

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE FIREBAUGH-LAS DELTAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

By _____
FREMONT COUNTY CLERK
DEPUTY

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District.

“FIREBAUGH-LAS DELTAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REPAIR, SAFETY MEASURE. To repair/upgrade science, technology, vocational classrooms to help retain/attract quality teachers; address immediate safety needs; improve disabled access, electrical wiring, emergency communication systems; protect drinking water; acquire, construct, repair facilities, sites, equipment, shall Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District’s measure authorizing \$25,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 6¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, raising on average \$1,700,000 annually while bonds are outstanding be adopted, requiring oversight/audits, spending disclosure, funds for local schools?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District is committed to reducing inequality in school funding by providing cleaner, safer, healthier and more up-to-date local schools by providing safe, secure, upgraded classrooms, labs and technology needed to support high quality instruction in **science, technology, engineering, arts and math** and facilities which ensure students have access to a **well-rounded education** including **music, visual and performing arts**. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including **safety** issues, class size reduction, basic repairs, **computer and information technology** in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed.

In approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District **must:**

- **PROVIDE** competitive 21st century learning at each school.
- **ASSIST** in retaining and attracting quality teachers.
- **IMPROVE** schools’ preparedness for natural disasters and other emergencies.
- **EXPANDING** opportunities for after school and extra-curricular activities.
- **IMPROVE** student access to instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.
- **REQUIRE** public disclosure of all spending.
- **PROVIDE** clean and safe classrooms.

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING TO IMPROVING STUDENT ACCESS TO INSTRUCTION IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATH

Projects That Improve Student Success

Goals and Purposes:

This measure will allow Firebaugh-Las Deltas to expand and upgrade vocational education and job training programs in high-need fields such as agriculture, construction, automotive technology, education and criminal justice. This helps students whose paths do not lead to college learn the skills necessary to get good-paying jobs and have more economic opportunity.

This measure would allow Firebaugh-Las Deltas to qualify for millions of dollars in potential State matching funds. Without the measure, our State tax dollars are going to other school districts in other parts of the State and leaving our local schools behind.

Some of our local schools are lacking the up-to-date technology students need to succeed. This local bond measure will upgrade classrooms, and science and computer labs to ensure our students will have equal access to competitive twenty-first century learning.

Schools will benefit from a variety of achievement projects, such as:

- **Upgrading and increasing early childhood and special education classrooms.**
- Improving instructional technology.
- Upgrading agricultural, vocational and career classrooms and labs.
- **Improving accessibility for students with disabilities.**
- Upgrading and improving the high school swimming pool so that it is competition ready and with year-round community access.

IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Repair and Student Safety Projects Funded By Money That Cannot Be Taken By the State Or Used for Other Purposes

Goals and Purposes: Many local schools were built decades ago and need significant repairs—including schools over 70 years old. Passing this measure will fix deteriorating classrooms, restrooms, and leaky roofs; remove asbestos, lead paint and mold; and upgrade outdated electrical wiring, fire safety and security systems so children can learn in safe, healthy classrooms.

This measure is a good long-term investment. Improving neighborhood schools strengthens local property values and will make our community a more desirable place to live, do business, and raise a family.

- Repairing and upgrading classrooms.
- Removing asbestos, lead paint and mold.
- **Upgrading school security, including lighting, fencing, cameras, alarms and emergency communication systems.**
- Improving the safety of school drop-off and pick-up areas.
- **Upgrading fire safety and outdated electrical wiring.**
- Repairing unsafe playing fields and playground equipment.
- Improving pedestrian safety near schools.
- Upgrading outdated heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.
- Providing safe drinking water.

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and replace electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade facilities for energy efficiencies, install EV charging stations and solar panels; install, acquire or repair energy efficiency improvements for school buildings, energy efficient lighting, air conditioning, heating, insulation and ceiling systems, and windows; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, floors, doors and drinking fountains; construct or renovate offices and facilities for more efficient administration and multi-purpose learning spaces; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade or construct support facilities including administrative, physical education, including gyms, lockers, weight rooms, showers, engineering, agricultural, music, art, visual and performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, science, computer labs/classrooms, libraries and buildings, covered eating areas, and welcome centers; repair and replace fire alarms, smoke detectors, and sprinklers, emergency communications, fencing and security systems; improve facilities to satisfy ADA requirements; resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete, pavement and improve hard courts, turf and irrigation/drainage systems and campus landscaping; remove or replace aging portable classrooms; install signage and marquees; expand parking lots and pick-up and drop-

off areas; improve all site utilities; acquire land; construct new school buildings; construct, acquire or contribute to teacher and staff housing; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering (including carpets), and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service, and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve outdoor learning environments and quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting and energy-efficient building systems; acquire, build or improve playgrounds, tracks, stadiums, tennis courts, play structures, sports complex, aquatic, athletic and play fields and facilities, including lighting and scoreboards, to support student health, fitness and safety; replace outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide lunch shelters, shade areas and structures, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch and after school programs; transform libraries into modern learning centers; upgrade music labs, multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and library media centers; add or upgrade parking lots. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations or interim funding incurred to advance projects from the Project List, the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, fiber infrastructure, computers, portable interface devices, servers, data centers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, public address systems, classroom tv/audio enhancements, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone/ intercom systems, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, acquire necessary software and miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, traffic signals, sewer, stormwater, or utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, legal fees, and similar planning costs, connection fees, permit fees, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF HOW ALL FUNDS ARE SPENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.