

**ORDER CALLING SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION**

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF ORANGE §  
VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Vidor Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election (the "Election") for and within the District on the proposition hereinafter set forth;

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 required by law;

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, intends to conduct a Joint Election with Orange County, Texas ("Orange County") and to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with the Elections Administrator of Orange County (the "Orange County Elections Administrator") to contract for election services as set forth in Section 5 of this order; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements referenced in Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition as authorized by Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code because these capital improvements will be used predominantly for teaching required curriculum and/or administrative purposes and are not the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1- 6) of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this order (the "Election 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;

Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VIDOR 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.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Hours. The Election shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 ("Election Day"), in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), which is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order. The Board finds that holding the election on such date is in the public interest. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 3. Taxes; Proposition. 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"), setting forth the purposes, the principal amount, and the maximum maturity dates for the Bonds to be authorized, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,400,000 FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- (1) CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, EXPANSIONS, RENOVATIONS AND RELATED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO AND FOR EACH OF PINE FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, VIDOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OAK FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND VIDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLOSING THE EXISTING VIDOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND MAKING THE VIDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS INTO ONE SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8; AND
- (2) CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, EXPANSION, RENOVATIONS AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO AND FOR VIDOR HIGH SCHOOL;

AND WITH ANY REMAINING SURPLUS FUNDS, IF ANY, TO BE USED FOR CONTINGENCY AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ADDITIONS, TO, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF ANY ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT; WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, 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 4. Official Ballot. (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved Orange 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

VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

[ ] FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$98,400,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS BY THE VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING (1) CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, EXPANSION, RENOVATIONS AND RELATED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO AND FOR EACH OF PINE FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, VIDOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OAK FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND VIDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLOSING THE EXISTING VIDOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND MAKING THE VIDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS INTO ONE SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8 AND (2) CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS AND RELATED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO VIDOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS.

[ ] AGAINST

**THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Contract(s) to Conduct the Election. The District has agreed to participate in a joint election with Orange County, which is also holding an election on Election Day, and will contract with the Orange County Elections Administrator for election services. The execution of such joint election contract between the District and Orange County and the contracting for election services with Orange County is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 7. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day; Election Officers. (a) The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within one or more Orange County election precincts, which bear the precinct numbers set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein. The polling places for voting on Election Day shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Orange County Elections Administrator.

(b) On Election Day, the polls for all precincts shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(c) The presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for each precinct shall be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Election Code.

(d) In the event that the Superintendent of the District (the "Superintendent") shall determine from time to time that (i) one or more of the polling places hereby established and designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District's best interests to relocate one or more polling places, or (ii) a precinct judge or alternate judge shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent is hereby authorized to designate and

appoint in writing substitute polling places, precinct judges or alternate judges, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient by the Superintendent.

Section 8. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. (a) Early voting shall take place between October 31, 2024 through November 1, 2024. Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the dates set forth in **Exhibit B**, attached and incorporated herein, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Orange County Elections Administrator. The location of the **main early voting polling place** shall be as follows:

Building Name: Orange Public Library  
Address: 220 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, TX 77630  
Room Number: Meeting Room

(b) The Orange County Elections Administrator, Donna Alford, is hereby designed as the Early Voting Clerk to perform those functions for District voters. The Early Voting Clerk's official mailing address or street address at which the Early Voting Clerk may receive delivery by common or contract carrier, is the following: applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Donna Alford  
Early Voting Clerk  
Orange County Elections Administration  
123 South Sixth Street  
Orange, Texas 77630  
Telephone Number: 409-882-7973  
Email Address: is [elections@co.orange.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.orange.tx.us)  
Internet website:  
<https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Donna Alford  
Early Voting Clerk  
Orange County Elections Administration  
123 South Sixth Street  
Orange, Texas 77630

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 25, 2024. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

(c) Each Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, notice of the Election, including a

Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. A substantial copy of this Order and the voter information, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in three additional public places within the District's boundaries not later than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot shall be posted on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to 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. A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting and for election day voting. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the Elections Administrator and District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election.

Section 11. Required Information.

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the language for the proposition that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds for such proposition are to be authorized are set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amounts of bonds for such proposition to be authorized is set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over a specified number of years not to exceed 40 years from their date of issuance, (vi) based on market conditions at the time of adoption of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate on any series of the bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order is estimated to be 4.50%, (vii) as of the date of adoption of this Election Order, (A) the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$8,835,000, (B) the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$1,172,600, and (C) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate is \$0.0964 per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

(b) The statements contained in this section: (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.

(c) The District's website is: [www.vidorisd.com](http://www.vidorisd.com). The Orange County Election

Administrator's election website is:

<https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>.

Section 12. Voter Information Documents. The form of Voter Information Document for the Proposition is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. The Voter Information Document shall be posted in the same manner as is required for the posting of this Election Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.003(f), Texas Election Code, and may be posted as part of this Election Order.

Section 13. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Election Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District's administrative offices for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Election Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.


Section 14. Authority of Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 15. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board are each authorized individually to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President and Vice President of the Board are each authorized individually to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election. The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties to make such modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein.

Section 16. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Election Order, or the application of the 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 Election 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 Election 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 Election Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 15th day of August, 2024.

  
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President, Board of Trustees Vidor  
Independent School District

ATTEST:   
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Secretary, Board of Trustees Vidor  
Independent School District

(SEAL)



**EXHIBIT A**

**ORANGE COUNTY ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS\***

November 5, 2024; polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**VOTE AT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS**

<b>WOC-CISD Admin/Education Bldg</b> 902 W Park Avenue – Orange	<b>Orange Public Library</b> 220 N 5th Street – Orange
<b>St Francis Catholic Church</b> 4300 Meeks Drive – Orange	<b>LCM-CISD Administration Bldg</b> 6586 FM 1130 – Orange
<b>Sabine River Authority</b> 12777 N Hwy 87 – Orange	<b>West Orange City Hall</b> 2700 Western Avenue – Orange
<b>Salvation Army</b> 1950 Martin Luther King Drive – Orange	<b>Mauriceville Community Center</b> 7441 Cohenour Road – Mauriceville
<b>Orange County Drainage District</b> 8081 Old Hwy 90 – Orange	<b>DOW Business Center</b> 2601 Irving Street – Orange
<b>Orange County Expo Center</b> 11475 FM 1442 – Orange	<b>Orangefield Cormier Museum</b> 9908 FM 105 – Orangefield
<b>Bridge City Knights of Columbus</b> 495 W Roundbunch Road – Bridge City	<b>St Paul Methodist Church</b> 1155 W Roundbunch Road – Bridge City
<b>Orange County Airport</b> 2640 Hwy 87 S – Orange	<b>Pecan Acres Baptist Church</b> 14795 Duncan Woods Lane – Vidor
<b>Vidor ISD Administration Bldg</b> 1255 N Main Street – Vidor	<b>Pine Forest Baptist Church</b> 4800 N Main Street – Vidor
<b>The Oaks Event Center</b> 2110 S Main Street - Vidor	<b>Raymond Gould Community Center</b> 385 Claiborne Street – Vidor

*[\*Locations subject to change pursuant to Election Services Contract]*

**EXHIBIT B**

**ORANGE COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES\***

**LOCATIONS:**

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**Orange Public Library**  
220 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Orange 77630

**Orange County Airport**  
2640 S Hwy 87 – Orange 77630

**Mauriceville Community Center**  
7441 Cohenour Road – Orange 77632

**Raymond Gould Community Center**  
385 Claiborne Street – Vidor 77662

**DATES:**

**TIMES:**

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**Oct 21 – Oct 25 (Monday – Friday)**

**8:00 am – 5:00pm**

**Oct 26 (Saturday)**

**7:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Oct 27 (Sunday)**

**1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Oct 28 – Nov 1 (Monday – Friday)**

**7:00 am – 7:00 pm**

The location of the **main early voting polling place** is as follows:

Building Name: Orange Public Library  
Address: 220 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, TX 77630  
Room Number: Meeting Room

*[\*Locations subject to change pursuant to Election Services Contract]*

**EXHIBIT C**

**VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR VIDOR ISD BOND  
PROPOSITION A**

- (a) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition A is set forth below:

**VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A**

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$98,400,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS BY THE VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING (1) CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, EXPANSION, RENOVATIONS AND RELATED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO AND FOR EACH OF PINE FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, VIDOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OAK FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND VIDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLOSING THE EXISTING VIDOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND MAKING THE VIDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS INTO ONE SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8 AND (2) CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS AND RELATED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO VIDOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS.

AGAINST

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(b) Certain information is provided in the table below:

Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):
\$98,400,000	\$71,423,100	\$169,823,100	\$8,835,000	\$1,172,600	\$10,007,600

(c) The estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District (a) with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized by Proposition A is \$0.00 and (b) with an appraised value of \$150,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$72.57, assuming: (i) the homestead exemption of \$100,000 plus the 15% local homestead exemption, (ii) the bonds are issued in 2025, (iii) an amortization of all debt obligations of the District, including the bonds, over 25-years, (iv) interest rates of 4.50% on the bonds, and (v) a 2.50% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2035 and 0.50% thereafter. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.