

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE WEST ORANGE-COVE
CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the WEST ORANGE-COVE
CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 6th day of November 2018, in
accordance with the following order:

ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ORANGE §
WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District (the “District”) finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said election shall be held on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by Texas law; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, has agreed to hold a joint election with other political subdivisions within Orange County and contract with the Elections Administrator of Orange County, as applicable (the “Applicable County Elections Official”) for election services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. (a) The statements contained in the preamble of this Election Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

(b) The Bonds may be issued in one or more series with each series to mature not more than 40 years from their issuance.

(c) If the bonds are authorized, the estimated total tax rate of the District, which represents the sum of (i) the most recently adopted tax rate for operations and maintenance, which is \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, plus (ii) the estimated tax rate for voted debt obligations of the District, including the bonds, which is expected to be approximately \$0.255 per \$100 for a total estimated tax rate of \$1.425 per \$100 of taxable assessed value. This estimated total tax rate is derived from projections obtained from the District’s financial advisor and the appraisal district and is provided without any assurance that such projections will be realized. At the time that bonds are issued, the actual total tax rate will depend upon, among other factors, prevailing interest rates, the assessed value of real property in the District, the availability of the Permanent School Fund Guaranty and general market conditions.

(d) As of the beginning of the District’s current fiscal year,

1. the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations was \$ 45,528,265.63;
2. the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations was \$ 22,723,180.21, and
3. the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.255 per \$100 of taxable property.

The statements contained in these findings (i) are based on information available to the District on the date of adoption of this Election Order, including projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) necessarily consist of estimates and projections that are subject to change based on facts, circumstances and conditions at the time that bonds approved pursuant to this Election Order are issued and (iii) are not intended to limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with other terms contained in this Election Order. Accordingly, actual tax rates, interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate outstanding indebtedness and interest on such debt will vary and will be established after the bonds are issued. To the extent of any conflict between this subsection and other terms of this Election Order, such other terms control.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Taxes; Proposition. An election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 (the "Election Day"), in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds or any related credit agreements may be imposed. At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

**WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION PROPOSITION A**

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,750,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS ISSUES OR SERIES, SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE WITHIN THE TIME CURRENTLY PRESCRIBED BY LAW, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE

PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID BONDS; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS INCLUDING THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE?

Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved County voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL
ELECTION PROPOSITION A

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$25,750,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS
AND EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS SITES,
AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

AGAINST

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precinct, Voting Location and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within Orange County election precincts, which bear the precinct numbers set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Applicable County Elections Official. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. (a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts in Orange County shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Elections Administrator of Orange County.

(b) The Applicable County Elections Officials are hereby designated as Early Voting Clerks to perform those functions for District voters who are qualified under state and federal law

in their respective counties. The Early Voting Clerk of the County of the voter's residence shall receive applications for early voting by mail in accordance with the Code.

(c) Applications for ballots to be voted by mail by Orange County residents should be mailed to:

Orange County Elections Administration
123 S. 6th Street
Orange, TX 77630

Section 7. Joint Election. The District has agreed to participate in a joint election with other participating governmental entities in Orange County who are also holding elections on Election Day and has contracted with the Applicable County Elections Official for election services.

Section 8. Appointment of Election Officers. Prior to Election Day, the election judges, alternate judges, clerks and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election will be appointed by the Applicable County Elections Official, and the election judges and alternate judges may be changed and the polling places may be combined for some precincts, pursuant to decisions of the Applicable County Elections Official. The Applicable County Elections Official shall also be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in such election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station. The Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed by the Applicable County Elections Official as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in both English and Spanish by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Election Order one time, not earlier than the thirtieth day nor later than the tenth day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District; (ii) posting a copy of this Election Order on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board of Trustees meetings and in three public places within the boundaries of the District not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election; (iii) posting a copy of this Election Order on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and (iv) posting this Election Order, together with the notice of Election and the contents of the Proposition, on the District's website during the 21 days before the Election. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerk of each county in which the District is located not later than the 60th day before the Election Day.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 12. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the District in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 13th day of August, 2018.

/s/ Ruth Hancock

President, Board of Trustees
West Orange-Cove Consolidated
Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Platt-Bryant

Secretary, Board of Trustees
West Orange-Cove Consolidated
Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

ORANGE COUNTY ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

**November 6, 2018
7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

Orange County Precinct Numbers and Election Day Voting Locations

To the Registered Voters of the County of Orange, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Orange, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, November 6, 2018, for voting in a **General Election** to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and State, District, County and Precinct Officers.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7 AM to 7 PM el 6 de noviembre de 2018 para votar en la Eleccion General, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto.)

**On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.
El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.**

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address
(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

| Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto) | |
|---|--|
| 1. Cove Baptist Church | 1005 Dupont Drive, Orange |
| 2. West Orange Cove CISD Admin | 902 W Park Ave, Orange |
| 3. North School | 801 Cordrey, Orange |
| 4. Alexander Homes Senior Citizens Center | 2023 North 4 th St., Orange |
| 5. West Orange Cove CISD Admin | 902 W Park Ave., Orange |
| 6. North Orange Pentecostal Church | 7144 N. 16 th , (N Hwy 87) Orange |
| 7. St. Francis Catholic Church | 4300 Meeks Drive, Orange |
| 8. Little Cypress Administration Building | 6586 FM 1130, Orange |
| 9. Sabine River Authority | 12777 N Hwy 87, Orange |
| 10. Winfree Baptist Church | 19525 Hwy 62 South, Orange |
| 11. West Orange City Hall | 2700 Western Avenue, Orange |
| 12. West Orange Stark High School | 1400 Newton St, Orange |
| 13. Masonic Temple | 3528 Masonic Drive, Orange |
| 14. West Orange-Stark Elementary | 2605 MLK Drive, Orange |
| 15. Texas Department of Transportation Bldg | 3128 Hwy 62, Orange |
| 16. Mauriceville Fire Department | 10691 N Hwy 62, Orange |
| 17. Pine Forest Baptist Church | 4800 N. Main (105), Vidor |
| 18. Vidor Jr High | 945 N Tram, Vidor |
| 19. Raymond Gould Community Center | 385 Clairborne, Vidor |
| 20. Vidor High School | 500 Orange, Vidor |
| 21. Rose City-City Hall | 370 Rose City Drive, Vidor |
| 22. Pecan Acres Baptist Church | 14795 Duncan Woods, Vidor |
| 23. First Christian Church Orangefield | 4234 FM 408, Orange |
| 24. Bridge City High School | 2690 Texas Ave, Bridge City |
| 25. Bridge City Public Works Building | 220 Nitsche St, Bridge City |
| 26. Bridge City Knights of Columbus Hall | 495 W. Roundbunch Rd, Bridge City |
| 27. Pine Forest Elementary School | 4150 N. Main, Vidor |
| 28. St Paul United Methodist Church | 1155 W. Roundbunch Rd, Bridge City |
| 29. Vidor High School | 500 Orange, Vidor |
| 30. Orange County Drainage District | 8081 Old Hwy 90, Orange |
| 31. First United Methodist Church | 11929 Hwy 12, Mauriceville |
| 32. Orange County Expo Center | 11475 – B Hwy 1442, Orange |
| 33. Vidor Elementary School | 400 E. Railroad (Old Hwy 90), Vidor |
| 34. Our Lady of Lodes Catholic Church | 1600 N Main, Vidor |

EXHIBIT B

**ORANGE COUNTY EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION**

**EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED
AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES**

(La votacion adelantada en persona sera conducida en los siguientes lugares, fechas y horarios:)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted as follows:

Voto Temprano por persona se llevará a cabo como sigue:

Orange Public Library (Main Early Voting Location)

220 N Fifth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Mauriceville Volunteer Fire Department

10691 N Hwy 62,
Mauriceville, Texas 77626

Bridge City Public Works Building

220 Nitsche,
Bridge City, Texas 77611

Raymond Gould Community Center

385 Clarborne,
Vidor, Texas 77662

Voting will be conducted on the following dates and times:

(*Votación será conducida en las siguientes horas y fechas como sigue:*)

Monday, October 22, 2018 through Saturday, October 27, 2018

(desde el lunes, el 22 de octubre del 2018 hasta el sabado, el 27 de octubre del 2018)

Again on

(de vuelta)

Monday, October 29, 2018 through Friday, November 2, 2018

(desde el lunes , el 29 de octubre del 2018 hasta el viernes, el 2 de noviembre del 2018)

During the hours of 8 AM till 5 PM

(*Durante las horas de las 8 A.M. hasta las 5 P.M.*)

Extended hours 8AM till 7PM

(*horario extendido hasta las 8am 7pm*)

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 and Tuesday October 30, 2018

(*el martes, el 23 de octubre del 2018 y el martes el 30 de octubre del 2018*)