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I. Executive Summary

Measure A, passed by voters on May 3, 2022, authorized the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District ("LVJUSD") to levy a qualified special tax of \$1.00 per year on each parcel of taxable real property in the District for 7 years. The parcel tax commenced on July 1, 2022.

The Full Text of Measure A, attached as an appendix, states that moneys raised may be spent only on purposes named in the measure, specifically to

- x Provide elementary science and technology specialists
- x Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- x Maintain academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, engineering and technology
- x Keep classroom technology and instructional materials up to date
- x Maintain small class sizes
- x Keep schools well maintained

and to provide other financial support to the extent of available funds to maintain and support the District's academic programs, including the purchase of instructional equipment, materials and supplies.

Measure A's Accountability Provisions require the establishment of an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that moneys raised are "spent wisely and only for the purposes named."

This is the Second Annual Report of the Measure A Citizens' Oversight Committee ("Committee"), covering parcel tax revenue, budgeting and expenditures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Measure A raised \$3,951,630 in revenue for the LVJUSD in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Section V of this Report details how Measure A funds were budgeted and expended. Among the items funded were

- x 14.72 full-time equivalent (FTE) Elementary School Science Specialists and FTE TK-2 Technology Specialists;
- x 8.8333 FTE staff teaching science, technology, engineering and math ("STEM") courses at the middle or high school level
- x A wide range of classroom technology including both software and hardware
- x Instructional equipment, materials, and supplies to support STEM education; and
- x School facilities

Based on the information provided by District and school site staff, the Committee concludes that the Measure A funds raised by the LVJSD in 2023-2024 have been spent, if expended as budgeted for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024, will be spent on purposes named in the measure.

Measure A funds appear to have been spent wisely insofar as they were budgeted and accounted for on an ongoing basis and used for the benefit of all LVJUSD school sites, to

and to provide other financial support to the extent of available funds to maintain and support the District's academic programs, including the purchase of instructional equipment, materials and supplies.

Measure A's Accountability Provisions contain an "Independent Annual Audit" provision.

The Accountability Provisions also require the LVJUSD Board of Education to establish an "Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee" to ensure that moneys raised by the parcel tax are "spent wisely and only for the purposes named."

According to the Accountability Provisions, "All of the purposes named in this [measure] shall constitute the specific purposes of the education parcel tax, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied only for such purposes."

III. Committee Membership History,

On April 25, the Committee reviewed responses to the 2024 Measure A questionnaire from school leaders at all 18 LVJUSD school sites and discussed what additional information was needed to complete the Report. Remaining sections of the Report were assigned to Committee members and the Report was refined.

Between April 25 and May 23, Committee members received and reviewed audit information requested and submitted their assigned sections to Co-Chair Harris, who completed and circulated the draft Report.

On May 23, the Committee reviewed the draft Report and approved it.

The Report was finalized on May 31.

In the course of their work, Committee members consulted documents including the LVJUSD website, www.livermoreschools.org; VJUSD Board of Education Resolution No. 2022-2023; the Full Text of Measure A and the measure's ballot language; the Measure A [First] Annual Report for 2023; tables generated by District staff showing 2024 estimated and actual Measure A expenditures; the Committee's 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Measure A questionnaires and school site responses; responses to questions from the LVJUSD Curriculum and Instruction and Human Resources Departments and Business Services Division; 2023-2024 parcel tax data from financial consultants Francisco & Associates; the LVJUSD 2023-2024 Adopted Budget; and the LVJUSD General Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.

The following District staff supported the Committee's work by collecting data, answering questions, and providing logistical assistance:

V. 2023-2024 Measure A Budgeting and Expenditures

The following table, based on documentation provided to the Committee by District staff, breaks down how Measure A revenue was budgeted and expended by the LVJUSD for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Because the LVJUSD fiscal year ends on June 30, 2024, some budgeted amounts had not been expended as of the time this Report was compiled. The latest financial document covering complete actual expenditures and encumbrances that the Comm4(i)14(nn 6t 2td (-)Tj (re)]TJld()TJ 0.

Jackson Avenue Elementary

“Jackson Avenue has two elementary science specialists that students in grades 1-5. Each class receives 2 forty minute sessions of hands on instruction. Our science specialists work closely with our general ed. teachers to monitor progress of science standards and TWIG curriculum. The science specialists also host Family Science Night every other year.

Joe Michell K-8 School

“Michell has 1 FTE science specialist and part time science specialist. Each grade level 1-5 gets 2 40 minute sessions of hands on instruction. The science teachers collaborate with the teachers to align [sic] TWIG curriculum with PLTW. We also have a Family Science Night that is hosted by our science specialists.

classroom teachers to synchronize the pace of the curriculum, ensuring their lessons align seamlessly with classroom instruction.

Sunset Elementary

“We have two Science specialists who teach two 40 minute pull out science classes per week for every class. Those teachers also plan to take Science Night, planetarium night, etc. They have worked closely with teachers planning the in class portion of the TWIG curriculum and helping them to prepare their labs.

2. Maintain Academic Achievement in Math, Science, Reading, Writing, Engineering, and Technology

Measure A funds may be used to “maintain academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, engineering and technology.”

The LVJUSD allocated \$1,285,897, or approximately 32% of the Measure A budget, for this purpose during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A total of 8.8333 FTE positions were funded.

Five teachers of Science and STEM Exploration courses, grades 6-8, at Christensen Middle School, East Avenue Middle School, Joe Michel School Junction Avenue K-8 School, and William Mendenhall Middle School, were funded at .75 FTE each.

At the high school level, six teachers were funded: 2 FTE positions at Granada High School, 2.8333 FTE positions at Livermore High School, and a .25 FTE position at Del Valle Continuation High School.

The four high school teachers whose positions were fully funded by Measure A covered a range of STEM topics in courses including Physics, AP Physics Mechanics, Astronomy, IT Essentials, Business Computer Applications, Intro to Computer Programming, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, Robotics, Project Lead the Way (“PLTW”) Principles of Engineering, PLTW Intro to Engineering Design, and Engineering Physics.

The two high school teachers whose positions were partially funded by Measure A taught courses related to business, including e-commerce and computer/technology applications components and culinary arts.

At least three of the high school teachers funded by Measure A possessed master’s degrees.

3. Keep Classroom Technology and Instructional Materials Up to Date

Analyzed by Committee Member Ziad Hitti

Measure A funds may be used to “keep classroom technology and instructional materials up to date.”

The LVJUSD allocated \$234,252, or approximately 6% of the Measure A budget, for this purpose during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

School leaders and District staff provided the Committee with numerous examples of how the funds were used.

All School Sites

Technology use is now an integral part of every student's learning journey. Measures have been extremely helpful in helping schools ensure that their technology and digital content are preparing students for their individual life journeys after high school.

The funds were used to purchase technology that supports needs in math, science, and

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Enhancements to Science Laboratories

Measure A funds were strategically used to purchase new equipment and materials for science labs, significantly improving the lab and experiment experience for students. Upgrades enable a more interactive and effective learning environment, promoting a deeper understanding of scientific principles.

6. Attract and Retain Highly Qualified Teachers

Analyzed by Committee Member ~~le~~atika Khare

Measure A funds may be used to “attract and retain highly qualified teachers.”

No Measure A funds were specifically budgeted by the LVJUSD for this purpose for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

However, the LVJUSD made sound efforts to attract and retain highly qualified teachers, ~~as~~ though there was not

VI. Independent Annual Audit

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VIII. Respectfully Submitted

Bruce Cumming, Committee Co-Chair

JuNelle Harris, Committee Co-Chair

Ann Brown, Secretary

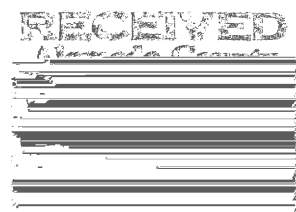
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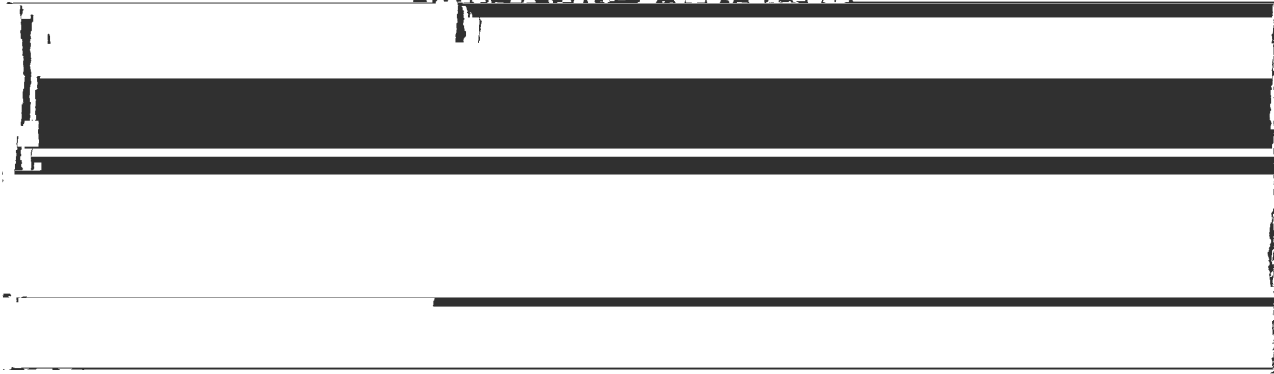
APPENDIX Full Text of Measure And Ballot Language



II. FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

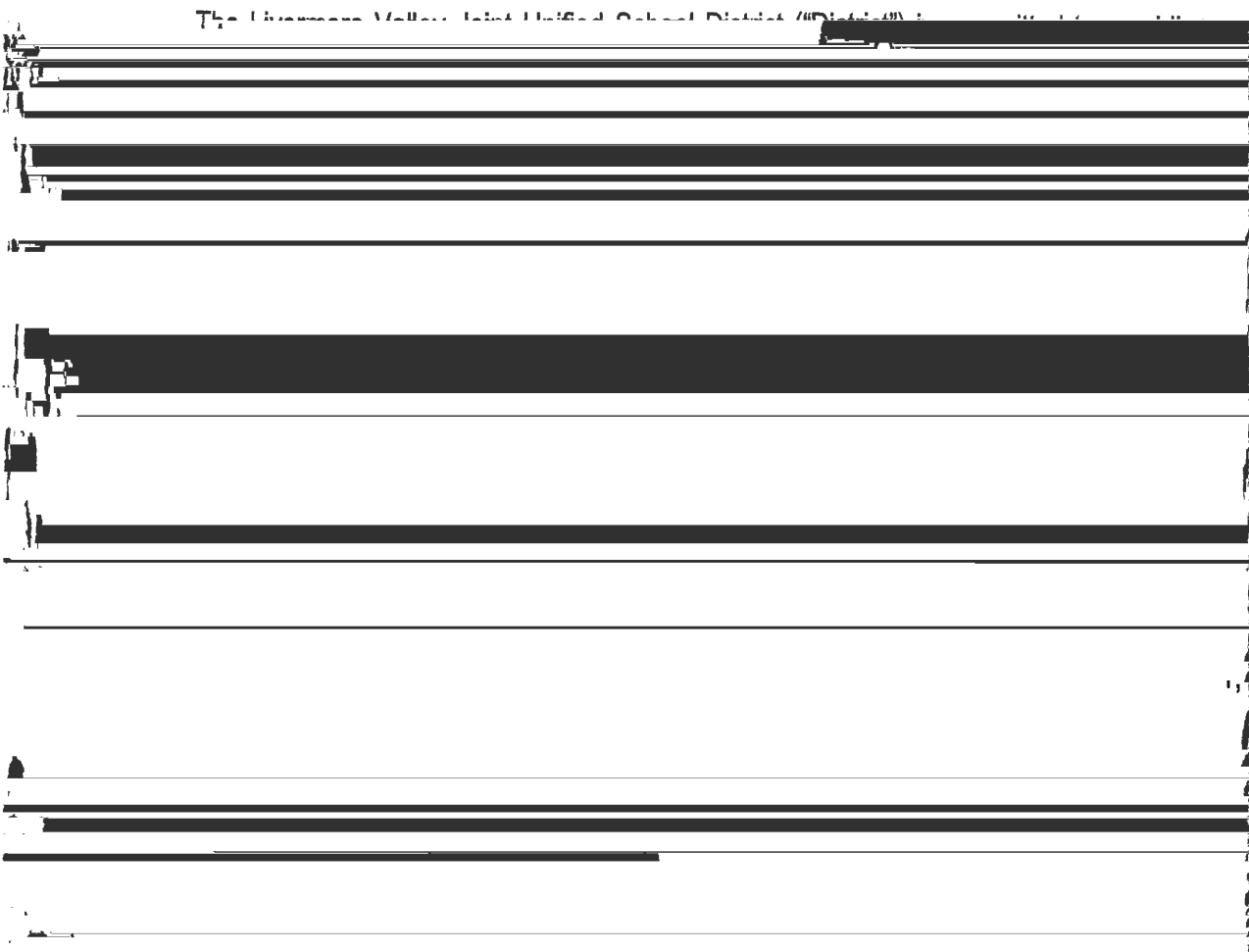
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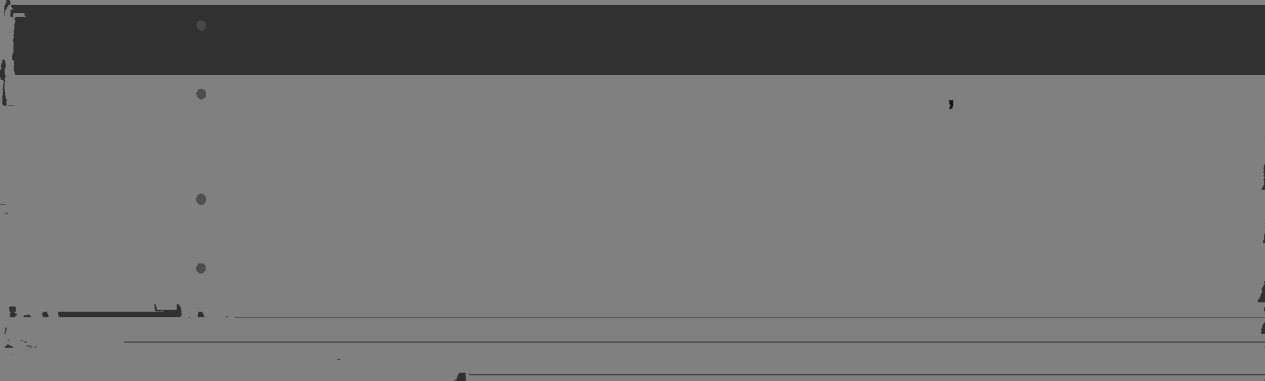
This Proposition may be known and referred to as the "Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Quality Education Act of 2022" or as "Measure ____". *[designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters]*

FINDINGS



Moneys raised under this Quality Education Act of 2022 shall be authorized to be used only to provide financial support to local school programs in accordance with priorities established by the Board of Education and to the extent of available funds, including to:

- Provide elementary, secondary and TK-12 technology specialists



Attract and retain highly qualified teachers

Maintain academic achievement in math, science, reading writing, engineering and technology



Independent Annual Audit. Upon the levy and collection of the education parcel tax, the

Board of Education shall cause an account to be established for deposit of the proceeds pursuant to

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provision hereof. Upon approval of this Description by the voters, should any

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EXHIBIT B

[REDACTED]

WORLD IS HONORARY CITIZEN - the qualified electors of the Livermore Valley

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Joint Unified School District of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa, California, that in

[REDACTED]



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa, California, that in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code, the Elections Code, and the Government Code of the State of California, an election will be held on May 2, 2022, for the purpose of



submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition summarized as follows:

[This summarizes, in 75 words or less, the full text of the proposition]

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County Superintendent of Schools
Alameda / Contra Costa County, California