

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE H

(Galt Joint Union Elementary School District – School Bond Measure)

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The California Constitution and Education Code authorize school districts to issue bonds for specified purposes if approved by the voters within district boundaries. Measure H was placed on the ballot by the governing board of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (“District”). If approved, Measure H would allow the District to incur bonded indebtedness up to a maximum amount of \$27 million dollars. The proceeds from the issuance and sale of such general obligation bonds could only be used for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing, equipping, and acquisition/lease of school facilities of the District. Measure H lists the specific school facilities projects that the District intends to finance by the proposed bond sales.

No funds derived from bond sales may be used for general school operating expenses, including administrator and teacher salaries or pensions, or for any purpose or project other than those expressly stated in the measure.

To ensure that funds are spent only as specified in the measure, Measure H requires: 1) the appointment of a citizen’s oversight committee; 2) completion of annual independent performance and financial audits; 3) establishment of a separate account in which proceeds of bond sales will be deposited; and 4) submission of an annual status report to the Board of Education.

If Measure H is passed, the actual dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold would be governed by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors. If Measure H is approved, the tax rates necessary for payment of principal and interest on any bonds sold will largely be dictated by the timing of the bond sales, the amount sold at a given sale, market interest rates at the time of each sale (although in no event greater than the maximum bond interest rate allowed by law), as well as actual assessed valuation of taxable property in the District over the term of repayment. The District’s Tax Rate Statement contains the best estimates of tax rates required to service the bond debt. The District estimates the average annual tax rate levy to fund this bond is \$29.05 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected will be 2053-54. The District estimates that the total amount repayable during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, is approximately \$56,908,663.

Passage of Measure H requires approval by 55% of the voters voting thereon.

A “YES” vote on Measure H means you wish to allow the District to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27 million dollars.

A “NO” vote on Measure H means you do not wish to allow the District to issue the proposed bonds.