

KINGSBURG JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Total Yes Votes: 256 53.3%

Total No Votes: 224 46.7%

MEASURE K

(Required to Pass: 55% of votes cast)

To raise money for improvement projects at Kingsburg High School, including improvements to the Football Bowl, Old Gym, and softball fields; added parking; landscape beautification; upgrades and improvements on other athletic fields and school facilities; Little Theater upgrades and improvements; and other listed projects, shall the Kingsburg Joint Union High School District issue and sell up to \$9,900,000 of bonds at not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate, with an oversight committee, and no money going for administrator salaries?

BONDS YES

BONDS NO

FULL TEXT

INTRODUCTION

To raise money for improvement projects at Kingsburg High School, including Football Bowl upgrades and improvements; Old Gym upgrades and improvements; added parking; landscape beautification; softball field upgrades and improvements, upgrades and improvements on other athletic fields and school facilities; Little Theater upgrades and improvements, and other listed projects, shall Kingsburg Joint Union High School District issue and sell up to \$9,900,000 of bonds at not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate, with annual audits, a citizens oversight committee and NO money to be used for administrators' salaries?

PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS

The athletic and Little Theater facilities on the Kingsburg High School campus are in need of upgrades and improvements in order to better serve both the students and the greater Kingsburg community. The High School's facilities have always been widely used by Kingsburg's families, service organizations, and community groups. The School District has had a wonderful partnership with the community, providing enhanced recreational opportunities with our facilities. The athletic facilities serve as a community center for our residents, service clubs, youth and adult sports leagues, and recreational sports activities. The Little Theater is used for both school and community presentations.

To better meet the needs of both the High School's students and the community, the School District has consulted with school staff and the community and identified the following projects as being the most needed at this time. Please note that the following list includes both Priority I Projects (projects that will be completed using the bond proceeds) and Priority II Projects (projects that are planned and needed but whose construction is contingent on the amount of bond funds available, and the amount of State matching and other building funds received by the District, which is a function of the requirements of the State School Facilities Program, and the future approval by voters of State bonds for schools). The completion of specific projects is also contingent on final project costs.

Priority I Projects:

Football Bowl upgrades and improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, construction of an all-weather track, new stadium seating, and new lights for the stadium.

Old Gym upgrades and improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, a new floor, modernized locker room and bathroom area, and ventilation system improvements.

New Parking, landscaping, and outdoor eating areas

This project includes, but is not limited to, the construction of additional parking spaces on the campus, covered outdoor eating areas for students, and new and upgraded campus landscaping.

Softball field, and soccer and baseball field improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, the construction of lights for the softball field, improved parking, and general improvements on other athletic fields.

Little Theater facility upgrade and improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, the upgrading of seating, sound, and lighting systems.

Priority II Projects:

Old Music Wing Upgrade & Improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, upgrading the music wing into mini-lecture halls for presentations and meetings. It would include cosmetic improvements inside and out as well.

60 Wing Upgrade & Improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, upgrading the current science lab classroom and auto and small engines shop areas.

School Farm Classroom and Improvements

This project includes, but is not limited to, adding a portable building as a classroom to the farm and making other upgrades to the school farm.

Improve the Maintenance and Bus Garage Area

This project includes, but is not limited to, upgrading or relocating the maintenance and bus garage area off campus.

Expand Alternative Education

This project includes, but is not limited to, adding additional portable buildings to our current alternative education site in order to allow for program growth.

Land Acquisition

This project includes, but is not limited to, acquiring land so that a second high school might be built sometime in the next twenty years to accommodate community growth in Kingsburg.

Re-Furbish Cafeteria Building

This project includes, but is not limited to, upgrading and cosmetic improvements.

The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated the safety, class-size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing this list of school facilities projects.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

If the bonds are approved, the Board of Trustees will implement the following accountability measures in accordance with State law:

- (a) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, including the costs of the election, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other routine school operating expenses;
- (b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects listed in this Exhibit A;
- (c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for school facilities projects listed in this Exhibit A; and
- (d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects listed in this Exhibit A.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

California Education Code section 15122.5 requires the following statement to be included in this sample ballot:

"Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the Kingsburg Joint Union High School District that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this bond measure. The school district's proposal for certain of the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which are subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY FRESNO COUNTY COUNSEL

Voter approval of this measure will authorize the governing board of the Kingsburg Joint Union High School District to issue and sell bonds in the maximum amount of Nine Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,900,000), bearing interest at legal rates. The bond proceeds will be used for improvement projects at Kingsburg High School, including the football bowl, old gym, and softball fields; added parking; landscape beautification; upgrades and improvements on other athletic fields and school facilities; little theater upgrades and improvements; and other listed projects, with no money going for administrator salaries.

s/ DENNIS A. MARSHALL
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Kingsburg Joint Union High School District (the "District") in Fresno, Tulare, and Kings counties on June 6, 2006, to authorize the sale of up to \$9,900,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in several series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property

in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.02998 per \$100 (\$29.98 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2006-07.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.02952 per \$100 (\$29.52 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2008-09.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.02998 per \$100 (\$29.98 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2006-07.

Based on these estimated tax rates, the estimated average annual tax over the life of the bonds is \$29.78 for \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This is equivalent to about \$2.48 per month.

Voters should note that these estimated tax rates are based on the *assessed value* of taxable property in the District as shown on the official tax rolls of the respective counties, not on the property's market value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone the payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The estimates are based upon the District's projections and are not binding upon the District. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and

the equalization process.

Dated: February 22, 2006

Linda Clark
Superintendent
Kingsburg Joint Union High School District

**NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED**