

**APPENDIX A**  
**BALLOT PROPOSITION**  
**FULL TEXT**

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"To construct science/technology labs; create a math, science and technology magnet middle school; repair and replace plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems and improve handicap access; renovate playgrounds and improve health and fitness facilities; upgrade existing facilities and improve energy efficiency; and construct a joint use library/media center; shall Lemon Grove School District Issue \$28,000,000 of bonds within legal interest rates with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?"

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

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**BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$28 million in aggregated principal at interest rates below the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

**ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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

**Evaluation of Needs.** The School Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** The School Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

**Performance Audits.** The School Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits.** The School Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

### **FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

**No Administrator Salaries.** Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, professional services required for the modernization, replacement, renovation, construction, and rebuilding of the school facilities projects and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

### **BOND PROJECT LIST**

The Bond Project List shown below is a part of the ballot proposition and must be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

**Evaluation of Needs.** As required by Article XIII A of the California Constitution, the Board of Trustees of the District has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects shown below.

**Projects Subject to Available Funding.** The following list of projects is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the bond proposition does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the proposition will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the bond proposition. The District's proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond proposition.

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve District facilities as described below. The specific school facilities projects which are described below include all related and incidental costs, including costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, site preparation, utilities, landscaping and other incidental costs,

and construction management. Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire real property for future educational facilities and to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment, and technology upgrades at any classrooms and other facilities of the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects, which are described below as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction, including unforeseen conditions such as dry rot, mold and faulty engineering.

### **RENOVATION, MODERNIZATION, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS FACILITIES**

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, rebuild and furnish the District's classrooms, restrooms, and other educational and joint-use facilities including those located at:

Golden Avenue Elementary – Built in 1944	Lemon Grove Middle – Built in 1938
Monterey Heights Elementary – Built in 1949	Mt. Vernon Elementary – Built in 1959
Palm Middle – Built in 1957	San Altos Elementary – Built in 1958
San Miguel Elementary – Built in 1951	Vista La Mesa Elementary – Built in 1948

Whenever specific items are included in the following list, they are presented to provide an example and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects.

- Repair and or replace old and deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Construct science/technology labs
- Modernize relocatable classrooms
- Install new heating and air conditioning systems in District facilities, including auditoriums and multi-purpose rooms
- Upgrade and expand health and fitness facilities at Lemon Grove and Palm Middle Schools, including new fitness centers and locker rooms
- Make maintenance and infrastructure improvements throughout the District
- Make handicap accessibility (ADA) upgrades and improvements throughout the District, including restrooms, classrooms, and playgrounds
- Convert Lemon Grove Middle School into a magnet school specializing in programs such as science, technology, engineering and math
- Construct a joint-use library/media center for school and community use
- Reconfigure existing school sites to accommodate new programs
- Install shade structures at the elementary and middle school campuses
- Upgrade playground equipment at elementary schools

- Enhance safety and security at the elementary and middle school campuses
- Acquire the following property which has been leased by the District, and thereby provide funds to refund the outstanding related obligations of the District: (a) improvements made to modernize and expand the Vista La Mesa Elementary School from the proceeds of 1996 Certificates of Participation previously issued by the District; and (b) solar energy projects which were previously acquired, constructed and installed at the Palm Middle School, Mount Vernon Elementary School and San Miguel Elementary School from the proceeds of a Sublease/Option Agreement between the District and the Public Property Financing Corporation of America.

## **BOND ARGUMENT:**

### **Lemon Grove School District General Obligation Bonds Argument In Favor of Proposition W - Election of November 4, 2008**

Our schools are the most important asset in our community and should be our number one priority. Access to quality education and school facilities is critical to the future of our community. From higher achieving students to greater safety to improved property values, quality schools make a difference. While our teachers and staff do their best in educating our students, many classrooms and school facilities in the Lemon Grove School District are now outdated and no longer provide students with an adequate environment in which to succeed.

While our schools have been well maintained over the years with many renovations and improvements to classrooms, our work is not done. We must continue to improve our schools to meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards.

Your YES vote on Proposition W will create a lasting, positive impact on the quality of our schools, neighborhoods and values of our homes.

#### **Proposition W will improve classrooms and school facilities by:**

- Constructing needed science technology labs
- Repairing and replacing deteriorating bathrooms and sewer systems
- Upgrading substandard classrooms
- Renovating playgrounds and improving health and fitness facilities

- Converting a middle school into a magnet school specializing in programs such as science, technology, engineering and math
- Constructing a joint-use library/media center for the students and the community

**By law, Proposition W has taxpayer protections in place.**

- All spending will be annually audited and reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee
- Funds can only be spent to improve Lemon Grove schools and not for administrative salaries

Proposition W deserves our support. It will not only maintain the quality of our schools and our property values, but also improve the quality of our community – and that's something we can all support. **Please join us and VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION W!**