid to families, workers, and businesses; and support for seniors and those hardest hit by coronavirus.

Unfortunately, the effects of the pandemic are not over. Saving lives and livelihoods will require a steady hand, common sense, and a commitment to our core values and principles. Meanwhile, challenges we face every year — wildfires, drought, a lack of healthcare access in poor and rural communities, homelessness, poverty and income inequity — demand hard work and collaboration.

I will continue to: work with state and local leaders to ensure healthcare providers have the resources they need; support public education and working families, women and children; fight for our district in a time of scarce resources; protect agriculture and the environment; push for reliable broadband service - so crucial in times like these – in all communities; and assure equal opportunity for every Californian.

Our office is working closely with city, county and state agencies to help residents and businesses. For updated information or assistance, go to www.CeciliaforAssembly.com.

## DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, DISTRITO 4

#### **CECILIA AGUIAR CURRY**

Ocupación: Miembro de la Asamblea/Agricultora

**Educación y perfil profesional:** Nuestras comunidades han enfrentado muchos desafíos, pero el impacto económico y de salud sin precedentes de la pandemia han dejado a muchos residentes ansiosos y confundidos. Mi equipo y yo trabajamos las 24 horas al día, los 7 días de la semana para ayudar.

Nuestra economía se ha visto muy afectada, pero las reservas acumuladas a través de una gestión fiscal prudente han permitido a los legisladores proporcionar fondos de emergencia vitales para los servicios de atención médica y pagos directos a residentes y negocios.

Después de una dura lucha presupuestaria, hemos protegido muchas prioridades importantes: escuelas; acceso a la salud para todos; ayuda financiera directa a familias, trabajadores y negocios; así como el apoyo para las personas mayores y para los más afectados por el coronavirus.

Desafortunadamente, los efectos de la pandemia no han terminado. Salvar las vidas y sus sustentos requerirá una mano firme, sentido común y un compromiso con nuestros valores y principios fundamentales. Mientras tanto, los desafíos que enfrentamos cada año (incendios forestales, sequías, falta de acceso a la atención médica en comunidades pobres y rurales, sinhogarismo, pobreza y desigualdad de ingresos) exigen esfuerzo y colaboración.

Seguiré: trabajando con los líderes estatales y locales para garantizar que los proveedores de cuidados de la salud tengan los recursos que necesiten; apoyando la educación pública y las familias trabajadoras, así como mujeres y niños; luchando por nuestro distrito en una época de escasos recursos; protegiendo la agricultura y el medio ambiente; impulsando un servicio de banda ancha confiable, tan crucial en tiempos como estos y en todas las comunidades; y asegurando la igualdad de oportunidades para todos los californianos.

Nuestra oficina trabaja en colaboración estrecha con las agencias de la ciudad, el condado y el estado para ayudar a los residentes y a los negocios. Para obtener información actualizada o asistencia, visite www.CeciliaforAssembly.com.

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD Solano Community College District, Trustee Area No. 7

MICHAEL A. MARTIN
Occupation: Incumbent

**Education and Qualifications:** A lifelong resident of Winters, graduate of Solano Community College and Sacramento State with a business degree, Park Ranger/ Supervisor for 30 years, I have continued to manage the family walnut ranch. I strive to give back and provide value to my community by serving as a city councilman, mayor and now as a Board Trustee with a commitment to excellence in education.

My duties as a quality governing board member are as follows: to ensure student success, support faculty, assure equitable policy, promote Early College for high school students, keep education affordable and maintain a balanced budget. During this pandemic, I'm proud of the board's foresight which allowed us to utilize financial reserves to carry us into the future providing the best education for our students.

I strongly support workforce development, our veterans, those who've aged out of foster care looking to continue their formal education, whether career technical or university bound. I'm so proud and honored to represent Solano College and ask for your continued support to elevate education within our diverse community.

## DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DE GOBIERNO Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios de Solano, Área de Síndico Nro. 7

MICHAEL A. MARTIN
Ocupación: Titular

Educación y perfil profesional: Residente de toda la vida de Winters, graduado en la Solano Community College y el Estado de Sacramento con un título en negocios, Guardabosques y Supervisor durante 30 años, sigo administrando el rancho familiar de walnut. Me esfuerzo por retribuir y proporcionar valor a mi comunidad al servir como concejal de la ciudad, como alcalde y ahora como Síndico del Concejo con el compromiso por la excelencia en la educación.

Mis deberes como miembro del concejo de gobierno de calidad son los siguientes: asegurar el éxito de los estudiantes, apoyar a la facultad, asegurar una política equitativa, promover Early College para los estudiantes de secundaria, mantener la educación asequible y mantener un presupuesto equilibrado. Durante esta pandemia, estoy orgulloso de la previsión del concejo que nos permitió utilizar las reservas financieras para llevarnos al futuro y brindar la mejor educación para nuestros estudiantes.

Apoyo firmemente el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral, nuestros veteranos, aquellos que han crecido en hogares de crianza y que buscan seguir su educación formal, ya sea en una carrera técnica o en la universidad. Estoy muy orgulloso y honrado de representar a Solano College y les pido su apoyo continuo para mejorar la educación dentro de nuestra comunidad diversa.

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD Solano Community College District, Trustee Area No. 7

CATHERINE C FROST

**Occupation:** Retired College Administrator

**Education and Qualifications:** AA – Solano College, BA – UC Davis, MA – Sacramento State University

I am a retired community college administrator and Solano College Alumni with over 32 years of leadership experience, including 18 years at Solano Community College. I am an advocate for students and have a demonstrated reputation for putting students first. As a champion for social justice, I have shown my support on many occasions using my privilege and position at the college to protect Black and Brown students' rights. I believe we need to address the institutional and systemic racism that exists in all organizations. I promise to keep equity in every conversation and lead by example. I am not afraid to speak up for what is right. Solano College is my home. I promise to provide access and support to any student who wants to further their education which will guarantee success in life. In closing, in the words of the late Representative John Lewis, "You cannot be afraid to speak up and speak out for what you believe. You have to have courage, raw courage." I believe in our students and accept this challenge. I am the best candidate.

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To improve the quality of education and complete improvement projects at Winters High and Waggoner Elementary; repair/replace leaky roofs; and modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; shall Winters Joint Unified School District issue \$19,000,000 of bonds, raising on average \$1,000,000 annually as long as bonds are outstanding at a rate of 4.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, have an independent citizens' oversight committee and have NO money used for administrative salaries and all money staying local?

BONDS YES

BONDS NO

#### **IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE W**

#### WINTERS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION

Measure **W** would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds of the Winters Joint Unified School District ("District") in series in the aggregate amount of up to \$19,000,000. This measure will not amend any existing laws. The District's governing board ("Board") placed the measure on the ballot.

Measure  $\mathbf{W}$  requires approval by 55 percent of the voters of the District voting on it.

The stated purpose of this measure is to improve the quality of education and complete improvement projects at Winters High and Waggoner Elementary; repair/replace leaky roofs; and modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities.

Bond proceeds would be used to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District as identified in the Project List (reprinted completely in the sample ballot pamphlet).

Inclusion of a project on the Project List does not guarantee that the project would be completed. The listed projects would be completed as needed at a school or facility site according to the Board's priorities, and the order in which the projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority. The District cannot guarantee that the bonds would provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects.

Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. Certain projects may require State matching funds for their completion.

The bond proceeds could not be used to pay for salaries and other operating expenses. The District would be required to conduct

annual, independent financial and performance audits and appoint a citizen's oversight committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent only for the specific projects listed in the Project List.

If Measure **W** is approved by the voters, the District may issue bonds either under the Government or Education Code. Bonds issued under the Government Code must mature within 30 years and may not have interest rates over 12%. Bonds issued under the Education Code must mature within 25 years and may be subject to a maximum interest rate of 8%. Each option comes with its own parameters, but in either case, the Board would be required to adopt a resolution indicating the reasons for the selected method of sale.

The procedures required for the approval and issuance of the general obligation bonds, including the process of submitting Measure  ${\bf W}$  to the vote of the District's electors, are as specified in the California Government, Education and Election Codes.

A "Yes" vote on this measure means: general obligation bonds totaling up to \$19,000,000 will be issued to fund specified school facilities projects.

A "No" vote on this measure means: general obligation bonds totaling up to \$19,000,000  $\underline{\text{will not}}$  be issued to fund specified school facilities projects.

/s/ Bernadette Curry Solano County Counsel

EC § 9500

#### **MEASURE W**

# FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE WINTERS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS**

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

<u>Evaluation of Needs</u>. The Board of Trustees has prepared an updated facilities plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the Winters Joint Unified School District, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Project List.

<u>Limitation on Use of Bond Proceeds</u>. The State of California does not have the power to take locally approved school district bond funds for any State purposes. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition 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. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are spent only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

<u>Annual Performance Audits</u>. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary pursuant to Government Code Section 53410 and following to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2022, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

#### **PROJECT LIST**

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this proposition, describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the 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 on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources. These sources may include joint-use funds, development impact fees, state funds (if available) and other available funds. The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for and mainly applied to projects on the Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted in Education Code section 17070.63(c). No project is dependent on the receipt of state funding for completion.

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District including at Winters High and Waggoner Elementary School.

The specific school facilities projects to be funded include, but shall not be limited to:

- · Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Repair or replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology
- Modernize/renovate outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities
- Construct new classrooms and school facilities
- Make health, safety and handicapped accessibility improvements
- Upgrade P.E. fields and facilities for school and community use
- Repair or replace outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems with building code compliant, energy efficient systems
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff
  and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc.
- Make security improvements throughout the District, such as installing security fencing, cameras, lighting, and fire alarm and security systems
- Repair and upgrade roofs, walls, and floors
- Make facility improvements to increase the District's energy efficiency, including replacing outdated lighting and windows
- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds
- Acquire real property for school facilities
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity
- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades including playground equipment replacement
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior to or during construction
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards and improve outside instructional areas

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; installation wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative, physical education/athletic facilities and performing arts buildings and maintenance yards; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, pools, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping and play fields; expand parking; install interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces, upgrade classrooms, bleachers, kitchens, repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The upgrading of

technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

#### **MEASURE W**

## TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED

# \$19 MILLION WINTERS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Winters Joint Unified School District (the "District") on November 3, 2020, to authorize the sale of up to \$19 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

- 1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.045 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$45.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value). The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2054-55.
- 2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.049 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$49.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value). It is estimated that such rate would be levied starting in fiscal year 2021-22.
- 3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$37.0 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on Yolo County's and Solano County's official tax rolls. 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.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

By:		
	Superintendent	
	Winters Joint Unified School District	





## You have a right to...



- 1. cast a ballot if you are a registered voter. You can register to vote if you are
  - · a U.S. citizen
  - · at least 18 years old
  - · not in prison or on parole
  - · registered to vote where you currently live.
- 2. vote on a provisional ballot if your name is not on the list of registered voters.
- 3. vote if you are in line when the polls close.
- cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5. get a new ballot if you have made a mistake as long as you still have your old ballot. If you are at a polling place, ask an election official for a new ballot. If you vote by mail, you must give your original ballot to an election official before the polls close on Election Day before you can ask for a new ballot.
- 6. get help voting and casting your ballot.
- 7. the right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place.
- **8. get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct need a ballot in that language.
- 9. ask questions about election procedures and watch the election process. You can ask questions of election officials about procedures. The person you ask must answer your questions or send you to the right person for an answer. Please don't ask questions while election officers are busy working.
- 10. report anything happening in the polling place that is a crime or if you believe someone is not who they say they are.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted sample ballot.
- Specific instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading the information mailed to you by your local elections official.
- If you are a newly registered voter, you may be asked to provide appropriate identification or other documentation according to federal law. But please note that every individual has the right to cast a provisional ballot even if he or she does not provide the documentation.
- It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or see something that might be a crime, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

On the web at www.sos.ca.gov

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

By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

## Tips and Assistance for Voting in-person



Your vote is important to us and we want to do all that we can to make the whole in-person voting experience enjoyable. Below you will find a few tips that you may find helpful.

## Before you go...



**Take note of your polling place.** Your polling place may have changed since our last election. You can find the address and quick reference map to your polling place on the enclosed voter flyer. You can also find your polling place on the Registrar of Voter's website: www.solanocounty.com/elections.



**Practice marking your ballot.** If you are not a vote by mail voter, we have provided a sample of your ballot for you to make selections before heading to the polls. Use it as a guide when you vote your official ballot on Election Day.

To request a sample ballot, you can download one from our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections or call our office at 707-784-6675.

## On Election day...



**Check your time.** Many voters vote on their way to work, on their lunch hour, or after work. If you have flexibility in your schedule consider visiting us midmorning or mid-afternoon to miss the crowds.



**If you have questions, please ask.** Your poll workers will have the answers to many of your questions. You can also give us a call at (707) 784-6675 and we will be glad to help.

## If you need assistance...

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot, as a long as those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place will have copies of the ballot in Spanish and Tagalog and may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak Spanish and Tagalog.

Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación quizá mantenga copias en español de la papeleta de votación y empleé trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

Bilang botante, maaari kang magkaroon ng hanggang dalawang tao sa iyong lugar ng botohan o presinto upang matulungan kang i-record ang iyong balota, hangga't ang mga taong ito ay hindi kinakatawan ng iyong tagapag-empleyo o iyong unyon. Magkakaroon ng mga kopya ng iyong balota na isinalin sa Tagalog sa iyong lugar ng botohan. Maaaring may mga taong nagtatrabaho na nagsasalita ngtagalog sa lugar ng botohan.

## **ATTENTION VOTERS**





Solano County is required to provide a translated copy of the official ballots to voters in both Spanish and Tagalog. Any voter in Solano County can request a copy of this ballot for any precinct in the election. Requests can be made at any time. Translated ballots will be delivered at least 10 days before the Election Day.

To request a copy of a translated ballot in Spanish or Tagalog, please use one of the following methods:



By Phone – Call 707-784-6675 during office hours Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.



By E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; place the words "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" in the subject line for faster processing;



On our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - click the link for "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST"



All polling places in Solano County provide copies of ballots translated in Spanish and Tagalog. For a complete list of polling places, please visit www.solanocounty.com/elections.

## **ATENCIÓN VOTANTES**



El Condado de Solano tiene la obligación de proporcionarles a los votantes una copia traducida de las boletas electorales oficiales en español y tagalo. Cualquier votante en el Condado de Solano puede solicitar una copia de esta boleta electoral para cualquier distrito electoral en la elección. Las solicitudes pueden realizarse en cualquier momento. Las boletas electorales traducidas serán entregadas al menos 10 días antes del Día de la Elección.

Para solicitar una copia de la boleta electoral traducida al español o tagalo, por favor use uno de los siguientes métodos:



Por Teléfono – Llame al 707-784-6675 durante el horario de atención regular, de lunes a viernes de 8am a 5pm.



Por Correo Electrónico – elections@solanocounty.com; coloque las palabras "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" (SOLICITUD DE BOLETA ELECTORAL TRADUCIDA) en la línea del asunto para un procesamiento más rápido;



En nuestro sitio web: www.solanocounty.com/elections - haga clic en el enlace "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" (SOLICITUD DE BOLETA ELECTORAL TRADUCIDA)



Todos los lugares de votación en el Condado de Solano proporcionan copias de boletas electorales traducidas al español y tagalo. Para una lista completa de lugares de votación, por favor visite www. solanocounty.com/elections.

## TINATAWAG ANG PANSIN NG MGA BOTANTE



Ang County ay inaatasang magkaloob ng isang isinaling kopya ng mga opisyal na balota sa mga botante sa pareho ng Kastila at Tagalog. Sinumang botante sa County ng Solano ay makahihiling ng isang kopya ng balotang ito para sa alinmang presinto sa halalan. Ang mga paghiling ay magagawa anumang oras. Ang mga isinaling balota ay ihahatid ng hindi bababa sa 10 araw bago ang Araw ng Halalan.

Upang humiling ng isang kopya ng isang isinaling balota sa Kastila o Tagalog, mangyaring gamitin ang isa sa mga sumusunod na paraan:



Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono – Tumawag sa 707-784-6675 sa mga oras ng opisina Lunes hanggang Biyernes 8am hanggang 5pm.



Sa pamamagitan ng E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; ilagay ang mga salitang "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" (PAGHILING NG ISINALING BALOTA) sa linya ng paksa para sa mas mabilis na pagproseso;



Sa aming website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - i-click ang link para sa "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST"



Lahat ng mga lugar ng botohan sa County ng Solano ay nagkakaloob ng mga kopya ng mga balota na isinalin sa Kastila at Tagalog. Para sa isang kumpletong listahan ng mga lugar ng botohan, mangyaring bisitahin ang www.solanocounty.com/elections.