

COUNTY OF MARIN

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Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

NEW SINCE THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot, starting October 7th

- Return it by mail, into an Official Drop Box, or to a Vote Center, see next pages

You may vote in person at any one of 21 Marin Vote Centers

- Vote Centers replaced polling places in 2022
- Vote Centers are open for more days, see next page for times and locations

Marin County Elections Department
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 121
San Rafael, CA 94903
415-473-6456 | elections@marincounty.org
www.marinvotes.org



IN-PERSON VOTING

Vote at a Vote Center if you need a replacement ballot, did not register by October 21 deadline, prefer to vote in person or on an accessible ballot marking device. Voting is accessible at all locations.

Vote Centers will be open as listed below

- You may vote at any location, Drop Boxes at all locations
- November 5, 2024, all 21 Vote Centers open 7 am to 8 pm

**AVOID
LINES**
Vote early or
by mail

26-Day: Weekdays, Oct 7 to Nov 5; Weekends, Oct 26 - 27 and Nov 2 - 3			Pre-Election Day Hours
SAN RAFAEL	Marin County Elections Dept	3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 121	Weekdays: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Weekends: 9 am - 5 pm (Election Day: open 7 am to 8 pm)
11-Day: Oct 26 to Nov 5		November 5 (Election Day) open 7 am to 8 pm	Pre-Election Day Hours
MARIN CITY	Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center	640 Drake Ave	9 am - 5 pm
NOVATO	United Methodist Church	1473 S Novato Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
SAN GERONIMO	San Geronimo Valley Community Center	6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
4-Day: Nov 2 to Nov 5		November 5 (Election Day) open 7 am to 8 pm	Pre-Election Day Hours
FAIRFAX	Women's Club	46 Park Road	9 am - 5 pm
KENTFIELD	Saint Sebastian's Catholic Church	373 Bon Air Road	10 am - 6 pm
LARKSPUR	Redwoods Presbyterian Church	110 Magnolia Ave	November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: noon - 8 pm
MILL VALLEY	Homestead Valley Community Center	315 Montford Ave	9 am - 5 pm
MILL VALLEY	Tam Valley Community Center	203 Marin Ave	8 am - 4 pm
NOVATO	City Hall	901 Sherman Ave	9 am - 5 pm
NOVATO	Hamilton Community Center	503 South Palm Drive	9 am - 5 pm
NOVATO	Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church	1110 Highland Drive	November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: 11 am - 7 pm
NOVATO	School District Offices	1015 7th Street	9 am - 5 pm
PT. REYES STATION	West Marin Health & Human Services Center	1 Sixth Street	9 am - 5 pm
SAN ANSELMO	American Legion Hall	120 Veterans Place	9 am - 5 pm
SAN RAFAEL	Health & Human Services Wellness Center	3240 Kerner Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
SAN RAFAEL	First Presbyterian Church	1510 5th Ave	November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: noon - 8 pm
SAUSALITO	City Hall	420 Litho Street	9 am - 5 pm
TIBURON	Westminster Presbyterian Church	240 Tiburon Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
2-Day: BOLINAS		Community Center	14 Wharf Road
			November 4th: 9 am - 5 pm Election Day, November 5: 7 am - 8 pm
1-Day: SAN RAFAEL		Albert J. Boro Community Center	50 Canal Street
			open Election Day only November 5: 7 am - 8 pm

Vote by Mail

Ballots mailed starting October 7

All active registered voters will get a ballot in the mail.

Allow 7-10 days for delivery.

Ballot Packet

Includes ballot, instructions and postage-paid return envelope. Date and sign your return envelope.

Return ballot using one of these options:

1. Into an Official Drop Box - see below
2. Mail your ballot - must be postmarked on or before November 5 and received by November 12.
A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to their return ballot envelope by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate.
Also: Informed delivery is a great tool – it's free! Sign up online: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>
3. At a Vote Center - see bottom of page

Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

Open October 8 to Election Day November 5

On Election Day Drop Boxes close precisely at 8:00 pm as required by law

Exterior sites available, 24 hour drop off

Belvedere City Hall	450 San Rafael Ave (lower level)
Bolinas Community Center	14 Wharf Rd
Corte Madera Recreation Center	498 Tamalpais Dr
Kentfield - College of Marin, Diamond Physical Education Center	700 College Ave
Marin City Library	164 Donahue St
Mill Valley City Hall	26 Corte Madera Ave
Mill Valley Community Center	180 Camino Alto (parking lot)
Novato City Hall	901 Sherman Ave
Point Reyes Station - West Marin Health & Human Services Center	1 Sixth St
San Anselmo Town Hall	525 San Anselmo Ave
San Rafael - Albert J. Boro Community Center	50 Canal St
San Rafael - Marin County Civic Center North Archway drive-up South Archway walk-up	3501 Civic Center Dr (on Vera Schultz Dr) (on Peter Behr Dr)
Sausalito City Hall	420 Litho St (parking lot off Bee St)

Interior sites available during regular business hours, 8 am to 5 pm

San Rafael - Marin County Civic Center Middle Archway lobby	3501 Civic Center Dr (Judge Haley Dr)
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Vote Center Drop Boxes

Each Vote Center will have a vote-by-mail Drop Box. See Vote Center page for open days and hours, or check marinvotes.org.



INFORMATION

Candidate Endorsements by Qualified Political Parties

Political Party Endorsements are published pursuant to California Elections Code Sec. 13302(b). Parties may endorse candidates for voter-nominated offices.

Party/Offices	Candidates
Republican Party U.S. Representative District 2 State Assembly District 12	Chris Coulombe Andy Podshadley
Democratic Party U.S. Senate (Full Term) U.S. Senate (Partial/Unexpired Term) U.S. Representative District 2 State Assembly District 12	Adam Schiff Adam Schiff Jared Huffman Damon Connolly
American Independent Party State Assembly District 12	Damon Connolly

No other parties submitted endorsements.

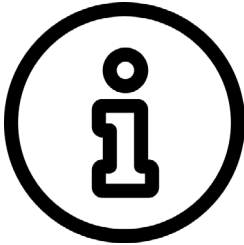
Source: State political party central committee notification letters to Registrar of Voters as of August 14, 2024. Parties are listed in order according to the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by Marin County on August 15, 2024.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE PLEDGE

The following candidates for California State Assembly District 12 have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code Sec. 85400 and may publish a 250-word statement of qualifications in this voter guide. Candidates are listed in order according to the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by Marin County on August 15, 2024.

Andy Podshadley, REP
Damon Connolly, DEM

Office of United States Senate



There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, 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.

Information on Electioneering and the Voting Process

WARNING:

ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

“Electioneering” is defined as “the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot” and is prohibited within 100 feet of the entrance to the building that contains a polling place or vote center and within 100 feet of an outside location, such as a ballot drop box. (Elections Code section 319.5) For additional information on the prohibitions of electioneering, please visit our website at www.marinvotes.org

WARNING:

CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

For additional information on what constitutes corruption of the voting process, please visit our website at www.marinvotes.org



Don't be late!

Did you know that a top reason why we can't count a ballot is because of a late postmark? Return your ballot before Election Day.

Voting Options



- Vote by Mail using the ballot sent to you
- In Person at any Vote Center
- Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

Refer to pages printed in this guide for more information.

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SAMPLE BALLOT November 5, 2024, General Election Marin County, 2nd Congressional, 2nd Senate, 12th Assembly

Instructions to Voters: At vote center, use pen provided. By mail, use a ball point pen with blue or black ink. **NO RED INK. NO PENCIL.**

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the candidate's name, like this .
- To vote for only the number of candidates allowed for each office.
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the blank line for that office and write the name of the person on the line. (Qualified means a person who has filed to be a write-in candidate.)
- To vote on a proposition or measure, fill in the oval to the left of YES or NO, like this .
- If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, ask an election worker for another ballot. Vote by mail voters call the Elections Office at 415-473-6456 for instructions.
- Keep your vote secret. Do not sign or initial your ballot. Do not mark your ballot outside of the ovals.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY	COUNTY
Candidates for these offices are the official nominee of the party displayed with their name.	District Twelve Candidates to the Assembly Party Preference: Vote for One (1)	County Supervisor District Two Vote for One (1)
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="radio"/> ANDY PODSHADLEY Winemaker / Business Owner	<input type="radio"/> HEATHER MCPHAIL SRIDHARAN Businesswoman
Nominees of the qualified political parties and independent nominees for President and Vice President	<input type="radio"/> DAMON CONNOLLY California State Assemblymember	<input type="radio"/> BRIAN COLBERT San Anselmo Councilmember
Vote for One (1) Party:	NONPARTISAN OFFICES	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN RUDOLPH WARE	SCHOOL	
<input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP JD VANCE	Marin County Board of Education Board of Education Member, Trustee Area Four	CITY/TOWN
<input type="radio"/> CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ KARINA GARCIA	Vote for One (1)	Town of Fairfax Member, Town Council Vote for no more than Three (3)
<input type="radio"/> KAMALA D. HARRIS TIM WALZ	<input type="radio"/> NANCY MCCARTHY Attorney / Oversight Member	<input type="radio"/> FRANK EGGER Salmon Rivers Preservationist
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. NICOLE SHANAHAN	<input type="radio"/> VICTORIA "TORY" CANBY Educator / Parent / Artist	<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL GHIRINGHELLI Fairfax Business Owner
<input type="radio"/> CHASE OLIVER MIKE TER MAAT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> BRUCE ACKERMAN Incumbent
<input type="radio"/>	Tamalpais Union High School District Governing Board Member Vote for no more than Two (2)	<input type="radio"/> CHANCE CUTRANO Councilmember / Non-profit Director
	<input type="radio"/> IDA TIMES-GREEN Senior Program Coordinator	<input type="radio"/> BARBARA COLER Incumbent
VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES		

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<p>Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval. The party preference of nonpartisan office candidates does not appear on the ballot.</p>	<input type="radio"/> JENNIFER "JENNY" HOLDEN Mother / Small Businessowner	<input type="radio"/> DOUG KELLY Computer Tech
	<input type="radio"/> A. RAY CHAUDHURI Parent / Educational Advisor	<input type="radio"/> CINDY SWIFT Retired Program Manager
<input type="radio"/> AMOS KLAUSNER Parent	<input type="radio"/> NICHOLAS ONDREJKA Business Owner / Parent	<input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____
<p>UNITED STATES SENATOR</p> <p>There are two U.S. Senate contests on this ballot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One for the regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031 • One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025 <p>You may vote for both contests.</p>	<p>Ross Valley School District Governing Board Member</p> <p>Vote for no more than Three (3)</p> <input type="radio"/> PHILIP J. FEFFER Attorney / Parent	<input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____
<p>Full Term Candidates to the United States Senate</p> <p>Vote for One (1)</p> <p>Party Preference:</p>	<input type="radio"/> ADAM B. SCHIFF United States Representative	<input type="radio"/> RACHEL LITWACK Incumbent
<input type="radio"/> STEVE GARVEY Professional Baseball Representative	<input type="radio"/> SHELLEY HAMILTON Incumbent	<input type="radio"/> DANIEL CASSIDY Appointed Incumbent
<p>Partial/Unexpired Term Candidates to the United States Senate</p> <p>Vote for One (1)</p> <p>Party Preference:</p>	<input type="radio"/> ADAM B. SCHIFF United States Representative	<input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____
<input type="radio"/> STEVE GARVEY Professional Baseball Representative	<p>UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE</p> <p>District Two Candidates to the United States House of Representatives</p> <p>Vote for One (1)</p> <p>Party Preference:</p>	<input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____
<input type="radio"/> CHRIS COULOMBE Small Business Owner	<input type="radio"/> JARED HUFFMAN U. S. Representative	<input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____
<input type="radio"/> JARED HUFFMAN U. S. Representative		<input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____

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VOTE ON BOTH SIDES 

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
STATE	SCHOOL
<p>PROPOSITION 2</p> <p>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>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><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>Tamalpais Union High School District</p> <p>MEASURE B</p> <p>To complete high priority repairs and upgrades at local high schools, including replacing classrooms/ science labs/ technology; repairing/ replacing leaky roofs and inefficient heating/ cooling/ electrical/ plumbing systems; updating art/ music classrooms/ facilities; and replacing outdated portable classrooms, shall Tamalpais Union High School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$289,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$18 per \$100,000 assessed value while bonds are outstanding (\$20,700,000 annually) with independent oversight, audits, no funds for administrators and all funds locally controlled?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BONDS YES <input type="radio"/> BONDS NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 3</p> <p>EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties. Fiscal Impact: Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities. Supporters: CA Nurses Assoc.; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; Tenants Together Opponents: California Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>CITY/TOWN</p> <p>Town of Fairfax</p> <p>MEASURE H</p> <p>Shall the office of Fairfax Town Clerk be appointive?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
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<p>PROPOSITION 4</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>MEASURE J</p> <p>To repair roads/infrastructure; fix potholes; repave streets; repair retaining walls/bridges; address flooding of roads/buildings; improve bike/pedestrian circulation, safe routes to schools, disabled access; and qualify for federal matching funds/grants, shall the Town of Fairfax's measure authorizing \$18,000,000 of bonds</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 32</p> <p>RAISES MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Raises minimum wage as follows: For employers with 26 or more employees, to \$17 immediately, \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, to \$17 on January 1, 2025, \$18 on January 1, 2026. Fiscal Impact: State and local government costs could increase or decrease by up to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State and local revenues likely would decrease by no more than a few hundred million dollars annually. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: California Chamber of Commerce; California Restaurant Association; California Grocers Association</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 33</p> <p>EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties. Fiscal Impact: Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities. Supporters: CA Nurses Assoc.; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; Tenants Together Opponents: California Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 34</p> <p>RESTRICTS SPENDING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVENUES BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 34</p> <p>RESTRICTS SPENDING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVENUES BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>

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<p>\$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><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</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><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</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><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>rules on certain health care entities. Affected entities would pay fees to cover these costs. Supporters: The ALS Association; California Chronic Care Coalition; Latino Heritage Los Angeles Opponents: National Org. for Women; Consumer Watchdog; Coalition for Economic Survival; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Dolores Huerta</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</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><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</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><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>for up to 30 years for each series, at legal interest rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 of assessed value, raising on average approximately \$1,200,000 annually, requiring audits/citizen oversight, be adopted?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> BONDS YES <input type="radio"/> BONDS NO</p>				

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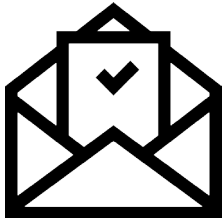
CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

The names of all candidates for an office are listed on the Sample Ballot. Submitting a candidate statement is optional, so this guide may not contain statements for all candidates. The statement is printed as submitted, and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

MEASURE INFORMATION

Arguments in “support of” or in “opposition to” the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

Rebuttals to arguments are the opinions of the authors.



VOTER REGISTRATION HELP KEEP VOTER ROLLS UP TO DATE

- Is your residence address current?
- Is your party affiliation accurate?

Check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website
voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Email: elections@marincounty.org or Call: 415-473-6456

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
United States Representative, District 2**

CHRIS COULOMBE

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: We clearly cannot continue down our present political path. We can and must choose a better future.

Partisan politics is destroying our environment, our economy, and our children's future. This is our country; it is time for all of us to stand.

It is no longer about party lines. It is about addressing our reality and our future as a country instead of seeking partisan gain.

We need clear-eyed leaders with well-rounded experience and vision ready to address those challenges and stay focused on the big picture... focused on moving America forward.

I was born and raised in Sonoma County. After earning my Eagle Scout, I enlisted in the military at 18 and returned home as an infantry captain 16-years later. I earned my BA in politics from the University of San Francisco and my MA in Diplomacy from Norwich University.

With 24-years of military, business, and policy experience to represent our 2nd District, and your help, we can protect the environment, rebuild small businesses and the middle class to better our children's future.

This is our home and we must protect it. Together, we can lead that change.

It is my honor to ask for your vote to serve our country again.

ChrisToCongress.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
United States Representative, District 2**

JARED HUFFMAN

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Education and Qualifications: I'm getting things done despite political chaos in Washington. By putting people over politics, I've delivered results – the \$400M Golden Gate Bridge seismic retrofit, crucial funding for water supply improvements, zero-emission busses and charging infrastructure, public housing improvements, veterans housing, bike and pedestrian pathways, kelp forest restoration and more.

The prescription drug pricing reform I championed – the first in decades – caps insulin costs for seniors at \$35/month and starting next year total drug costs for seniors will never exceed \$2,000/year.

I spearheaded laws to modernize America's infrastructure – improving roads and bridges, connecting underserved communities with high-speed broadband, modernizing electrical grids, expanding renewable energy and building a national EV charging network.

We're finally taking bold action on the climate crisis and I'm leading the charge to do much more.

I work across the aisle whenever possible, as with my bipartisan initiative that raised IDEA special education funding by \$2.5 billion and my rural hospital bill.

But when democracy, the rule of law, or our fundamental freedoms are threatened, I fight back. That's why I founded the Stop Project 2025 Task Force - to confront the dangerous authoritarian scheme pushed by Donald Trump and his allies to eliminate checks and balances, impose a nationwide abortion ban, rollback civil rights and end Medicare as we know it. Not on my watch.

As a senior member of committees on Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure, you can count on me to keep delivering results.

I would be honored by your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito 2**

CHRIS COULOMBE

Ocupación: Propietario de un negocio pequeño

Educación y calificaciones: Está claro que no podemos seguir por el camino político actual. Podemos y debemos elegir un futuro mejor.

La política partidista está destruyendo nuestro medio ambiente, nuestra economía y el futuro de nuestros hijos. Este es nuestro país; es hora de que nos pongamos de pie.

Ya no se trata de los partidos. Sino que se trata de aceptar nuestra realidad y nuestro futuro como país, en lugar de buscar que gane un partido u otro.

Necesitamos líderes lúcidos con experiencia y visión integrales, listos para enfrentarse a esos desafíos y mantenerse enfocados en el panorama general... enfocados en hacer avanzar a los Estados Unidos.

Nací y me crié en el condado de Sonoma. Después de obtener mi Eagle Scout, me alisté en el ejército a los 18 años y regresé a casa como capitán de infantería 16 años después. Obtuve mi licenciatura en Política en la Universidad de San Francisco y mi maestría en Diplomacia en la Universidad de Norwich.

Con mis 24 años de experiencia militar, empresarial y política para representar a nuestro 2° distrito, y su ayuda, podemos proteger el medio ambiente, reconstruir las pequeñas empresas y la clase media, y mejorar el futuro de nuestros hijos.

Esta es nuestra casa, y debemos protegerla. Juntos podemos ser líderes de ese cambio.

Para mí es un honor pedir su voto para volver a servir a nuestro país.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito 2**

JARED HUFFMAN

Ocupación: Departamento Representante

Educación y calificaciones: Estoy haciendo mi trabajo a pesar del caos político en Washington. Al poner a las personas por encima de la política, he obtenido resultados: la rehabilitación sísmica del puente Golden Gate por valor de \$400 millones, el financiamiento crucial para mejoras en el suministro de agua, autobuses de cero emisiones e infraestructura de recarga, mejoras en viviendas públicas, viviendas para veteranos de guerra, senderos para bicicletas y peatones, restauración de bosques de algas marinas y mucho más.

La reforma de precios de medicamentos que requieren receta que defendí, la primera en décadas, limita los costos de la insulina para adultos mayores a \$35 al mes y, a partir del próximo año, el costo total de medicamentos para los adultos mayores no superarán los \$2,000 al año.

Impulsé leyes para modernizar la infraestructura de los Estados Unidos: mejora de carreteras y puentes, conexión con banda ancha de alta velocidad a comunidades desatendidas, modernización de las redes eléctricas, expansión de las energías renovables y edificación de una red nacional de recarga de vehículos eléctricos.

Finalmente estamos tomando medidas audaces para combatir la crisis climática y estoy liderando la lucha para hacer mucho más.

Colaboro con la oposición siempre que puedo, como ocurre con mi iniciativa bipartidista que aumentó los fondos de educación especial de IDEA en \$2.5 mil millones y mi proyecto de ley para hospitales rurales.

Sin embargo, cuando la democracia, la ley y nuestras libertades fundamentales se ven amenazadas, doy pelea. Es por ello que fundé el grupo de trabajo destinado a detener el Proyecto 2025, para hacer frente al peligroso plan autoritario impulsado por Donald Trump y sus aliados, que busca eliminar los controles y balances, imponer una prohibición al aborto en toda la nación, reducir los derechos civiles y poner fin a Medicare tal como lo conocemos. Esto no sucederá mientras yo esté a cargo.

En mi calidad de miembro principal de los comités de Recursos Naturales y de Transporte e Infraestructura, prometo seguir obteniendo resultados.

Para mí será un honor contar con su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Member State Assembly, District 12**

DAMON CONNOLLY

Occupation: California State Assemblymember

Education and Qualifications: It is my privilege to serve as your State Assemblymember, ensuring that an experienced local voice represents Marin and Sonoma counties in Sacramento.

Endorsed by the Sierra Club, California Professional Firefighters, California Teachers Association, local Labor Unions, and Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, I'm a principled progressive and consensus builder who gets things done.

In just one term in office, I've delivered real results, successfully getting five bills signed into law that will keep body armor out of the hands of mass shooters, ensure addictive tobacco products are not sold to teenagers, protect renters living in mobile home parks, reduce teen suicides, and cap the fees charged for residential solar projects. I also continue to build support for legislation to prevent toxic pesticide spraying along our highways.

On top of these legislative wins, I also secured \$5 million in state funding for projects throughout the North Bay for parks, firefighting equipment, affordable housing, and science education.

I have been fighting for our communities for 18 years, including service as a Marin County Supervisor, Vice-Mayor of San Rafael, School Board President, California Deputy Attorney General and now, as your State Assemblymember and local voice in Sacramento.

My values are North Bay values, forged by living here for more than 25 years. As your State Assemblymember, I will continue to fight for our priorities in Sacramento: wildfire prevention and home insurance, clean energy, environmental protection, protecting women's healthcare, equal rights, and more.

I hope to earn your vote to continue this important work together.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Miembro de la Asamblea Estatal, Distrito 12**

DAMON CONNOLLY

Ocupación: Asambleísta del Estado de California

Educación y calificaciones: Es un privilegio para mí servir como asambleísta estatal, asegurando que una voz local experimentada represente a los condados de Marin y Sonoma en Sacramento.

Respaldado por el Sierra Club, los Bomberos Profesionales de California, la Asociación de Maestros de California, los sindicatos locales y el Fondo de Acción del Norte de California de Planificación Familiar, soy un progresista de principios y un creador de consenso que sabe obtener resultados.

En apenas un mandato, he logrado resultados reales: logré que se promulguen cinco proyectos de ley que mantendrán los chalecos antibalas fuera del alcance de los tiradores en masa, que se garantice que no se vendan productos de tabaco adictivos a los adolescentes, que se proteja a los inquilinos que viven en parques de casas móviles, que se reduzcan los suicidios de adolescentes y que se limiten los cargos que se cobran por proyectos solares residenciales. Además, sigo ganando apoyo para que se implementen leyes que eviten que se rocíen pesticidas tóxicos en los márgenes de nuestras autopistas.

Además de estas victorias legislativas, también obtuve \$5 millones en fondos estatales destinados a proyectos en todo el Norte de la Bahía para parques, equipos contra incendios, viviendas de precio accesible y educación en ciencias.

Llevo 18 años luchando por nuestras comunidades, incluido el servicio como supervisor del Condado de Marin, Vicealcalde de San Rafael, Presidente de la Junta Escolar, Fiscal General adjunto de California y ahora, como su Asambleísta Estatal y voz local en Sacramento.

Mis valores son los valores del Norte de la Bahía, forjados en los más de 25 años que llevo viviendo en ese lugar. Como su Asambleísta Estatal, continuaré luchando por nuestras prioridades en Sacramento: prevención de incendios forestales y seguros para el hogar, energía limpia, protección ambiental, protección de la atención médica de las mujeres, igualdad de derechos y más.

Espero ganar su voto para seguir trabajando juntos.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Marin County Board of Education
Board of Education Member, Trustee Area 4**

NANCY MCCARTHY

Occupation: Attorney/Oversight Member

Education and Qualifications: B.S., Cornell University; J.D., Tulane University School of Law; Member of California State Bar, Louisiana State Bar and U.S. Supreme Court.

Education is the most important asset we have to give to our children and the community. We must make the most of every child to create the best future for us all.

Recognizing that, I served as a member of multiple legally mandated Citizen's Oversight Committees. I oversaw expenditures of \$500,000,000 in bonds to renovate Redwood, Tam & Drake High School, College of Marin (current), Edna McGuire Elementary, and Ross School. Also, I helped raise over \$65,000 for local nonprofits. My commitment is clear.

As a Marin resident over 40 years I dedicated significant volunteer time to improving the local school systems as well as serving the legal needs of our community as a civil litigator, judge pro-tem, arbitrator, appointed hearing officer, and Marin County Bar Association Board of Directors, while raising my two sons. My contributions to the Marin Pro Bono Program have earned recognition by Marin Legal Aid. As a member of the prior Sheriff's Citizen's Advisory Committee I helped improve police-citizen interactions. I have worked with many constituencies.

There are many challenges ahead, and as a problem-solver I will strive to contribute to good solutions. Education is my #1 priority for my family and yours.

I respectfully request your vote. www.mccarthyformarinboardofeducation.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Marin County Board of Education
Board of Education Member, Trustee Area 4**

VICTORIA CANBY

Occupation: Educator / Parent / Artist

Education and Qualifications: I'm running to serve as a Marin County Office of Education Trustee because I am deeply dedicated to educational systems that best serve the needs of students. As a former student of Marin's public schools and now a parent of a middle schooler in the Ross Valley School District, I am motivated to improve our educational spaces throughout the County.

I have worked for over 25 years in roles spanning the educational system, including providing after-school and extracurricular classes such as art and garden. For over a decade, I taught thousands of K-8 students across Marin as an educational consultant, leading Indigenous Studies and Civil Rights Movement workshops. Most recently, I served as the Executive Director of the Museum of the American Indian, collaborating with countless educational partners and developing curriculum and programming. As a parent volunteer, I've led DEI initiatives in my child's schools, because I'm committed to safe, encouraging learning environments for all students.

MCOE has tremendous potential as a resource for our local school districts. As a member of the MCOE Board, I will advocate for programming and initiatives to advance supporting learning environments for all. I am proud to be endorsed by the current Marin County Board of Education Area 4 Trustee, Felicia Agrelius, as well as Alexis Fineman (San Anselmo Town Council) and Crystal Martinez (College of Marin Director).

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Junta de Educación del Condado de Marin
Miembro de la Junta de Educación, Área Fiduciaria 4**

VICTORIA CANBY

Ocupación: Educadora, madre, artista

Educación y calificaciones: Me he postulado para servir como fideicomisaria de la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Marin porque estoy firmemente dedicada a los sistemas educativos que mejor atienden las necesidades de los estudiantes. Como ex alumna de las escuelas públicas de Marin y ahora madre de un estudiante de secundaria en el Distrito Escolar de Ross Valley, estoy motivada para mejorar nuestros espacios educativos en todo el Condado.

He trabajado durante más de 25 años en funciones que abarcan todo el sistema educativo, incluida la impartición de clases extracurriculares y extraescolares, como arte y jardinería. Durante más de una década, enseñé a miles de estudiantes de kínder a octavo grado en todo Marin como consultora educativa, dirigiendo talleres de Estudios Indígenas y del Movimiento a Favor de los Derechos Civiles. Más recientemente, fui Directora Ejecutiva del Museo del Indígena Americano, colaborando con innumerables socios educativos y desarrollando planes de estudio y programación. Como madre voluntaria, he dirigido iniciativas de DEI en las escuelas de mis hijo, porque estoy comprometida con entornos de aprendizaje seguros y estimulantes para todos los estudiantes.

La Oficina de Educación del Condado de Marin (MCOE) tiene un enorme potencial como recurso para nuestros distritos escolares locales. Como miembro de la Junta de la MCOE, abogaré por programas e iniciativas que promuevan entornos de aprendizaje favorables para todos. Tengo el orgullo de contar con el respaldo de la actual fideicomisaria del Área 4 de la Junta de Educación del Condado de Marin, Felicia Agrelius, así como de Alexis Fineman (Concejal de la Ciudad de San Anselmo) y Crystal Martinez (Directora del College of Marin).

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Tamalpais Union High School District
Governing Board Member**

IDA TIMES-GREEN

Occupation: Senior Program Coordinator

Education and Qualifications: As a life-long resident of Marin City, a fourth generation Tamalpais High School graduate, and former school board member, I recognize the importance of education.

Having served eight years as a Board Trustee with the Sausalito-Marin City School District, I bring a proven track record of building consensus to achieve collaborative outcomes. I work well with others and respect different perspectives. I am goal-oriented and comfortable taking risks.

I possess a bachelor's degree in Humanities and Cultural Studies from Dominican University, and a master's degree in social work from California State University East Bay. My professional experience includes formerly serving as Social Service case manager with County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services and currently serving as Sr. Program Coordinator for County of Marin Health & Human Services.

As your representative on the Tamalpais Union High School District Board, I will apply my experience in education, student achievement, and social services to attain better outcomes for our schools and students. I am deeply committed to improving student achievement, specifically among students of color, and closing the gaps to success for all students.

Student achievement for all students is obtainable. I look forward to working with you to ensure all students thrive.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Tamalpais Union High School District
Governing Board Member**

JENNIFER HOLDEN

Occupation: Mother / Small Businessowner

Education and Qualifications: As a proud mother of three children, all of whom have attended or are currently attending schools within the district, I understand the challenges and opportunities our students face.

I have been deeply involved in our public schools for years, volunteering in various capacities since my children were in elementary school. Currently, I am serving my third year as a Board Member of the Archie Williams High School Falcon Foundation, focusing on securing the resources our students need to thrive.

My candidacy is grounded in my experience as a dedicated community member and parent. I am passionate about creating and supporting an education system that not only focuses on academic standards but also nurtures critical thinking and intellectual growth for all students. Our schools must be equipped with the necessary resources to support our outstanding teachers and implement programs that meet the diverse needs of all students districtwide, while being fiscally prudent.

Let's work hand in hand to build a brighter future for our children and our community. I am honored to have earned endorsements from district parents, community leaders, small business owners, elected officials, and others. I humbly ask for your vote. Learn more at Jennifer4SchoolBoard.Org

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Distrito Escolar Tamalpais Union High
Miembro de la Junta Directiva**

IDA TIMES-GREEN

Ocupación: Coordinadora en Jefe del Programa

Educación y calificaciones: Como habitante de Marin City durante toda mi vida, graduada de la cuarta generación de la escuela secundaria Tamalpais High School y antigua miembro de la junta escolar, reconozco la importancia de la educación.

Tras ocho años de formar parte de la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar de Sausalito-Marin City, apporto un historial demostrado de creación de consenso para obtener resultados en colaboración. Trabajo bien con los demás y respeto las distintas perspectivas. Me oriento al alcance de objetivos y me resulta cómodo asumir riesgos.

Poseo una licenciatura en Humanidades y Estudios Culturales de la Dominican University y una maestría en Trabajo Social de la California State University East Bay. Mi experiencia profesional incluye haber trabajado como administradora de casos de servicios sociales en los Servicios de Salud Conductual y Recuperación del Condado y, actualmente, como Coordinadora en Jefe de programas de Servicios Humanos y de Salud del Condado de Marin.

Como su representante en la Junta del Distrito Escolar Tamalpais Union High, aplicaré mi experiencia en educación, logro estudiantil y servicios sociales con el fin de obtener mejores resultados para nuestras escuelas y estudiantes. Estoy profundamente comprometida con mejorar el rendimiento de los estudiantes, especialmente entre los estudiantes de color, y con cerrar las brechas del camino que conduce al éxito de todos los estudiantes.

El aprovechamiento escolar de todos los alumnos es posible. Deseo y espero trabajar con ustedes para garantizar que todos los alumnos puedan prosperar.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Tamalpais Union High School District
Governing Board Member**

AMOS KLAUSNER

Occupation: Parent

Education and Qualifications: As a parent of a high school student, a former school board trustee for the Lagunitas School District, husband to a longtime Marin County public school teacher, and current member of the Marin County Committee on School District Reorganization, I understand the issues that impact our school districts, our parent communities, and our children.

My time as a school board trustee coincided with the COVID-19 outbreak. It was challenging for everyone, especially our kids. It required open communication across stakeholder groups and difficult decision making around health and safety, financial accountability, and academics. With a public school teacher in the family, I appreciate how hard our teachers work and how important great teachers are to our children's success.

As part of a county committee, I listen and respond to the needs of taxpayers. If approved, the current Tamalpais Union High School District bond proposal brings an obligation on the part of administrators and the governing board to assure families and taxpayers that this money is well spent. If elected, I will apply tested leadership experience to the district's use of bond proposal monies as well as the annual budget to assure that every dollar benefits our kids and communities.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Tamalpais Union High School District
Governing Board Member**

NICHOLAS ONDREJKA

Age: 52

Occupation: Business Owner, Parent

Education and Qualifications: I grew up and attended public schools in Santa Barbara, California. I earned my Bachelors degree in European History and Italian Studies and my Masters of Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

I moved to San Francisco in 1996 and served over 25 years in leadership roles in technology and financial services. With this experience, I will bring a strong focus on fiscal responsibility, technology investments, and support for our students, teachers and staff.

In 2016, my family and I moved to Corte Madera where my oldest child enrolled at Redwood. In 2018, I was asked to join the TUHSD's Fiscal Advisory Committee where I learned about the financial aspects and governance of the District. I was honored to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for my service and was inspired to ultimately seek a Board Member position.

In 2023, I started a new property restoration business serving our community. I have a great passion and focus for learning and education for myself, my family and our community. All three of my children have attended or are attending school in the District. I am committed to striving for the best possible educational opportunities for our local high school students balanced with the needs of our community.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Ross Valley School District
Governing Board Member**

PHILIP J FEFFER

Occupation: Attorney / Parent

Education and Qualifications: BA, CUNY Hunter College; JD, Georgetown University Law Center

Current: Vice Chair, Fairfax Planning Commission; Upper Ross Community Representative, Countywide Priority Setting Committee

High-quality, public education is essential. It's not only a moral obligation to provide all children the opportunity to learn in a safe, nurturing environment – it also makes good common sense: educated children become adults who create scientific breakthroughs, make political progress, and empathize with different cultures and backgrounds.

My oldest attends Manor, and I'm delighted by the care and instruction provided by her teachers. They inspire students' curiosity, compassion and critical thinking. Our teachers are real-life magicians, but that magic is at risk: RVSD educators are woefully underpaid, and not because RVSD can't afford to pay them more. As a member of the RVSD Budget Advisory Committee, I have utilized skills honed as a corporate attorney to evaluate the minutiae of the financial projections of the RVSD Board, and I have voiced my disagreement with the current Board's conclusions. We can and should pay our teachers a living wage, and as a Board Member I'll work tirelessly to that end.

My commitment to this community is steadfast. I'll be a dad in this district for the next 12 years, and I hope to serve this community for the duration and beyond. PJFeffer4RVSD.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Ross Valley School District
Governing Board Member**

RACHEL LITWACK

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: Strong public schools are a backbone of our community and, as a Trustee and Board President, I am encouraged by the positive changes we have made in the past 3 years. I am seeking re-election to continue improving how RVSD serves our students and community. I have volunteered for 13 years in our schools: in classrooms, parent clubs, and events. I served on the YES Board, the Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure A Funds and four school funding campaigns.

I am invested in seeing our students get access to the best education possible and ensuring that teachers and students feel supported in the learning environment. Fiscal responsibility is critical and goes hand-in-hand with retaining our excellent educators. I will continue to improve community outreach and offer transparent, timely and consistent communication from the District, particularly on decisions that affect our lives.

I believe in collaboration, listening, a can-do attitude, data driven, solution-based approaches, and I have the passion, dedication and willingness to do the hard work to make the best possible decisions for, and with, our community.

I would be honored to serve our students, teachers, schools and community as Trustee and humbly ask for your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Distrito Escolar de Ross Valley
Miembro de la Junta Directiva**

PHILIP J FEFFER

Ocupación: Abogado / Padre de familia

Educación y calificaciones: Licenciatura en Derecho, CUNY Hunter College; Doctorado en Derecho, Georgetown University Law Center

Actual: Vicepresidenta de la Comisión de Planificación de Fairfax; Representante de la Comunidad de Upper Ross en el Comité de Determinación de Prioridades del Condado

La educación pública de alta calidad es esencial. Brindarles a todos los niños la oportunidad de aprender en un entorno seguro y enriquecedor no solo es una obligación moral, sino que también tiene sentido común: los niños que reciben una educación se convierten en adultos que crean innovaciones científicas, progresan políticamente y empatizan con diferentes culturas y orígenes.

Mi hija mayor asiste a Manor, y estoy encantado con el cuidado y la instrucción que le proporcionan sus maestros. Inspiran la curiosidad, la compasión y el pensamiento crítico de los estudiantes. Nuestros maestros son una especie de magos, pero esa magia está en peligro: Lamentablemente, los educadores del RVSD están mal pagados, y no porque el RVSD no pueda permitirse remunerarlos mejor. Como miembro del Comité Asesor de Presupuesto del RVSD, he utilizado habilidades perfeccionadas como abogado corporativo para evaluar las particularidades de las proyecciones financieras de la Junta del RVSD, y he expresado mi desacuerdo con las conclusiones de la Junta actual. Podemos y debemos pagar a nuestros maestros un salario digno, y como miembro de la Junta trabajaré incansablemente para conseguirlo.

Mi compromiso con esta comunidad es inquebrantable. Seré padre de un estudiante en este distrito durante los próximos 12 años, y espero servir a esta comunidad durante ese tiempo y más allá. PJFeffer4RVSD.com

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Ross Valley School District
Governing Board Member**

SHELLEY HAMILTON

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: Our neighborhood schools are more than just places of learning; they are the heart of our community, uniting diverse families through shared experiences. As a mother and a community volunteer in a career dedicated to improving educational equity, I am running for re-election because I believe in the power of public education to transform lives. I have a proven track record of service—rolling up my sleeves to understand issues, engaging in difficult conversations, making tough decisions, and getting the job done.

As a parent at Manor, Whitehill, and Archie, I have been a Trustee, Planning Commission Chair, PTA President, Lap-a-thon Chair, and have contributed to local sports leagues and equity committees. With 20+ years senior executive experience in Marin's nonprofit sector, I bring essential financial and facility management skills, alongside expertise in planning, data analysis, and process facilitation.

Grounded in values of equity, compassion, courage, humility and integrity, I believe it is our shared duty to dismantle systemic barriers to ensure every child reaches their full potential. These are challenging times, but together, we can courageously shape our district's future, now and for future generations. I would be honored to serve a second term as your RVSD Trustee.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Ross Valley School District
Governing Board Member**

DANIEL CASSIDY

Occupation: Appointed Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: Education is my 'true north'. I earned my Bachelor's degree in K-12 Health Education and my Master's degree in College Administration. I continue to teach locally as an adjunct faculty member at Dominican University.

For the past year and a half, I have had the privilege of serving as an appointed board member for the Ross Valley School District. The experience over the past 18 months has solidified my desire to become an officially elected school board member. It has been a rewarding, yet challenging experience, and I continue to learn new things about the district, our community, and our students every month.

Knowing the district is facing declining enrollments and increased costs, the next four years will require the board to listen to our community and act decisively when needed.

When facing challenging discussions and decisions, I will continue to put current and future students at the forefront of my decision-making process. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our amazing Ross Valley community for the next four years.

Thank you for your consideration.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Distrito Escolar de Ross Valley
Miembro de la Junta Directiva**

SHELLEY HAMILTON

Ocupación: Titular

Educación y calificaciones: Las escuelas de nuestros vecindarios son más que solo lugares de aprendizaje; son el corazón de nuestra comunidad, que une a familias diversas a través de experiencias compartidas. Como madre y voluntaria comunitaria con una carrera dedicada a mejorar la equidad educativa, me postulo para la reelección porque creo en el poder de la educación pública como transformadora de vidas. Tengo un historial comprobado de servicio para entender los problemas, participar en conversaciones difíciles, tomar decisiones también difíciles y concretar lo que ha sido necesario concretar.

Como madre en Manor, Whitehill y Archie, he sido miembro de la junta, presidenta de la Comisión de Planificación y presidenta de la PTA, directora del Lap-a-thon, y he contribuido a ligas deportivas y comités de equidad locales. Con más de 20 años de experiencia ejecutiva sénior en el sector sin fines de lucro de Marin, apporto habilidades esenciales de gestión financiera y de instalaciones, junto con experiencia en planificación, análisis de datos y facilitación de procesos.

A partir de valores de equidad, compasión, valentía, humildad e integridad, creo que el deber de todos es desmantelar las barreras sistémicas para garantizar que cada niño alcance su máximo potencial. Son tiempos difíciles, pero juntos podremos con valentía dar forma al futuro de nuestro distrito, ahora y para las futuras generaciones. Será un honor para mí servir un segundo mandato como miembro de la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar de Ross Valley.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Marin County Supervisor, District 2**

HEATHER MCPHAIL SRIDHARAN

Occupation: Businesswoman

Education and Qualifications: U.C. Berkeley, B.A.; Oxford University, M.Phil

We live in a special place. I am running for Supervisor to ensure we retain what makes Marin unique while addressing the important challenges we face today, including: (a) affordable housing, especially for our workforce and older adults, (b) climate change strategies, particularly for wildfires & flood control, (c) fiscal responsibility so we don't waste tax dollars, & (d) responsive community engagement.

As a 4th generation Marin native & business owner who has served in local leadership since I was a teenager, I care deeply about our community. I am proud to have earned 600+ local endorsements including Current Ross Valley Mayors: San Anselmo's Eileen Burke, Fairfax's Barbara Coler, & Larkspur's Scot Candell.

I bring 25+ years of successful corporate experience & 35+ years of public service leadership from being elected Student Body President of Marin Catholic, to President of graduate students at Oxford University, to serving as President of the Kentfield School Board, where I balanced our \$20M+ budget.

I love Marin. I was born here, raised my family of 4 kids in the Ross Valley and intend to ensure that Marin remains a special place. I would be honored to have your vote.

www.heatherformarin.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Marin County Supervisor, District 2**

BRIAN COLBERT

Age: 56

Occupation: San Anselmo Councilmember, Marin County Economic Vitality Strategic Plan Steering Committee Member

Education and Qualifications: I am committed to strengthening Marin's fundamental values and providing bold solutions to the pressing issues facing our County.

This is why I became a San Anselmo Town Councilmember and why I am running for Marin County Supervisor.

Since my election to Town Council in 2017, San Anselmo has thrived. We have a vibrant downtown and a strong sense of community.

I have a proven track record of balancing leadership with partnership.

During the unprecedented challenges of COVID, I collaborated with county officials and other cities and towns to ensure Marin remained safe and our local businesses survived.

I also led the ongoing Reimagine Creek Park project, which created a safe outdoor gathering space when community connection was most needed.

As Chair of the Transportation Authority of Marin and former Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers President, I have been actively involved in addressing the challenges facing Marin.

I am supported by the Marin Professional Firefighters because I will focus on emergency preparedness, especially wildfires. As your Supervisor I will prioritize our local economy, protect open spaces, and reduce traffic congestion.

I am honored to have the support of Congressman Jared Huffman, Assemblymember Damon Connolly, San Rafael Mayor Kate Colin, and Marin County Supervisors Katie Rice, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mary Sackett and Eric Lucan. I hope you too will vote Brian Colbert for Marin County Supervisor.

www.colbertforsupervisor.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Supervisora del Condado de Marin, Distrito 2**

HEATHER MCPHAIL SRIDHARAN

Ocupación: Empresaria

Educación y calificaciones: U.C. Berkeley, B.A.; Oxford University, M.Phil

Vivimos en un lugar muy especial. Me estoy postulando para Supervisora para garantizar que conservemos lo que hace que Marin sea único, mientras atendemos los importantes desafíos a los que nos enfrentamos en la actualidad, incluyendo: (a) vivienda de precio accesible, especialmente para nuestra fuerza laboral y adultos mayores, (b) estrategias de cambio climático, particularmente contra incendios forestales y el control de inundaciones, (c) responsabilidad fiscal de manera que no desperdiciemos el dinero de los contribuyentes y (d) un compromiso comunitario receptivo.

Como originario de Marin de cuarta generación y propietario de un negocio habiendo servido en el liderazgo local desde que era adolescente, nuestra comunidad me importa profundamente. Tengo el orgullo de haber obtenido el respaldo de más de 600 personalidades locales, incluidos los actuales alcaldes de Ross Valley: Eileen Burke de San Anselmo, Barbara Coler de Fairfax, y Scot Candell de Larkspur.

Aporto más de 25 años de exitosa experiencia corporativa y más de 35 años de liderazgo en el servicio público, desde que fui elegido Presidente del Cuerpo Estudiantil de Marin Catholic, a Presidente de los estudiantes de postgrado en la Universidad de Oxford, a Presidente de la Junta Escolar de Kentfield, donde equilibré nuestro presupuesto de más de \$20 millones.

Amo a Marin. Nací aquí, crié a mi familia de 4 hijos en Ross Valley y tengo la intención de asegurarme de que Marin siga siendo un lugar especial. Para mí sería un honor contar con su voto.

www.heatherformarin.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Supervisor del Condado de Marin, Distrito 2**

BRIAN COLBERT

Egad: 56

Ocupación: Concejal de San Anselmo, Miembro del Comité Directivo del Plan Estratégico de Vitalidad Económica del Condado de Marin

Educación y calificaciones: Me comprometo a reforzar los valores fundamentales de Marin y a aportar soluciones enérgicas a los problemas apremiantes a los que se enfrenta nuestro Condado.

Esta es la razón por la que me convertí en Concejal del Ayuntamiento de San Anselmo y por la que me postulo para Supervisor del Condado de Marin.

Desde mi elección al Concejo Municipal en 2017, San Anselmo ha prosperado. Tenemos un centro vibrante y un sólido sentido de comunidad.

Tengo un historial comprobado de equilibrio entre liderazgo y colaboración.

Durante los desafíos sin precedentes del COVID, colaboré con funcionarios del condado y otras ciudades y poblados para garantizar que Marin siguiera siendo seguro y que nuestros negocios locales sobrevivieran.

También dirigí el proyecto Reimagine Creek Park, el cual sigue en curso y creó un espacio seguro de reunión al aire libre cuando más se necesitaba el contacto entre los miembros de la comunidad.

Como Presidente de la Autoridad de Transporte de Marin y antiguo Presidente del Concejo de Alcaldes y Concejales del Condado de Marin, he participado activamente en la resolución de los desafíos a los que se enfrenta Marin.

Cuento con el apoyo de los Bomberos Profesionales de Marin porque me concentraré en la preparación para emergencias, especialmente los incendios forestales. Como su Supervisor daré prioridad a nuestra economía local, protegeré los espacios al aire libre y reduciré la congestión del tráfico.

Es un honor para mí contar con el apoyo del Congresista Jared Huffman, del Asambleísta Damon Connolly, de la Alcaldesa de San Rafael Kate Colin y de los Supervisores del Condado de Marin Katie Rice, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mary Sackett y Eric Lucan. Espero que usted también vote por Brian Colbert para Supervisor del Condado de Marin.

www.colbertforsupervisor.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

FRANK EGGER

Occupation: Salmon Rivers Preservationist

Education and Qualifications: St. Ignatius College Prep., Santa Rosa Junior College (Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice), College of Marin (Business Law), University of San Francisco (Math).

A San Francisco native and 62 year Fairfax resident, I served as: Chair, Fairfax Parks & Recreation Commission; 7 term Mayor of Fairfax; President, Ross Valley Sanitary District; Founding Director, Ross Valley Paramedic Authority; Co-Founder Friends of the Eel River; President, North Coast Rivers Alliance; Treasurer, Pesticide Free Zone; Co-Chair, Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter Water Committee; San Francisco Bay Area Coordinator for Stop the Spray.

I authored Fairfax ordinances including: Fairfax's pesticide ban on the commons, height limits, Living Wage Law, preserving ridgetop parcels, the zoning ordinance that allowed the Bennett House; the law prohibiting the conversion of affordable apartments to for sale Condos and Fairfax was sued. The case was appealed, I prevailed, setting California Case Law giving General Law cities the right to protect affordable housing.

As Mayor of Fairfax, I was appointed California's first Coastal Commissioner, North Central Coast Region (December 7, 1972), serving until 1981. My Fairfax based North Coast Rivers Alliance is currently a lead plaintiff in Federal Court against former President Donald Trump and his approval of Keystone XL Pipeline.

I battled the State on zoning issues, prevailing 4 times and setting new Case Law. When California's Attorney General told Fairfax to revoke our pesticide ban on the commons law, I fought that order with 3 attorneys and prevailed. Contact: 415.456.6356, email fjegger@gmail.com.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

MIKE GHIRINGHELLI

Occupation: Fairfax Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: I am seeking another term on the Fairfax Town Council, because order must be restored to the Town.

I don't find it acceptable that there is a lack of transparency in town government. One of my goals is to restore transparency.

It is not acceptable that our town is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on outside consultants and legal fees, when we have a fully functional town staff who can do this work.

The idea that we need to build high rise multi-unit dwellings is not acceptable. There are better ways to solve affordable housing challenges.

We need to restore our Public Works Department, so staff can maintain our roads, sidewalks and storm drainage system.

I'm a strong advocate for public safety - fire and police services. Our parks must be safe for our children.

This is a wonderful town and community. We need not change it in the name of, so called, progress. I grew up in Fairfax and own small businesses in town.

I am a proponent of homeowner's rights, and object to the burdens that the council has placed upon homeowners in our town.

I will listen to, respect, and be kind to everyone.

I would greatly appreciate your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Ciudad de Fairfax
Miembro del Concejo Municipal**

MIKE GHIRINGHELLI

Ocupación: Propietario de negocios en Fairfax

Educación y calificaciones: Quiero desempeñar otro mandato en el Concejo Municipal de Fairfax porque la ciudad necesita que vuelva el orden.

No me parece aceptable que falte la transparencia en el gobierno municipal. Uno de mis objetivos es restaurar la transparencia.

No es aceptable que nuestra ciudad gaste cientos de miles de dólares en consultores externos y honorarios legales, cuando tenemos personal municipal completamente funcional que puede hacer estas tareas.

La idea de que necesitamos construir edificios de viviendas multifamiliares en edificios de gran altura no es aceptable. Hay mejores maneras de resolver los desafíos de la vivienda asequible.

Tenemos que restablecer nuestro Departamento de Obras Públicas, para que el personal pueda mantener nuestras carreteras, aceras y sistema de drenaje pluvial.

Soy un firme defensor de la seguridad pública: servicios de bomberos y policía. Nuestros parques deben ser seguros para nuestros hijos.

Esta ciudad y esta comunidad son maravillosas. No necesitamos cambiarlas en nombre del supuesto progreso. Crecí en Fairfax y tengo pequeñas empresas en la ciudad.

Soy un defensor de los derechos de los propietarios de viviendas y me opongo a las cargas que el Concejo ha impuesto a los propietarios de viviendas en nuestra ciudad.

Escucharé, respetaré y seré amable con todos.

Agradecería mucho su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

BRUCE ACKERMAN

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: I am running again for Councilmember because I hope to facilitate real conversations about the complex and important issues facing us, including the changing climate and housing crisis. As a scientist/engineer I bring an evidence-based collaborative approach to creatively solving problems.

Having chaired the General Plan Advisory Committee, served on the Planning Commission and Council, as well as founding the Climate Action Committee, I have strong working relationships with community members, town staff and County boards such as MCE Clean Energy.

Fairfax can be a most wonderful and welcoming town, but can also become contentious, and is unfortunately in one of those periods now. I am more than ready to facilitate conversations and bring policy proposals accordingly, with curiosity and open-mindedness. As a Councilmember and Mayor I have brought insights and information to our deliberations, and advocated for nuance and ongoing adjustments to policies responding to community concern and need.

Fairfax has a balanced budget, healthy reserves and excellent staff, so what is left is to get past extreme positions to find the right path for the long term. I ask for your vote, and thank you for your trust over the years.

Learn more at bruceackermanforfairfax.com, and I hope to talk with you.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

CHANCE CUTRANO

Age: 31

Occupation: Councilmember/Nonprofit Director

Education and Qualifications: Serving Fairfax these past four years has been an honor. I've worked to turn possibilities into reality, harnessing the power of partnerships to realize a safer, more equitable Fairfax for all.

I've delivered on my key commitments to you: Passed balanced budgets with robust 25%+ reserves; hired our first Public Works Director in a decade and developed a pavement improvement plan; obtained grants for bicycle and pedestrian safety; secured \$4M for affordable housing preservation; strengthened tenant protections to keep our neighbors in their homes; enhanced emergency preparedness with a third firefighter on every engine; guided Marin's \$74M emergency radio system upgrade; initiated the campaign to preserve the 100-acre Wall Property as public open space; and developed community resources including outdoor dining, our skatepark, and public art projects.

As your Councilmember, Transportation Commissioner, Fire Board Director, and Emergency Radio Authority Director, I've laid the groundwork to repair Town infrastructure, expand sustainable transportation options, increase affordable housing opportunities, invest in our fire department, and enhance climate resilience and open space protections. Let's build on this progress.

With your support, I will continue to serve with openness, energy, and integrity. Together we can tackle any challenge and nurture a vibrant, resilient Fairfax.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Ciudad de Fairfax
Miembro del Concejo Municipal**

BRUCE ACKERMAN

Ocupación: Titular

Educación y calificaciones: Vuelvo a postularme para concejal porque quiero facilitar conversaciones reales sobre los problemas complejos e importantes que enfrentamos, incluidos el cambio climático y la crisis de vivienda. Como científico e ingeniero, aportó un enfoque colaborativo empírico para resolver problemas de forma creativa.

Habiendo presidido el Comité Asesor del Plan General, servido en la Comisión de Planificación y el Concejo, además de fundar el Comité de Acción Climática, tengo sólidas relaciones de trabajo con miembros de la comunidad, personal municipal y juntas del Condado como MCE Clean Energy.

Fairfax puede ser una ciudad maravillosa y acogedora, pero también puede volverse polémica, y lamentablemente estamos atravesando uno de esos períodos. Estoy más que dispuesto a facilitar conversaciones y aportar las propuestas políticas que correspondan, con espíritu de exploración y mente abierta. Como concejal y alcalde, he aportado conocimientos e información a nuestras deliberaciones y he abogado por matices y ajustes continuos en las políticas que abordan las inquietudes y las necesidades de la comunidad.

Fairfax tiene un presupuesto equilibrado, reservas saludables y un personal excelente; lo que tenemos pendiente es superar las posiciones extremas para encontrar el camino correcto a largo plazo. Le pido su voto y agradezco su confianza en estos años.

Para obtener más información, visite bruceackermanforfairfax.com. Espero que podamos conversar.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Ciudad de Fairfax
Miembro del Concejo Municipal**

CHANCE CUTRANO

Egad: 31

Ocupación: Miembro del Concejo/director de una organización sin fines de lucro

Educación y calificaciones: Trabajar para Fairfax durante los últimos cuatro años ha sido un honor. He trabajado para convertir las posibilidades en realidad, aprovechando el poder de las asociaciones para hacer de Fairfax una ciudad más segura y equitativa para todos.

He cumplido con los principales compromisos que asumí frente a ustedes: Aprobación de presupuestos equilibrados con reservas sólidas de más del 25%, contratación de nuestro primer Director de Obras Públicas en una década y desarrollo de un plan de mejora del pavimento. Obtuvimos subvenciones para la seguridad de ciclistas y peatones, obtuvimos \$4 millones para la preservación de viviendas asequibles, fortalecimos las protecciones de los inquilinos para mantener a nuestros vecinos en sus hogares, mejoramos la preparación para emergencias con un tercer bombero en cada camión, hicimos una actualización de \$74 millones del sistema de radio de emergencia de Marin, iniciamos la campaña para preservar los 100 acres de Wall Property como espacio público abierto y desarrollamos recursos comunitarios que incluyen espacios para comer al aire libre, nuestro parque de patinaje y proyectos de arte público.

Como su concejal, comisionado de transporte, director de la junta de bomberos y director de la autoridad de radio de emergencia, he sentado las bases para reparar la infraestructura de la ciudad, ampliar las opciones de transporte sustentable, aumentar las oportunidades de vivienda asequible, invertir en nuestro departamento de bomberos y mejorar la resiliencia climática y las protecciones de los espacios abiertos. Sigamos construyendo a partir de este progreso.

Con su apoyo, continuaré sirviendo con mente abierta, energía e integridad. Juntos podemos enfrentar cualquier desafío y fomentar una Fairfax vibrante y resiliente.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

BARBARA COLER

Occupation: Environmental Scientist

Education and Qualifications: I'm honored to serve on the Town Council for eleven years- as Mayor in 2015, 2019 and 2024. Working together with our community, we have made progress towards realizing our common vision for Fairfax: sustaining our economic vitality while preserving our unique qualities; preparing for disasters and providing leadership on social justice and environmental issues.

I am a scientist with a long-term commitment to protection of public health and the environment. My education and years of public service has given me a deep understanding of how government works and the ability to get things done.

My many Council accomplishments include acquiring open space: Wall Property (soon!) and Sky Ranch; achieving climate action objectives; championing affordable housing and reasonable 2018/2019 renter protections (tried for fair-minded approach in 2022/2023). I ran three highly successful voter campaigns for local taxes to support Fairfax.

I have focused on living within our budget to provide quality public services, addressing our aging infrastructure and affordable housing, preserving our uniqueness, and focusing on Fairfax's strong environmental and social justice ethics. With your vote I can continue this important work and keep Fairfax moving forward.

www.barbaracolер.org

Endorsements: Katie Rice, Larry Bragman, Mimi Newton, Renee Goddard, Janet Garvin

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

DOUG KELLY

Occupation: Computer Tech

Education and Qualifications: I am Doug Kelly and while I am new resident within the town, I've lived within 1.3 miles of Fairfax Town Hall for 28 years. I've done business in Fairfax for 34 years and coached on our baseball fields. My three children all graduated from Whitehill Middle School. I volunteered at Winterfest many years. I have served on the San Anselmo Town Council.

I am running for Fairfax Town Councilor because I believe that I can help maintain our small-town character as well as improve our service to the public. I am currently an elected Member of the Ross Valley Sanitary District and as noted in the Marin IJ we have turned that agency around from one in deep distress to the 2023 Small Collections Agency of the year for the entire State of California.

I think our Town Council needs to focus on the issues under it's direct jurisdiction and to serve the public as I have always worked hard for my business clients. I have answered the needs of the day, spoken respectfully, do the work and take responsibility for my actions.

I hope that you will give me your vote and your support. Thank you.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Town of Fairfax
Member, Town Council**

CINDY SWIFT

Occupation: Retired Program Manager, Planning Commissioner

Education and Qualifications: I am running for Town Council to ensure that we focus on core priorities such as improving infrastructure, enhancing public safety, emergency/disaster preparedness, protecting our open spaces and environment and preserving our town character.

Fairfax faces challenges that we can only address if we restore confidence and trust in leadership. As council member I'll be accessible, listen to all and be responsive to the needs of our residents and businesses.

My community service in Fairfax has included the Parks and Recreation Commission and Volunteer Board. I currently serve on the Fairfax Planning Commission, am a member of the Cascade Canyon Firewise Steering Committee and serve on the Fairfax Citizens Disaster Council. I also serve on the boards of both the Friends of the Marin County Free Library as well as the Friends of the Fairfax Library. I recently led the community fundraising effort for the Fairfax Library's outdoor garden.

Professionally I worked as a Program and Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers – a career that gave me extensive experience in project oversight, community engagement and responsible budgeting.

My professional and volunteer experience has prepared me to be an effective Fairfax Town Councilmember. I ask for your vote. CindySwiftForFairfaxTC@gmail.com

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
SCHOOL
TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE B
<p>To complete high priority repairs and upgrades at local high schools, including replacing classrooms/ science labs/ technology; repairing/ replacing leaky roofs and inefficient heating/ cooling/ electrical/ plumbing systems; updating art/ music classrooms/ facilities; and replacing outdated portable classrooms, shall Tamalpais Union High School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$289,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$18 per \$100,000 assessed value while bonds are outstanding (\$20,700,000 annually) with independent oversight, audits, no funds for administrators and all funds locally controlled?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BONDS - YES <input type="radio"/> BONDS - NO</p>

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND MEASURE

MEASURE B

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District.

Pursuant to Article XIII A (1)(b)(3) of the California Constitution, if this measure is approved by 55% of the votes cast, the Tamalpais Union High School District will be authorized to incur bonded indebtedness in multiple series of up to two hundred eighty-nine million dollars (\$289,000,000) with an interest rate not to exceed the limit set by law.

Money raised by bond sales may only be used for the purposes and projects stated in the Bond Project List set forth in Measure B. These purposes and projects include, but are not limited to, replacing and/or expanding classroom buildings at Tamalpais High School, Redwood High School and Archie Williams High School, as well as other priority projects. As required by law, Measure B prohibits using bond proceeds for teacher and administrator salaries or other operating expenses.

The District estimates the average projected tax rate necessary to fund the bonds will be \$17.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value of property while the bonds are outstanding. This estimate is a projection, and could go up or down, depending on a number of factors including the timing and amount of bond sales, and changes in assessed property values in the District. If all the bonds are sold, the District estimates total debt service (including the principal and interest) will be approximately \$579,200,000. If the bond issuance is authorized, it will commence in fiscal year 2025-26 and the final fiscal year in which it is anticipated that the revenue will be collected is 2052-53.

The Measure requires annual independent financial audits and spending review by an independent citizens' oversight committee.

s/BRIAN E. WASHINGTON
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT

MEASURE B

An election will be held within the boundaries of Tamalpais Union High School District (“District”) on November 5, 2024 to authorize the sale of up to \$289 million in bonds to finance facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property located within the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 to 9404, inclusive, of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate from official sources 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 the election, a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$17.60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2052-53.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$17.60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation first occurring in fiscal year 2025-26.

3. The best estimate from official sources 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 \$579.2 million.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Marin County official tax rolls, not on the property’s market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. For illustration purposes only, a home with the current approximate median residential assessed value in the District of \$1.1 million (as of 2023-24) would pay approximately \$194 in initial annual property taxes based on the tax rate of \$17.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Annual increases in the assessed value of a property (without an ownership change or reassessment) are limited to 2% and other limitations provided by Proposition 13 from 1978.

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 actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply 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 construction 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.

Dr. Tara Taupier, Superintendent

In accordance with Education Code Section 15122.5:

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

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Vote YES on B: a responsible plan to replace outdated and deteriorating high school classrooms and prevent cuts to instructional programs.

Our local high schools in Tamalpais Union High School District consistently **rank among the best.**

Aging and deteriorating classrooms, labs, and school facilities need urgent upgrades to **keep students safe and support quality instruction.**

Most local high schools are over 60 years old and Tam High is over 100 years old. The last improvement bond passed almost **two decades ago.**

Following the narrow defeat of a bond measure earlier this year, Tamalpais Union High School District leaders **worked with the community** to develop **a scaled-down proposal focused on only the most essential projects. Measure B is the result.**

Measure B is 45% smaller than the last measure and will provide \$289,000,000 in locally controlled funding that is **equitably distributed** to specific projects **at each high school.**

The State does not fund facility improvements so **upgrades to local high schools require local funding.** Without Measure B, **funds would have to be diverted from teaching and classroom instruction** to urgent roof and HVAC repairs for schools to function.

Voting Yes on B funds only urgent and essential improvements:

- Replacing the most outdated and obsolete classrooms, science labs, classroom technology, and equipment
- Repairing leaky roofs and inefficient heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Converting outdated and deteriorating temporary portable classrooms to permanent structures

Mandatory fiscal accountability and local control:

- A **detailed project list** describes specifically how funds would be used
- **Independent oversight, audits, and public spending** disclosures ensure funds are spent as promised
- **Every penny is locally controlled** and cannot be taken by the State
- No funds can be used for administrator salaries

Protecting quality education in local schools is **good for students, good for our community, and good for home values.**

Join trusted local leaders in voting Yes on B.

JARED HUFFMAN
U.S. Congressman, California's 2nd District

STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS
Marin County Supervisor, District 3

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARIN COUNTY
Kevin M. Hagerty, President

CHUCK FORD
Former TUHSD Trustee & 50-year Marin resident

BITSA FREEMAN
Marin Native, TUHSD Alum and Parent, Realtor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

No rebuttal to argument in favor of Measure B was filed.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

People have reached their limits and ability to pay more taxes, Measure B directs money to aspirational “vanity” projects. There are no senior exemptions and no plans to ensure improved academic performance.

No money goes to reversing weak academic performance. California’s school-dashboard shows TUHSD performing poorly <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> Instead of a reasonable parcel tax for improved academics, that allows senior exemptions, the Board opts for new construction at Redwood: a \$73,100,000 kitchen remodel, new multipurpose “eating area” and replacing art and music buildings with new, larger ones. These are not “critical” safety needs as the Board claims in order to scare voters.

While identifying only \$80,000,000 in “critical” needs for roofs and HVAC earlier this year, now they redefine everything they want as a critical need. That balloons the bond measure to \$289,000,000 (\$579,200,000 with interest). Much of what they deem “critical” is of their own creation – deferring maintenance while funding ten new senior administrator positions. Students deserve that money directed back to their education.

Measure B offers no exemptions for seniors or low-income families who will be pushed out of Marin by increasing taxes, insurance, and utility bills.

When enrollment is declining and many students are struggling, new fancy buildings shouldn’t be the top priority.

To regain Archie Williams High School area voters, who were shortchanged in failed Measure A, this bond adds a non-critical \$11,300,000 AWHs theater renovation. AWHs voters are still shortchanged at receiving only 14.3% of the bond proceeds.

Who wants all this Tam Union construction? Most of the roughly \$270,000 contributed to political campaigns to pass these 2024 Tam Union bond measures comes from companies who will profit financially.

The board must prioritize fixing Tam Union’s REAL problems: declining academic performance, not “vanity” projects. Voters will approve a smaller bond or parcel tax if there’s demonstrated need.

Vote NO.

BENEDETTO CICO
Business Owner

PASCAL SISICH
Former Planning Commissioner, Library & Sales Tax
Oversight Committee Member

KATHY FLORES
District Resident & Voter

DIANA K. PERDUE
Retired Senior

MICHAEL MACKINTOSH
Local Business Owner

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

The opponents are wrong and are spreading misinformation.

Misinformation: Local high schools are performing poorly.

Truth: Academic performance in our schools is among the best in the State and Nation. The opposition is intentionally misrepresenting TUHSD’s academic performance via the Dashboard. 98% of TUHSD students graduate, 80% meet University of California entrance requirements, and admission rates to elite colleges rival that of private schools.

Misinformation: Measure B funds nonessential “vanity” projects.

Truth: Following the narrow defeat of Measure A, TUHSD listened to the community and reduced the proposal by 44% to focus on the most urgent and essential needs (tuhsdfacilities.org). The opponents’ misleading description of a \$73 million kitchen remodel is in fact a multi-pronged project to replace several of Redwood’s oldest, deteriorating, and obsolete buildings. They must be replaced, not remodeled, as required by state law, and do not expand capacity.

Misinformation: Archie Williams High School gets 14% of the funding.

Truth: Archie Williams High gets 21% of Measure B funding, which is roughly equivalent to its percentage of district enrollment at 25%.

Misinformation: Measure B offers no exemptions.

Truth: State law does not allow exemptions for school facilities bonds and bonds are the only practical way to fund school improvements. However, the cost to taxpayers is based on the assessed value of properties so longtime residents and owners of less expensive homes pay the least.

Vote Yes on B — a modest and sensible plan that will provide essential upgrades to support safety and quality education, while protecting devastating cuts to teachers, staff, and programs.

JOHN CARROLL
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

ELAINE PETROCELLI
Founder and President, Book Passage Bookstore

FELECIA GASTON
Executive Director, Performing Stars of Marin
and 34 year Marin City resident

RUTH DELL
Retired President of TUHSD Board of Trustees
and Marin County School Board Association

DAVE CORT
Community Leader and 45+ year West Marin resident

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE B

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL HIGH PRIORITY CLASSROOM REPAIR AND UPGRADE MEASURE

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Tamalpais Union High School District (“District”) shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$289,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

- Tamalpais Union High School District (“District”) strives to provide every student with a high quality education in a safe and modern learning environment, so that they graduate with the skills and knowledge needed for success in college and future careers.
- Tam High is over 100 years old, Redwood and Archie Williams are over 60 years old, and the last significant repairs and upgrades were completed almost 20 years ago.
- Working with architects and school construction experts, the District conducted a thorough assessment of every classroom and school facility to identify and prioritize needed repairs and upgrades.
- Outdated and deteriorating classrooms, science labs, career training facilities, and failing school infrastructure directly impact student safety, learning and the quality of education available to local students.
- Many classrooms and school buildings that have been used daily for decades by thousands of high school students are deteriorating, worn out, have leaky roofs, are not accessible for students with disabilities, and have aging and inefficient plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems.
- Outdated classrooms, labs and job training facilities were built to meet past educational standards and need upgrades to support current standards for advanced instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.
- Outdated and deteriorating classrooms and school buildings present risks to student safety and campus security, requiring upgrades to remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead, improve campus security, and meet current fire and earthquake safety standards.
- All students need appropriate sheltered eating areas to ensure safety during inclement weather including rain, wildfire smoke and extreme heat.
- Because the State does not provide sufficient or dedicated funding for school facility improvements, local funding is needed to address urgent repairs and upgrades at local high schools.
- Without local funding from a voter-approved school improvement bond measure, limited funding that currently supports teacher salaries, educational programming and learning materials will have to be diverted to urgent and essential repairs to roofs, heating

- and ventilation systems that cannot be delayed.
- Diverting approximately \$80 million in instructional funding to urgent facility repairs would likely require significant reductions to academic programs, student support services, and teaching positions.
- To repair and upgrade outdated and failing classrooms, labs and school facilities, and protect limited funding for teaching and academic programs, the Board of Trustees believes that dedicated funding for facility improvements from a voter-approved bond measure is needed.
- Following the narrow defeat of the Measure A bond proposal on the March 2024 ballot, the District listened to community feedback and developed a reduced bond proposal that eliminates lower priority improvements and focuses on the most urgent and essential identified repairs and improvements.
- In developing a revised and reduced bond proposal, the Board has sought to ensure that funds are allocated consistently across the five District high schools on a per-student basis, while prioritizing the most urgent identified needs at each campus.
- In developing a revised and reduced bond proposal, the Board has sought to ensure that cost of the proposed measure is less than is paid by taxpayers toward school facility improvements in other comparable Marin County and Bay Area school districts.
- In developing a revised and reduced bond proposal, the District has developed a detailed school by school project list with updated cost estimates focused on the most urgent high priority repairs and upgrades.
- The revised bond proposal will address priority improvements, such as:
 - Replacing outdated and obsolete classrooms, science labs, technology, and equipment;
 - Repairing or replacing leaking and deteriorating roofs;
 - Repairing or replacing outdated and inefficient heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing systems;
 - Updating career and job training classrooms to meet current educational standards;
 - Updating art, music and performing arts classrooms; and
 - Replacing outdated, deteriorating and failing temporary portable classrooms.
- Proceeds from a voter-approved school facilities improvement bond measure would be controlled locally for District high schools only and could not be taken away by the State.
- None of the money raised may be used for administrators’ salaries or pensions or other school operating expenses.
- An independent citizens’ oversight committee, mandatory annual audits and public disclosure of all spending will help ensure funds are only spent on voter-approved projects.

SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

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

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board of Trustees has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board of Trustees enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board of Trustees shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board of Trustees shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Trustees no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

SECTION III: BOND 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. All information contained within this "Section III: Bond Project List" comprises the list and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (if available).

The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted by law. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Specific projects that may be funded by bond proceeds include projects in Category A and Category B, list below. Category A projects are intended to be completed at the site indicated. Category B projects may be completed at any and all school sites, buildings and facilities where such project is determined necessary or required, including without limitation, adult education facilities, administrative and support buildings, and alternative education program facilities. Whether and how a project is described in Category A does not limit the District's ability to perform a Category B project at any particular site.

Specific projects to be funded by the bond measure include the following:

Category A: Site-Specific Campus Upgrades to Prepare Students for College and Careers and Comply with Safety, Accessibility and Educational Standards

ARCHIE WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL

- Renovate and expand Performing Arts Center, including:
 - Renovate / expand existing theater and music and drama classroom building, new lobby with restrooms, new dressing rooms, upgrade performance lighting;
 - Make required ADA improvements; install new systems and finishes;
- Demolish and remove Creekside portables and replace with outdoor learning areas;
- Replace baseball and football fields;
- Resurface track;
- Upgrade/modernize athletic fieldhouse;
- Replace storage buildings.

REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

- Construct Music, Fine Arts Classroom Buildings and Multi-Purpose Eating Area, including:
 - New music classroom building
 - New arts and ceramics classroom building
 - New multi-purpose sheltered eating area
 - Temporary housing in leased portables
 - Hazardous materials abatement and demolition of existing buildings
 - Replacement of site utilities, including sewer line replacement and relocation of main electrical service and emergency generator
- Replace Ghilotti Field athletic turf;

- Expand/renovate existing kitchen, dining, and food service areas;
- Resurface track;
- Replaster pool.

TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL

- Replace Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) Building, including:
 - New 4-story building containing 14 science, math, engineering and arts classrooms and labs and a replacement music classroom building;
 - Temporary housing in leased portables;
 - Hazardous materials abatement and demolition and removal of existing buildings;
 - Extensive grading and site utilities.
- Replace elevator for disability access and fire escapes;
- Upgrade/modernize kitchen, food service and dining areas;
- Resurface track;
- Replaster pool;
- Replace storage buildings.

Category B: Districtwide Campus Upgrades to Support Student Health, Safety and Security

The following projects are authorized to be completed at each, any or all of the District's schools, sites, buildings and facilities if and where determined necessary:

- Replace deteriorating and leaky roofs;
- Replace heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems;
- Repair and replace deteriorating student restrooms;
- Replace, upgrade plumbing and irrigation systems, including associated asphalt repairs;
- Upgrade restrooms and path of travel to improve access for students with disabilities and meet current Americans with Disabilities Act requirements;
- Provide solar photovoltaic parking structures and electric vehicle charging stations to offset energy usage, reduce carbon footprint and promote sustainable practices.
- Improve technology infrastructure to increase bandwidth Districtwide and enhance network-based content and curriculum delivery; acquire and/or improve classroom technology, upgrade backbone systems wireless access points, switches, and MDF/IDF data rooms with environmental controls.

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements; however, the Board's top priorities for improvements include the renovation and expansion of the performing arts center at Archie Williams High School; the construction of the music, fine arts classroom buildings and multi-purpose eating area at Redwood High School and the replacement of the STEAM building at Tamalpais High School. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Trustees priorities available funding. Decisions regarding the scope, timing, prioritization

or other facets of project implementation will be made solely by the Board of Trustees by subsequent action. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," and "improve" are used in the Bond Project List, the Board of Trustees has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal and similar planning costs; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized 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. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition 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 or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single

proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board of Trustees pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that the average useful life of bonds sold will not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average life of the projects being financed or as otherwise provided by federal tax law. Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary or average payment estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply 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 construction 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.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MUNICIPAL
TOWN OF FAIRFAX
MEASURE H
Shall the office of Fairfax Town Clerk be appointive? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TOWN ATTORNEY
TOWN OF FAIRFAX
MEASURE H**

**CHANGING THE OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
FROM AN ELECTED TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE**

On May 29, 2024, the Town Council placed Measure “H” on the November 5, 2024 general municipal election ballot. Measure “H” asks Fairfax voters whether the position of Fairfax Town Clerk should be an appointed position or remain an elected one. If Measure “H” passes, the Town Clerk would be appointed by the Fairfax Town Council and no longer elected by Fairfax voters. If Fairfax voters approve Measure “H”, the Town Council will appoint the next Town Clerk when the term of the current incumbent expires in November, 2026, or becomes vacant.

Currently in Fairfax, an elected Town Clerk serves a four year term. The seat was last elected in November, 2022 and Michele Gardner is the current elected Town Clerk. Her term expires in November, 2026. California law requires that general law cities, like Fairfax, have either an elected or appointed Town Clerk. A transition from an elected Town Clerk to an appointed Town Clerk, however, must be approved by a majority of the Town’s voters voting at an election. If Measure “H” passes and the position becomes appointed, the Town Council will decide the minimum education and training requirements for the position.

A “yes” vote on Measure “H” will convert the office of Fairfax Town Clerk into an appointed position and no election for the Town Clerk’s Office would be held in November, 2026 or future years, unless changed again by Fairfax voters via another measure.

A “no” vote on Measure “H” will leave the Town Clerk as an elected office which would be on the general municipal election ballot in November, 2026.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “H”. If you desire a copy of the Measure, it can be found on the Town’s website at www.townoffairfax.org or by calling Christine Foster, the Town’s elections official at (415) 428-2343 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

s/JANET COLESON
Town Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

State law requires each town to have a Town Clerk, either elected or appointed. In years past, Clerks had a very limited role—those days are long gone. The demands on the Office of the Town Clerk have evolved significantly over the years – now requiring extensive technical expertise and a full-time workload, e.g., handling elections, Public Records Act requests, managing Town records, websites, and more. Currently, Fairfax’s elected Town Clerk is unpaid and retains *only* ceremonial duties, they delegate largely all of the Office’s responsibilities to paid professional staff.

The Town Code and State law lack formal accountability or responsibility requirements for the Town Clerk and don’t address necessary job duties. The elected Town Clerk doesn’t need to possess any specific skills or experience - the *only* legal requirements are being over 18 and a Fairfax resident, potentially leading to inefficiencies and increased burdens on other staff members who must assist with the Clerk’s duties.

Appointing the Town Clerk would allow screening of qualified candidates, increase efficiency through the clerk’s ability to share day-to-day duties, and save taxpayers money in election costs. If appointed, the Town could interview candidates from various jurisdictions, ensuring the most qualified is selected.

Concerns with maintaining the status quo, an elected Town Clerk, include:

- **Limited candidate pool due to residency requirement and high cost of living**
- **Potential for unqualified individuals due to lack of experience/education requirements**
- **No mechanisms for accountability or responsibility**
- **Unpaid position may not attract individuals with necessary skills and integrity**

Nearly 80% of California municipalities have transitioned from elected to appointed Clerk positions, reporting better public service outcomes.

It’s critical that Fairfax can hire highly qualified professional staff. By voting yes, you ensure we can do so to provide excellent public services.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON “H”

BARBARA COLER
Mayor, Town of Fairfax

CHANCE CUTRANO
Council Member, Town of Fairfax

MICHELE GARDNER
Elected Town Clerk, Town of Fairfax

JANET GARVIN
Elected Town Treasurer, Town of Fairfax

CHRISTOPHER MORIN
Former Police Chief, Town of Fairfax (retired)

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

Former Town Councilmember Ryan O’Neil and seven Former Fairfax Mayors, John Reed, Susan Brandborg, Peter Lacques, Larry Bragman, Frank Egger, Lew Tremaine & Michael Ghiringhelli have joined together to oppose changing the historic independent elected Town Clerk position to an appointed Clerk.

The Town Clerk position in Fairfax has been Elected since Fairfax incorporated in 1931, 93 years ago. Fairfax has always had well qualified Town Clerks, Frances Lestenguetr, Mary Hansen and Judy Anderson served for 50 years combined. The qualifications for Town Clerk are the same as the qualifications for Town Council. We trust Fairfax voters.

The Fairfax Town Council should not ignore our history. **Democracy has been alive and well in Fairfax since Thursday, the 26th of February, 1931.** On that day Fairfax voters incorporated the Town of Fairfax and elected Leslie A. Grosbauer as Fairfax’s first elected Town Clerk. Why the big move now to **take away** our inherent **RIGHT TO VOTE?**

The fine print in the May 29, 2024 Staff Report PREPARED BY Heather Abrams, Town Manager and Janet Coleson, Town Attorney and the Resolution approved by the Town Council gives away the real purpose of changing to an appointed Town Clerk: **“Government Code Section 36510 allows the Town Council the option to adopt an ordinance to vest appointment authority with the Town Manager”**. They want to allow the Town Manager to be able to select & appoint the Town Clerk.

The San Anselmo Town Council rejected the same proposal for their Town Clerk on a 2 Yes, 3 No vote earlier this year.

PLEASE VOTE NO on MEASURE H

LEW TREMAINE
Former Mayor

JOHN REED
Former Mayor

SUSAN BRANDBORG
Former Mayor

RYAN O’NEIL
Former Councilmember, Current Ross Valley School Board Trustee

FRANK EGGER
Former Mayor

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

Five former Fairfax mayors, Susan Brandborg, Peter Lacques, Larry Bragman, Frank Egger and Michael Ghiringhelli have come together to sign the ballot argument against changing the historic independent elected Town Clerk position to an appointed Clerk. The Town Clerk position in Fairfax has been Elected since Fairfax incorporated in 1931, 93 years ago. The qualifications to run for Town Clerk are the same as to run for Town Council: Town of Fairfax resident, a registered voter in the Town of Fairfax, a U.S. citizen and 18 years or older.

The Fairfax Staff Report written by the Town Manager & Attorney claims: "Inefficiencies of an Elected Town Clerk: Limited candidate pool & requiring the Town Clerk to be a Fairfax resident significantly limits the pool of qualified candidates." Fairfax has never had a problem finding a qualified electable candidate. Fairfax residents Frances Lestenguet and Judy Anderson were elected and served as Town Clerks for over 40 years combined. Michele Gardner is currently the elected Town Clerk, for over 10 years.

The Town Clerk runs Fairfax elections, enforces Conflict of Interest Laws, is in charge of Town Council minutes and all Town records, signs official documents and handles all Public Record Act requests. Ensures compliance with the Brown Act (Open Meeting Law) for all Town Meetings.

The public needs to keep an independently elected Town Clerk, not one beholden to the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Council to be able to enforce Town codes and State laws that may impact other Town officials. This same proposal to make the Town Clerk position appointed has been on the ballot and rejected by Fairfax voters 3 times since 1964.

We urge you to reject the proposal that takes away your right to vote on who represents you as Town Clerk.

Please Vote No on Measure H

SUSAN BRANDBORG

Former Mayor

PETER LACQUES

Former Mayor

LARRY BRAGMAN

Former Mayor

FRANK EGGER

Former Mayor

MICHAEL GHIRINGHELLI

Former Mayor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

The opposition's argument overlooks crucial facts about modern municipal governance and the evolving role of Town Clerks. While we have been fortunate to have good, elected Town Clerks, in reality the work of the Town Clerk's Office has been conducted by paid, professional staff.

Key points to consider:

- The Town Clerk position has become increasingly complex, requiring extensive technical expertise and a full-time commitment.
- The high cost of living and residency requirement severely limit the candidate pool.
- There are no formal accountability or responsibility requirements for the elected Fairfax Town Clerk.
- Errors and omissions by a Town Clerk without appropriate regulatory knowledge could have significant legal and financial implications for our Town.
- Inefficiencies/redundancies having an elected Town Clerk.

Measure H addresses these issues by:

1. Expands the applicant pool for Town Clerk beyond town residents, increasing chances of finding candidates with technical reporting and computer/database skills.
2. Allows the screening of qualified candidates, ensures the most capable person fills this critical role.
3. Provides clear reporting structure with immediate accountability.
4. Measure H enhances democracy by ensuring a highly qualified professional serves in this vital position.

While we respect Fairfax's long tradition of an elected Clerk, nearly 80% of California communities have successfully transitioned to appointed Clerks to meet modern governance needs, reporting better public service outcomes.

Demands on the Town Clerk's office have changed greatly since 1931. Fairfax deserves a modern, accountable, and professional Town Clerk.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE H for better governance and efficient use of your tax dollars.

BARBARA COLER

Mayor, Town of Fairfax

CHANCE CUTRANO

Council Member, Town of Fairfax

MICHELE GARDNER

Elected Town Clerk, Town of Fairfax

JANET GARVIN

Elected Town Treasurer, Town of Fairfax

CHRISTOPHER MORIN

Former Police Chief, Town of Fairfax (retired)

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE H

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 2.10 TO TITLE 2 OF THE FAIRFAX MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK FROM AN ELECTED OFFICE TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of a majority of the voters of the Town of Fairfax at the scheduled election so designated by the Town Council in a separate resolution placing this proposal on the ballot for such election, Chapter 2.10 is hereby added to Title 2 of the Fairfax Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

[NOTE: deletions are identified in ~~strikeout text~~ and additions are identified in *bold italics*]

“TITLE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL.

CHAPTER 2.10 – APPOINTED TOWN CLERK

§2.10.010 – Appointed Position of Town Clerk.

As of the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election, or such earlier time should a vacancy occur in the office prior to said Election, the office of the Town Clerk shall cease to be elected and shall become an appointive office. Pursuant to California Government Code section 36510, such appointive officer shall hold office during the pleasure of the Town Council and, notwithstanding Government Code section 36502 to the contrary, shall not be required to be a resident or elector in the Town. The Town Council may by subsequent ordinance vest in the Town Manager its authority to appoint such officer.”

SECTION 2. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of law or other legal body with applicable authority, the invalidity shall not affect or prohibit the force and effect of any other provision or application of the Ordinance that is not deemed invalid. The voters of the Town hereby declare that they would have circulated for qualification and/or voted for the adoption of this section, and each portion thereof, regardless of the fact that any portion of the initiative may be subsequently deemed invalid.

SECTION 3. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail over, and supersede, all other provisions of the Municipal Code and any ordinances, resolutions or administrative policies of the Town of Fairfax which are in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This section shall not be repealed or amended except by a measure approved by a majority of the electors voting on the issue at a General Municipal Election or at a special election called for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the Town of Fairfax voting at a General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, and shall take effect ten (10) days after the Town Council has certified the results of the General

Municipal Election by resolution.

SECTION 6. The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the People voting thereon on November 5, 2024, by signing where indicated below.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed, approved and adopted by the People of the Town of Fairfax on the 5th day of November, 2024.

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MUNICIPAL
TOWN OF FAIRFAX
MEASURE I
<p>Shall a measure be adopted to amend the Fairfax Town Code to repeal the Town’s current Just Cause Eviction Ordinance and Rent Stabilization Ordinance and replace them with just cause eviction and rent stabilization standards in the California Tenant Protection Act of 2019 and prior Town Code?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO </p>

as written. The Town Council will retain the ability to modify the existing Codes by subsequent ordinances.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure I. If you desire a copy of the Measure, it can be found on the Town’s website at www.townoffairfax.org or by calling Christine Foster, the Town’s elections official at (415) 428-2343 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

s/JANET COLESON
Town Attorney

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TOWN ATTORNEY

TOWN OF FAIRFAX

MEASURE I

AN INITIATIVE AMENDING CHAPTERS 5.54 AND 5.55 OF DIVISION II OF TITLE 5 OF THE FAIRFAX TOWN CODE TO REPEAL THE TOWN’S JUST CAUSE EVICTION ORDINANCE AND RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE AND REPLACE THEM WITH JUST CAUSE EVICTION AND RENT STABILIZATION STANDARDS IN THE CALIFORNIA TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2019 AND PRIOR TOWN CODE

Measure I was placed on the ballot through an initiative petition that contained sufficient signatures to qualify for an election. If passed, Measure I, would repeal the Fairfax Just Cause Eviction Ordinance (Town Code Chapter 5.54) and replace it with provisions to allow evictions on the grounds provided in the California Tenant Protection Act of 2019.

Measure I also would a) repeal the allowed 75% of the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) on rent increases found in the Fairfax Rent Stabilization Ordinance (Town Code Chapter 5.55) and b) cap rent increases at 5% per 12-month period, subject to a local good-faith rent mediation process from prior Town Code. Measure I’s rent regulations would apply to any dwelling space used for residential purposes, except for government-owned/operated units and affordable housing.

Passage of Measure I would further prohibit the Town from adopting provisions different from those in Measure I without another vote of the electorate at a future election.

A “yes” vote on Measure I will repeal the existing Just Cause Eviction Ordinance found in Town Code Chapter 5.54 and replace it with state law. A “yes” vote also will repeal the existing Rent Stabilization Ordinance found in Town Code Chapter 5.55 and replace it with a cap on rent increases of 5% annually, subject to a local good-faith rent mediation process from prior Town Code. Further, the Town will not be able to pass any Ordinance different from the language in Measure I without a vote of the electorate at a future election.

A “no” vote on Measure I will leave the existing Town Codes regarding Just Cause Eviction and Rent Stabilization intact,

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

Please join our grassroots coalition of concerned residents, local business owners, neighborhood rental housing providers, and community leaders in voting **Yes on I**, the Keep Fairfax Fair Act.

Over 1,100 Fairfax residents signed the petition to place this item on the ballot. They understand the urgency of repealing the extreme, flawed, and costly local rent control and eviction ordinances adopted by the Fairfax Town Council.

These extreme ordinances passed by Fairfax Town Council will not help affordability or increase the availability of rental housing. Studies illustrate these will limit rental options, put upward pressure on rents, and hurt home prices. Santa Monica adopted similar ordinances and lost over 9,000 rental units.

The flawed ordinances adopted by the Town Council significantly reduce the rights of property owners and tenants. Tenants can now sublet their units to anyone they want without approval from the housing provider. This increases the chances for disruptive tenants with no accountability to anyone negatively impacting neighbors.

These ill-conceived and divisive rent control ordinances make evicting disruptive renters and roommates nearly impossible, threatening community safety, and neighborhood peace. Many homeowners are now reluctant or unwilling to rent ADU's or single rooms due to the extreme eviction protections passed by Fairfax Town Council.

The State of California has already adopted strong rent control and eviction protections for renters. Fairfax previously adopted reasonable regulations that allow mediation for proposed rent increases above 5%. These measures are fair, reasonable, and proven effective.

Voting **Yes on I** will protect existing neighborhood rental housing and ensure our neighborhoods remain quiet and safe.

Voting Yes on I will repeal the extreme, flawed, ill-conceived, and divisive local rent control and eviction ordinances adopted by the Fairfax Town Council.

Please join your neighbors and friends - **Vote Yes on I**.

www.KeepFairfaxFair.com

KEEP FAIRFAX FAIR

Michael Burke, Treasurer

MARIN RESIDENTS

Michael Sexton, President

DEBORAH LONDON

Business Owner and Housing Provider

JOHN REED

Former Mayor

PETER LACQUES

Former Mayor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

Working families, retirees, and environmentalists agree: Fairfax's rent control keeps Fairfax affordable. **Vote NO on Measure I** to maintain essential protections serving our community.

Leading housing experts concur: comprehensive tenant protections are key to addressing the affordable housing crisis. Fairfax's laws stabilize costs for our neighbors, prevent arbitrary evictions, and preserve our vibrant community.

Don't be misled. 62% of Fairfax landlords don't live in our community. Let's dispel myths spread by those profiting from weak tenant protections:

Myth: "We don't need 'extra' rent control."

Fact: State law allows up to 10% yearly increases—completely unaffordable for most renters. Our local rent control keeps low-income families and fixed-income seniors housed.

Myth: "Rent control hurts small landlords."

Fact: Fairfax ordinances guarantee fair returns for landlords while keeping rent increases manageable, which most small landlords already do.

Myth: "Property rights are significantly reduced."

Fact: Claims about unrestricted subletting are unfounded. Fairfax's laws explicitly preserve landlords' ability to choose prospective tenants.

Myth: "Landlords can't evict problem tenants."

Fact: The laws protect good tenants from arbitrary or retaliatory evictions. Evictions for valid causes are always allowed.

Myth: "Rent control limits housing supply."

Fact: New buildings and single-family homes are exempt. Well-defined regulations frequently boost homeowner participation in ADU rentals.

Myth: "These protections lead to higher taxes."

Fact: No new homeowner taxes. A modest fee on rental units covers program costs.

Measure I risks skyrocketing rents threatening to displace long-time residents, seniors, and essential workers.

Vote NO on Measure I to preserve the Fairfax we know and love.

savefairfaxrentcontrol.com

MARIN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Patricia Johnstone, Chair

NORTH BAY LABOR COUNCIL

Jack A. Buckhorn, Executive Director

SIERRA CLUB

Sam Ruben, Marin Political Committee Chair

CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

Kristopher Organ, Board Member

MARIN COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Summer Cassel, President

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I

As your Town Council, we urge you to **VOTE NO on repealing local rent control and tenant protections** in our beloved town. This is about preserving the diverse, vibrant community we all cherish.

Fairfax's current rent control laws guarantee a fair return for landlords, help working families stay in their homes, and don't impact homeowners.

We carefully crafted our local rent control ordinances with all constituents in mind. These laws prevent neighbors from being priced out and include safeguards against arbitrary evictions for seniors, disabled residents, teachers, and families with school-age children.

75% of Fairfax renters are low-income, with *over a third* earning less than 30% of the area's median income. Under state law, these residents can face rent increases **of up to 10% year after year**. Our modest local rent control ensures predictable, manageable rent increases while guaranteeing landlords a fair return.

We have always known that these ordinances can be amended. In fact, they already were amended by Council to exempt many properties from the Just Cause Eviction ordinance and to raise the rent increase limit, and an appeal process has been implemented.

With town discussion and experience, our ordinances can always be improved. But an outright repeal would leave Fairfax with only the weak state law, and no way to deal with housing affordability and availability short of a new ballot measure years down the road. **Does Fairfax want to vote to lose its local control?**

We value property rights *and* community stability. We want local landlords to thrive and long-term residents to stay. We honor our teachers, seniors, and young families who bring vitality to our town.

Please VOTE NO on the extreme Measure I.

Let's keep Fairfax diverse, vibrant, and inclusive. Let's work together to keep our friends and neighbors housed.

FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL

Councilmember Chance Cutrano

Councilmember Bruce Ackerman

Vice Mayor Lisel Blash

Mayor Barbara Coler

Councilmember Stephanie Hellman

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I

Let's set the record straight about Fairfax's extreme rent control and eviction ordinances.

Opponents of Measure I claim they "crafted local rent control ordinances with all constituents in mind." The **Fairfax Town Council conducted no meaningful outreach and purposely excluded local rental housing providers from the process**. Then they naively adopted these paralyzing ordinances without knowing how their plan will impact local rental housing.

Opponents claim their "modest local rent control ensures landlords a fair return." However, **they failed to conduct any local economic analysis before adopting their misguided ordinances**.

Far from delivering a "fair return", **Fairfax's yearly rent cap of 75% of inflation is economically unsustainable**. This punitive cap severely limits the income of neighborhood housing providers, reducing their ability to cover rising taxes, insurance, and utilities; limits funds for critical maintenance, and will result in a blight on our neighborhoods. Owners will be motivated to leave the rental market or change the use of their units.

Opponents claim the existing ordinances can be amended. While true, **the Town Council only adopted minor amendments under extreme pressure after 1,100 residents signed a petition to demand this issue be placed before voters**.

Fairfax cannot afford these deeply flawed and ill-conceived ordinances. We support existing bipartisan statewide rent control regulations that are proven effective. We also support previously adopted local mediation regulations approved in 2019.

Vote Yes on I, the Keep Fairfax Fair Act. Make your voice heard and repeal the extreme and divisive local rent control and eviction ordinances.

www.KeepFairfaxFair.com

LEWIS TREMAINE
Former Fairfax Mayor

JOHN REED
Former Town Councilmember

PETER F LACQUES
Former Fairfax Mayor

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Former Fairfax Town Council

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MUNICIPAL
TOWN OF FAIRFAX
MEASURE J
<p>“To repair roads/infrastructure; fix potholes; repave streets; repair retaining walls/bridges; address flooding of roads/buildings; improve bike/pedestrian circulation, safe routes to schools, disabled access; and qualify for federal matching funds/grants, shall the Town of Fairfax’s measure authorizing \$18,000,000 of bonds for up to 30 years for each series, at legal interest rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 of assessed value, raising on average approximately \$1,200,000 annually, requiring audits/citizen oversight, be adopted?”</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BONDS - YES <input type="radio"/> BONDS - NO</p>

the authorization for the Town to issue bonds.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “J”. If you desire a copy of the Measure, it can be found on the Town’s website at www.townoffairfax.org or by calling Christine Foster, the Town’s elections official at (415) 428-2343 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

s/JANET COLESON
Town Attorney

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TOWN ATTORNEY
TOWN OF FAIRFAX
MEASURE J
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND MEASURE TO
FUND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE

This measure (“Measure”) was placed on the ballot by the Town Council (“Council”) of the Town of Fairfax (“Town”), to seek voter approval to issue general obligation bonds in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$18,000,000. The purpose of the bond Measure is to improve public safety through public infrastructure improvements.

Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by the Measure would be used only for the purposes specified in the Measure, including, but not limited to, acquisition, construction, and improvement of roads, bridges, retaining walls, street work, and other infrastructure. Under the Measure, bond proceeds may not be used for staff or administrator salaries or operating expenses of the Town. The Council would deposit bond proceeds in a separate account. The Town’s chief financial officer would be required to file a report with the Council annually, showing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any projects funded with proceeds of the bonds.

Under the Measure, bonds would be issued pursuant to State law. The Town expects to sell the bonds in one or more series beginning in 2025 and the maximum interest rate would not exceed 8% per annum. According to the Town’s Tax Rate Statement, the best estimate of the average annual tax rate required to fund the bonds is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The final fiscal year in which a tax is anticipated to be collected is 2057-58. Estimated tax rates are based on the assessed value of taxable property on official rolls, not on a property’s market value.

This Measure requires two-thirds (2/3) voter approval for passage, unless Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 passes, which would requires a 55% vote. A “YES” vote on this Measure is a vote in favor of authorization for the Town to issue bonds. A “NO” vote on this Measure is a vote against

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Town of Fairfax, California (the "Town") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$18 million in general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition, construction, and repair of municipal infrastructure as described in the bond measure. If such bonds are authorized, the Town expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. The following information is submitted 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 Town, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the Town's assessed valuation available at the time of this statement, the following information is provided:

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 estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is approximately 3¢ per \$100 (\$30 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the final fiscal year in which the tax will be collected is fiscal year 2057-58.
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 this statement, is approximately 3¢ per \$100 (\$30 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. This tax rate is projected to apply in each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$40 million.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the 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 durations and are not binding upon the Town. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the Town based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the Town as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Barbara Coler
Mayor, Town of Fairfax
Heather Abrams
Town Manager

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

Vote YES on Measure J to fix Fairfax's crumbling roads and infrastructure!

Fairfax has the worst roads in Marin County. Decades of deferred maintenance have rendered the Town's "pay-as-you-go" strategy ineffective. This problem grows more expensive each year we delay. Measure J provides a fiscally responsible solution to address this critical need.

Why vote YES on Measure J?

- **Repair 40.9% of Fairfax's roads over 5 years.** This measure, combined with existing funds, will dramatically improve nearly half of our town's streets.
- **Unlock \$10 million in federal grants.** Measure J helps Fairfax qualify for additional funding to repair major roads like Bolinas Road and Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
- **Enhance emergency preparedness.** Improved roads are crucial for swift evacuations during wildfires or other disasters.
- **Fix dangerous potholes and improve safety.** Our deteriorating roads damage vehicles and endanger drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. Measure J makes our streets safer for everyone.
- **Provide safe routes to schools.** This measure will improve crosswalks and bike lanes near schools so our children can safely travel to class.
- **Act now to save money later.** Further delays will only increase repair costs. Measure J allows us to fix more roads sooner, saving taxpayers money in the long run.
- **Ensure fiscal responsibility and effective management.** Measure J includes strict accountability measures, including citizen oversight. With our reinvigorated Public Works department, the Town can efficiently address these long-overdue repairs.

For just **\$30 per \$100,000** of *assessed* property value annually for 30 years, we can make **REAL PROGRESS** fixing Fairfax's roads. For the average Fairfax home (assessed at \$650,000), this means about \$195 per year, decreasing over the bond's life. All funds must be used locally in Fairfax.

Join community leaders, safety officials, and your neighbors in voting **YES on Measure J**.

Let's invest in Fairfax's future. Vote YES on Measure J!

FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL

Represented by Councilmember Chance Cutrano and Councilmember Lisel Blash

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

Fairfax has had ample money for years – just different spending priorities. Rather than focusing on essential services residents rightfully expect, with taxpayer money, Fairfax's Council oversees divisively long meetings, big consultant & legal fees, and they fail to achieve consensus.

Well-governed cities - Mill Valley, Corte Madera and Larkspur - increased sales taxes to fund roads and infrastructure improvements. Fairfax can't. Having raised its sales tax in 2011 and 2016 – with promises to repair roads and sidewalks – it's now near the statutory limit.

Measure J's ballot argument admits: "Fairfax has the worst roads in the county" due to "... decades of deferred maintenance." Having failed to adequately fund that essential priority, they now ask you to trust them again with a 30-year pool of money for "infrastructure." It adds \$300 per \$1,000,000 assessed value to already huge property tax bills. Tamalpais Union's bond measure on this same ballot would add another \$180/\$1,000,000.

Fairfax has received decades of road funding from multiple sources including Transportation Authority of Marin and Vehicle Registration Fees. Fairfax receives over \$1 million annually in road impact fees, gas tax revenues, franchise fees, etc., that should fund road repair but are repeatedly misallocated to other uses.

At currently expected interest rates, Measure J will tax Fairfaxians \$40,000,000 to fund only \$18,000,000 in actual work.

With more fiscal discipline and outside funding for highway maintenance, Fairfax could avoid a huge new tax that makes being housed more expensive for everyone.

Reject Measure J

LEWIS TREMAINE
Former Fairfax Mayor

RYAN O'NEIL
Ross Valley School Board Trustee, Former Fairfax Councilmember

ART WASSERMAN
Former Auditor of Fairfax and CPA

A SEAN AGUILAR
CCIM, Real Estate Manager, 20 Year Community Volunteer

JANE RICHARDSON-MACK
Resident and Former Tree Committee Member Many Years

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

California is facing a tax tsunami. The Town of Fairfax is trying to ride that wave despite clear signs that its residents are drowning.

Many Fairfaxians are increasingly challenged to stay in their homes. Most of us have already lost friends and children to exodus or homelessness.

To approve an ADDITIONAL tax, you should be confident of what it will be used for and who will spend it.

Measure J fails that test.

Marketed as a tax for roads, Measure J creates a 30-year pot of money that Fairfax CAN spend on a laundry list of deferred maintenance and other projects.

Fairfax's poll (costing taxpayers \$32,690) shows less than half of respondents view Fairfax's Council favorably.

Fairfax's bond tax proposal also – or consequently -- polled poorly. Respondents' top concern was the money wouldn't be spent wisely.

The polling consultant's report declared this bond measure not "viable". Council persisted.

Why spend more taxpayer money pursuing Measure J?

Proposition 5 (on November's ballot) would lower to 55% (from 2/3) the Yes votes needed to pass Infrastructure and Housing bonds – including measures on that same ballot. Prop 5 triggered a gold rush.

Hence Measure J, a new \$40,000,000 tax to fund an \$18,000,000 bond. It adds \$300 per \$1,000,000 assessed value to property tax bills, which are already huge.

Fairfaxians will also pay an additional property tax of \$179/\$1,000,000 assessed value if voters approve Measure B: a \$579,200,000 Tamalpais Union High School District tax funding a \$289,000,000 30-year bond.

Collectively, these new bond proposals will increase taxes annually for decades as assessed values grow. There's no senior or low-income exemption. Landlords WILL pass this along to tenants.

Demand a smaller, shorter, more affordable tax with greater public accountability and focus.

Join Us in Rejecting Measure J

COALITION OF SENSIBLE TAXPAYERS

President, Mimi Willard

SUSAN BRANDBORG

Former Mayor

NORMA CANDACE V. NEAL-RICKER

Life-Long Resident

MICHAEL GHIRINGHELLI

Former Fairfax Mayor, Business Owner

DEBORAH BENSON

Tree Committee Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

Fairfaxians want their roads fixed NOW, and **Measure J delivers!**

- 64% of Fairfaxians surveyed favor a \$18 million road bond. We heard you!
- Fairfax has the WORST roads in Marin County. We can't afford to wait!
- Measure J replaces Fairfax's expiring 25-year-old infrastructure bond, at nearly half the rate of our prior parcel tax, costing the average homeowner approximately \$16.25/month.

Measure J is not a blank check. It includes strict accountability:

- Citizen oversight committee
- Independent annual audits
- Specific five-year plan for road repairs

The Town has proven its fiscal responsibility:

- Healthy +25% reserves
- Clean audit reports
- Excellent credit rating
- Recent successful road repairs of lower Scenic and Porteous and substantial town-wide sidewalk repairs in 2023.

Don't let misinformation derail our chance to:

- Repair 40.9% of Fairfax roads in 5 years
- Ensure safe evacuation routes
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Create safer routes to schools
- Unlocks \$10 million in federal grants we'll otherwise lose

Opponents offer no solutions, just excuses. This "wait and see" approach has left us with deteriorating infrastructure that damages our cars, endangers our safety, and costs us MORE in the long run. *Don't let Fairfax fall further behind.*

Measure J is a fiscally responsible investment in Fairfax's future. Every dollar stays in Fairfax, overseen by our residents.

It's time to pull together for a smoother, safer Fairfax. Join community leaders, safety officials, and your neighbors in voting **YES on Measure J.**

Let's fix Fairfax's roads now!

FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL

Councilmember Chance Cutrano

Vice Mayor Lisel Blash

Mayor Barbara Coler

Councilmember Stephanie Hellman

Councilmember Bruce Ackerman

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE J

ORDINANCE NO. 890

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX ORDERING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION INCURRING BONDED INDEBTEDNESS TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Town Council (the "Town Council") of the Town of Fairfax (the "Town") hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose And Intent

Pursuant to the authority provided by California Government Code Sections 43600 et seq. and 53410 et seq., California Elections Code Sections 10000 et seq., 9200 et seq., and 9400 et seq., and certain other provisions of the California Government Code and California Elections Code, the Town Council proposes to order the submission of a proposition authorizing the Town to issue general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") to the qualified voters of the Town at the general municipal election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Section 2. Findings

The Town Council hereby makes the following findings with respect to the proposed measure for the Bonds:

- A. The Town's roads and other existing municipal infrastructure are in need of repair and/or replacement.
- B. On July 17, 2024, the Town Council adopted, by a two-thirds vote of all its members, a resolution entitled "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax Determining that the Public Interest and Necessity Demand the Acquisition, Construction and Improvement of Certain Municipal Improvement Projects, and Their Financing Through the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds," pursuant to which the Town Council has found and determined that the public interest and necessity demand the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the cost of municipal improvement projects (the "Resolution of Necessity").
- C. In order to provide for the issuance by the Town of general obligation bonds to provide financing for the municipal improvement projects, it is necessary for the Town Council to adopt an ordinance ordering the submission of the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness for such purpose to the qualified voters of the Town at a municipal election.
- D. The Town Council desires to submit said ballot measure to the qualified voters of the Town at the regular election to be held in the Town on November 5, 2024, and to consolidate the bond election with other elections held within the Town on that date.
- E. The Town Council hereby certifies that the Town has evaluated alternative funding sources.

Section 3. Call For Election

The Town Council hereby orders that there be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town a proposition on incurring bonded indebtedness for the purposes set forth in this Ordinance and as set forth in the Resolution of Necessity, at the regular election to be held on November 5, 2024. This Ordinance constitutes the order of the Town to call such election.

Section 4. Ballot Proposition

The Town Council hereby submits to the qualified voters of the Town, at the regular election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposition on issuing the Bonds. The abbreviated statement of the measure to appear on the ballot shall be in substantially the form set forth below:

<p>"To repair roads/infrastructure; fix potholes; repave streets; repair retaining walls/bridges; address flooding of roads/buildings; improve bike/pedestrian circulation, safe routes to schools, disabled access; and qualify for federal matching funds/grants, shall the Town of Fairfax's measure authorizing \$18,000,000 of bonds for up to 30 years for each series, at legal interest rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 of assessed value, raising on average approximately \$1,200,000 annually, requiring audits/citizen oversight, be adopted?"</p>	<p>BONDS - YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>BONDS - NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Section 5. Object And Purpose Of Bonds

The object and purpose of the Bonds is to finance the costs of municipal improvement projects of the Town to improve public safety (the "Improvements"), which Improvements are anticipated to consist generally of the acquisition, construction and/or improvement of roads, bridges, retaining walls, street work, and Town infrastructure.

The authorized Improvements also include all work, facilities, and expenditures necessary and incidental to the project described above. Examples of such work, facilities, and expenditures include, but are not limited to the costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities (including improvements to plumbing, sewer and electrical systems to preserve energy and water), landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, road lighting, legal, accounting and similar costs, a customary construction contingency, demolition and disposal of existing structures, rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction, interim facilities for municipal functions, including modular facilities, addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction or renovation, and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, environmental improvements to preserve energy and water, access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, costs of

the election, bond issuance costs, financing and interest costs on the Bonds, and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

The final costs, locations, designs, layouts and other details of the Improvements will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. Therefore, the Town Council cannot guarantee that the Bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all needed Improvements.

The full text of the ballot measure shall be in substantially the form as in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 6. Estimated Cost of Improvements

The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$20,531,616. The estimated cost includes legal or other fees, the costs of printing the Bonds, and other costs and expenses incidental to or connected with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Section 7. Principal Amount of Bonds

The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$18,000,000.

Section 8. Maximum Interest Rate

The maximum rate of interest to be paid on the Bonds shall be the statutory maximum of 8% per annum. Said interest shall be payable semiannually, except that interest for the first year after the date of the Bonds may be made payable at the end of said year.

Section 9. Issuance And Sale of Bonds

The Town proposes to issue and sell the Bonds pursuant to Article 1, commencing with Section 43600, of Chapter 4 of Division 4 of Title 4 of the California Government Code, or Article 4.5, commencing with Section 53506, of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, in one or more series, in the maximum amount and for the objects and purposes set forth above if two-thirds (or 55% should Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 or "ACA-1" be approved by the voters at the November 5, 2024 election) of all qualified voters voting on the proposition set forth above vote in favor thereof. The Bonds will be general obligations of the Town payable from and secured by ad valorem taxes levied and collected in the manner prescribed by laws of the State of California. The revenue generated from the ad valorem tax levied and collected will be used for the payment of debt service on the Bonds. All of the Bonds shall be equally and ratably secured, without priority, by the taxing power of the Town.

Section 10. Manner Of Conducting Election

The election on the Bonds held on November 5, 2024 shall be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots counted, and returned, returns canvassed, results declared, and all other proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the election with which it is consolidated.

Section 11. Procedure For Voting On Proposition

Ballots for the election shall be provided in the form and

in the number provided by law. Voters shall be provided an opportunity to vote for or against the proposition on the ballot in accordance with procedures to be adopted by the authorized officers of the County of Marin (the "County") charged with conducting the election.

Section 12. Accountability Requirements

In accordance with Sections 53410 and 53411 of the California Government Code and the California Constitution, the Town Council hereby adopts the following accountability requirements relating to the Bonds:

- (a) A separate account shall be created and held by the Town, into which the proceeds of the Bonds are deposited and applied solely for the purpose of financing the Improvements.
- (b) The Finance Director of the Town shall file a report with the Town Council at least annually showing the amount of Bond proceeds collected and expended, and the status of the Improvements, as required by Government Code Section 53410.
- (c) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution and only on projects that serve the jurisdiction of the Town, including the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, and not for any other purpose including salaries and other operating expenses.
- (d) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects and uses listed in this Measure.
- (e) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for projects and uses listed in this Measure.
- (f) The Town shall post the audits listed in (d) and (e), above, in a manner that is easily accessible to the public, and which shall be submitted to the California State Auditor for review.
- (g) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects and uses listed in this Measure.
- (h) An entity owned or controlled by a local official that votes on whether to put the Measure on the ballot is prohibited from bidding on any work funded by this Measure.

Section 13. Identification Of Tax

The tax imposed by this measure is an ad valorem tax levied upon taxable real property in the Town, and will be used to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds.

Section 14. Establishment Of Oversight Committee

In the event the ballot proposition is passed by two-thirds (or 55% should ACA-1 be approved by the voters at the November 5, 2024 election) of all qualified voters voting on the proposition, the Town Council shall establish and appoint members to a five-member independent oversight committee, which shall have responsibility for reviewing and reporting on the expenditure of the proceeds of the Bonds, subject to

those terms and conditions as set forth by the Town Council.

Section 15. Official Actions

The Mayor, the Town Manager, the Finance Director, the Town Clerk, and any of their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any documents and to perform all acts necessary to place the bond measure on the ballot.

Section 16. Interpretation

The provisions of this Ordinance, being necessary for the health, welfare, and safety of the Town and its residents, is to be liberally interpreted to carry out its purposes. No error, irregularity or informality, and no neglect or omission of any officer, in any proceeding taken related to the submission of the proposition incurring bonded indebtedness to the qualified voters of the Town shall void or invalidate any such proceeding, any Bonds issued by the Town, or any levy of ad valorem taxes to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Section 17. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 18. Publication Of Ordinance

This Ordinance shall be published once a day for at least seven days in a newspaper published at least six days a week in the Town, or once a week for two weeks in a newspaper published less than six days a week in the Town. The first of said publications shall, in either event, be within 15 days after the adoption of this Ordinance. If there are no such newspapers, it shall be posted in three public places in the Town for two succeeding weeks. No other notice need be given.

Section 19. Delivery of Documents

The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send or hand deliver a copy of this Ordinance and all other necessary documents to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Registrar of Voters by no later than August 9, 2024.

Section 20. Effective Date

In accordance with Section 36937(a) of the California Government Code, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately, as an ordinance relating to an election, upon its adoption by two-thirds vote of all the members of this Town Council.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax on July 17, 2024, and was adopted at a regular meeting of Town Council of the Town of Fairfax on August 7, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Ackerman, Hellman, Cutrano, Blash, Coler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

s/BARBARA COLER
Mayor
MJTF-7

ATTEST:

s/CHRISTINE FOSTER
Deputy Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Foster, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Fairfax, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 890 which was regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the Town Council on the 17th day of July 2024. That thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the Town Council on the 7th day of August 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Ackerman, Hellman, Cutrano, Blash, Coler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

s/CHRISTINE FOSTER
Deputy Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE J

Introduction

The Town of Fairfax (the “Town”) has aging roads and infrastructure which are in need of repair and/or replacement. Addressing these issues requires that the Town ask its voters to approve a general obligation bond measure. The Town has certified that it has evaluated alternative funding sources.

The federal government requires a local match, funded at times through local general obligation bonds, for the Town to qualify for certain federal grants. The millions of dollars potentially available through federal grants allows local taxpayers to benefit from the tax dollars already paid to the federal government.

It is imperative that the Town makes repairs to roads and other public infrastructure to increase public safety for residents of the Town.

Summary

“To repair roads/infrastructure; fix potholes; repave streets; repair retaining walls/bridges; address flooding of roads/buildings; improve bike/pedestrian circulation, safe routes to schools, disabled access; and qualify for federal matching funds/grants, shall the Town of Fairfax’s measure authorizing \$18,000,000 of bonds for up to 30 years for each series, at legal interest rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 of assessed value, raising on average approximately \$1,200,000 annually, requiring audits/citizen oversight, be adopted?”

Measure

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including the acquisition or improvement of real property and public infrastructure specifically set forth in this Measure and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purposes, including salaries and other operating expenses.

The following describes the specific projects the Town proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The scope of specific projects, the order of construction, and their completion is contingent on final project costs and the availability of needed funds. This Measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all Town-owned property.

The following list includes both projects that can be completed using the bond proceeds, along with federal matching funds and other building funds, and projects that are planned and needed but those whose construction is contingent on the amount of bond proceeds available. Bond proceeds will be expended on the costs of municipal improvement projects of the Town to improve public safety (the “Improvements”), which Improvements consist of the acquisition, construction and/or improvement of roads, bridges, retaining walls, street work, and related Town infrastructure.

The authorized Improvements also include all work, facilities, and expenditures necessary and incidental to the projects described above. Examples of such work, facilities, and expenditures include, but are not limited to, the costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities (including improvements

to plumbing, sewer and electrical systems to preserve energy and water), trees and landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, road lighting, legal, accounting and similar costs, a customary construction contingency, demolition and disposal of existing structures, rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction, interim facilities for municipal functions, including modular facilities, addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction or renovation, and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, site acquisition and any necessary easements, licenses or rights of way, environmental improvements to preserve energy and water, access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, costs of the election, bond issuance costs, financing and interest costs on the Bonds, and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

The final costs, locations, designs, layouts and other details of the Improvements will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. Therefore, the Town Council cannot guarantee that the Bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all needed Improvements. The scope and nature of any of the projects described above may be altered by the Town as required by unforeseen conditions. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for the Town to be undertaken as new construction, this Measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation, and construction and/or reconstruction for such purpose, and all costs relating thereto.

Approval of the bond measure does not guarantee that all of the projects above will be funded beyond what can be completed with local funds generated by this Measure. The order in which projects are listed in the foregoing does not suggest an order of priority. Project priorities will be determined by the Town Council.

Accountability Measures

If the bonds are approved, the Town will implement the following accountability measures:

- (a) A separate account shall be created and held by the Town, into which the proceeds of the Bonds are deposited and applied solely for the purpose of financing the Improvements.
- (b) The Finance Director of the Town shall file a report with the Town Council at least annually showing the amount of Bond proceeds collected and expended, and the status of the Improvements, as required by Government Code Section 53410.
- (c) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution and only on projects that serve the jurisdiction of the Town, including the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, and not for any other purpose including salaries and other operating expenses.
- (d) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects and uses listed in this Measure.

- (e) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for projects and uses listed in this Measure.
- (f) The Town shall post the audits listed in (d) and (e), above, in a manner that is easily accessible to the public, and which shall be submitted to the California State Auditor for review.
- (g) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects and uses listed in this Measure.
- (h) An entity owned or controlled by a local official that votes on whether to put the Measure on the ballot is prohibited from bidding on any work funded by this Measure.

Tax Amount, Rate, and Duration

The bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The maturity of the bonds shall not exceed the maximum term allowed by law at the time of issuance. As further set forth in the Tax Rate Statement, the ad valorem tax will be levied at such rates and for so long as may be required to meet the debt service needs of the bonds proposed to be issued, including such bonds that may be issued to refund any approved bonds.

WHERE'S MY BALLOT?



**Sign up at
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov
to get an automatic email,
text, or call about the status
of your ballot.**

VOTE SAFE.

Get a notice when your vote-by-mail ballot is mailed, received, and counted!

VOTE SECURE.

Every signature on a vote-by-mail envelope is compared to the voter's information on file. If the signature doesn't compare, the voter will get a letter with information about how to correct it. After ballots are accepted for counting, they are removed from their envelopes in a way that protects voter privacy. Once removed, ballots are counted by scanning equipment then sealed in containers that may be opened only for an audit after the election. Voter privacy and votes are protected during the entire process.

VOTE BY MAIL!

Postage is pre-paid! Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before November 5 and received by the Elections Department by November 12.

You do not have to vote on every contest. If you make a mistake, call the Elections Department and ask for instructions.

If it seems too late to mail your ballot back, you may hand deliver your voted ballot to one of many Ballot Drop Box Locations or any Vote Center. There is a list of locations in the Voter Information Guide, and online at marinvotes.org

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
- ★ at least 18 years old
- ★ registered where you currently live
- ★ 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

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted county Voter Information Guide.
- 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, 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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

All active registered voters will get a vote-by-mail ballot in the mail

- Put voted ballot in return envelope provided
- Date and sign your return envelope
- Return by mail, at a Vote Center, or an Official Drop Box
- If returning by mail, envelope must be postmarked on or before November 5, received by November 12

Requesting a translated copy of the sample ballot

The sample ballot has been translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese for required precincts. To request a copy, contact the Elections Department no later than seven days before the election:

- Call 415-473-6456 or Email: elections@marincounty.org
- Mail a written request to PO Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Must arrive seven days before Election Day.

Secretary of State's Voter Hotline (800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English

For information about language services offered at Vote Centers, go to www.marinvotes.org. Click on link to November 5, 2024 General Election.

Accessible ballot

Any voter may request an accessible ballot to mark at home by emailing (RAVBM in subject line) to votebymail@marincounty.org or by calling (415) 473-6456 or toll free (833) 644-2061.

Accessible voting

A voter with a disability may vote a regular ballot outside a Vote Center. If you are unable to mark your ballot, you may bring up to two individuals to the polls to assist you. These individuals cannot be your employer or union representative.

The sample ballot is for information only. You must vote on the official ballot that will be mailed to you.



AVISO IMPORTANTE

Todos los votantes activos que estén registrados recibirán en el correo una boleta de voto por correo

- Ponga la boleta marcada en el sobre de retorno provisto
- Ponga la fecha y firme su sobre de retorno
- Devuélvalo por correo, en un centro de votación o en un buzón oficial
- Si lo devuelve por correo, el sobre debe tener el sello postal fechado el o antes del 5 de noviembre, recibido antes del 12 de noviembre

Cómo solicitar una copia traducida de la boleta de muestra

La boleta de muestra ha sido traducida al español para los recintos requeridos. Para solicitar una copia, comuníquese con el Departamento de Elecciones a más tardar siete días antes de la elección.

- Llame al 415-473-6456 o envíe un email a elections@marincounty.org
- Envíe una solicitud escrita a P.O. Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Tiene que llegar siete días antes del día de la elección.

Línea directa para votantes del Secretario de Estado (800) 232-VOTA (8682) - Español / Spanish

Para obtener más información sobre los servicios lingüísticos que se ofrecen en los centros de votación,

diríjase a www.marinvotes.org. Haga clic en el enlace a las Elecciones Generales del 5 de noviembre de 2024.

Boleta accesible

Cualquier votante puede solicitar una boleta accesible para llenar en casa, enviando un email a votebymail@marincounty.org (escriba RAVBM en la línea del asunto) o llamando al (415) 473-6456 o a la línea gratuita (833) 644-2061.

Votación accesible

Un votante con discapacidad puede votar con una boleta regular fuera de un centro de votación. Si usted no puede marcar su boleta electoral, puede traer hasta dos personas al lugar de votación para que le ayuden. Estas personas no pueden ser ni su empleador (patrón) ni tampoco su representante sindical (de la unión).

La boleta de muestra es solo para fines informativos. Tiene que votar con la boleta oficial enviada por correo.



VOTING BY MAIL



When will my ballot arrive in the mail?
Ballots will be mailed beginning October 7, 2024.
Expect delivery within 7 - 10 days.



How do I update my registration?
Online at registertovote.ca.gov OR by paper registration form, postmarked no later than October 21, 2024.



Will the post office forward my ballot?
No. Forwarding a ballot is not allowed.



I will be out of town. How can I vote?
Call and give us your temporary mailing address. We will mail the ballot one time to that address. Call 415-473-6456.



Can someone else pick up a ballot for me?
Yes, using the application available at marinvotes.org. If you have questions, call 415-473-6456.



What if I lose my ballot or make a mistake?
You may go to any Vote Center and receive a replacement ballot. If you make a mistake, call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456.



What if I forgot to sign my envelope?
Only you (not someone else) must sign your envelope for your ballot to be counted. If your signature is missing OR does not compare with your voter registration, you will get a letter telling you how to correct the problem.



How do I return my vote-by-mail ballot?
Mail it in your signed envelope, postmarked on or before Election Day, November 5. **A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to their return ballot envelope by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate.**
OR hand deliver to any Vote Center or Official Ballot Drop Box. Locations and schedules for Vote Centers and Official Ballot Drop Boxes are listed in this Voter Information Guide or at marinvotes.org.



How do I know you received my ballot?
Sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov, check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website voterstatus.sos.ca.gov, OR call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456. **Also: Informed delivery is a great tool – it's free!**
Sign up online: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

ACCESS OR LANGUAGE NEEDS



Where can I vote in person?

Vote at any of the 21 Vote Centers in Marin County. Addresses are listed in this guide or go to www.marinvotes.org.



Is my nearest Vote Center accessible?

All Vote Centers are accessible or have been mitigated to meet accessibility requirements. Call 415-473-6456 for details.



Sign language interpreter.

Schedule an appointment at the Elections Office, call at least 1 week in advance. TTY 415-473-6899 or CA Relay Service 711



Need support at a Vote Center?

- Each Vote Center has accessible marking devices to help you mark your ballot independently and privately. A sip/puff device can be provided by calling in advance.
- A wheelchair-accessible voting booth, magnifiers, pens with easy to hold grips and signature guides are available.
- **Curbside voting** A voter with a disability may vote a regular ballot outside a Vote Center. Call when you are outside. An election worker will bring you a ballot and then put your voted ballot into the ballot box.



Where is an accessible voting machine?

An accessible ballot marking device is at each Vote Center.

More information about voter accessibility and specific accommodations is online at www.marinvotes.org or contact the manager of Vote Centers at polls@marincounty.org **415-473-6456** or toll free: **833-644-2061**



What if I do not speak English well?

The Vote Center worker will:

- Point out instructions in voting booth.
- Demonstrate how to mark the ballot.

Translated sample ballots for required precincts are posted at Vote Centers. Some Vote Centers have a bilingual worker; tell us if you need bilingual service.



Can I get a ride to a Vote Center?

Marin Access 415-454-0902 provides services for older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income residents. You may need to register. Call immediately to find out how they can help you. Check the voter accessibility link on our website at www.marinvotes.org.



Alternative formats upon request.

Large print of some ballot materials may be available and a CD may be available for local measure information. Call 415-473-6456 (voice), 415-473-6899 (TTY), toll free 833-644-2061, or email elections@marincounty.org.

An Online Accessible Voter Information Guide is available upon request. Call 415-473-6456 for details.

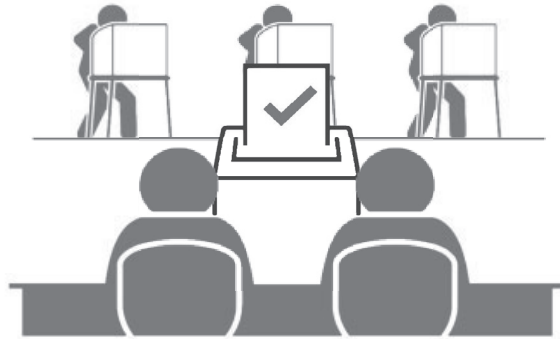


Voting by mail?

All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot. Ballots will be mailed starting October 7. Allow 7-10 days for delivery.

Disability Rights California operates a Statewide Voting Hotline 7^{AM} to 8^{PM} on Election Day, November 5, 2024 and answers calls prior to and following the election.
1-888-569-7955

Election officials are your reliable sources for election information



Voting period is October 7 to November 5, 2024

Make sure you've got the correct election information.

Don't know where to start? Nonpartisan election information is available at:

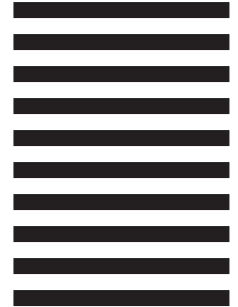
www.marinvotes.org

FROM:

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION



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IN THE
UNITED STATES



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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX E
SAN RAFAEL CA 94913-9801**

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COUNTY OF MARIN



Curbside voting available for voters who cannot physically get into the Vote Center. Question? Call 415-473-6456

**For Vote Center Information
See marinvotes.org**

**POSTMASTER
DELIVER TO:**

- All active registered voters will get a ballot in the mail.
- Lost or damaged your ballot? You may go to any Vote Center for a replacement.

TEAR ON DOTTED LINE

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For November 5, 2024

Do not use this application for a vote-by-mail ballot. All voters will be mailed a ballot for this election.
Need a replacement vote-by-mail ballot or have questions about the forms below you can call 415-473-6456.

Request a Translated Copy of Sample Ballot
Sample ballots are NOT translated in all languages for all ballot types.
Las boletas electorales de muestra NO ESTÁN traducidas en todos los idiomas para todos los tipos de boletas electorales.
Tất cả các loại lá phiếu mẫu không được dịch sang nhiều ngôn ngữ.
樣本選票的選票類型並未翻譯成所有語言。

Estoy solicitando una copia traducida de la boleta de muestra.
 Tôi đang yêu cầu một bản dịch của phiếu bầu mẫu.
 我要求提供选票样本的翻译副本。

Mail to: _____
 Name _____
 Address _____

Request must be received at least 7 days before the election.

Request a Remote Accessible Ballot (RAVBM)
A Remote Accessible Ballot is accessed online. You must print the ballot and mail it back. RAVBM ballots cannot be returned by fax or email. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by mail within 7 days after the election.

I am requesting a Remote Accessible Ballot.
 My email (required): _____
 Name and Phone #: _____