

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L

Escalon Unified School District, Board of Education Resolution No. 23-24-26

Election on the Question of Whether Bonds of the District Shall Be Issued and Sold for the Purpose of Financing the Construction, Reconstruction, Rehabilitation or Replacement of School Facilities, Including the Furnishing and Equipping of School Facilities in the District

Prepared by the San Joaquin County Counsel

The Board of Education of the Escalon Unified School District (the “District”) proposes Measure L (the “Measure”). Approval of Measure L would authorize the District to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$27,700,000 at interest rates not to exceed legal limits (the “Bonds”). Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Measure L shall be used to finance the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, as identified in the Bond Project List, which appears in the full text of the Measure as printed in the voter information pamphlet. No funds derived from the Bonds may be used for general school operating expenses or teacher and administrator salaries.

Approval of Measure L does not guarantee that the proposed projects identified on the Bond Project List will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Measure. The District’s capital needs currently exceed the amount of the Bonds. Project priorities will be determined by the District’s Board.

The Tax Rate Statement printed in the voter information pamphlet contains the District’s best estimates of tax rates required to be levied to service the bond debt during the life of the Bonds. At the time that the Measure was filed, the best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund the Bonds over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations, is \$29 per \$100,000 of estimated assessed valuation and it is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2054-55. 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 is approximately \$67,685,000.

To assure that funds derived from the Bonds are spent only for the purposes expressly stated in the Measure, Measure L would require the District to: (1) establish an independent citizens’ oversight committee; (2) conduct annual, independent performance and financial audits; and, (3) direct the proceeds of the Bonds to be deposited into a special fund.

A “Yes” vote on Measure L is a vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$27,700,000 to be financed by an annual property tax to fund the specified school facilities projects.

A “No” vote on Measure L is a vote against the issuance of the proposed general obligation bonds.

Measure L passes if 55% of the registered voters voting on the Measure vote “Yes”.