



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**A GUIDE TO LOCAL MEASURES ON
THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**



MEASURE A

ARMONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Would authorize the governing board of the Armona Union Elementary School District to issue and sell bonds in the maximum principal amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00), bearing interest at legal rates and with maturity dates within the legal limits. The bond proceeds may only be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate or replace aging and outdated school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities within the District.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. If approved, would authorize the Armona Elementary School District to issue and sell bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. Opposes the Armona Elementary School School District issue and selling of bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- This Measure would require annual independent performance and financial audits of the use of bond proceeds including annual reports to the governing board. In addition, a citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended.



MEASURE B

CITY OF AVENAL VACANCY TAX

Would authorize a vacancy tax on unused or unoccupied commercial spaces and uninhabited residences in the City of Avenal, up to \$1,000 per linear foot of frontage, (2) setting transient occupancy tax at 15%, and (3) creating a progressive rate structure that would set business license tax rates from .05% to .475% of gross receipts, generating undetermined revenue, potentially up to \$84,000 annually, until repealed.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. The city of Avenal can levy an excise tax on commercial property unoccupied or unused for business activity, and residential property uninhabited, for more than 183 days of a year; (2) Set the transient occupancy tax rate to 15 percent; and (3) Adopt progressive business license tax rates based upon gross annual receipts.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. The city **cannot** levy an exercise tax. Nothing would change.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- The City's existing transient occupancy and business license tax ordinances were adopted decades ago. Measure B would update them and enact a vacancy tax on certain commercial properties and uninhabited residential properties which are not owner-occupied.
- Would fund small business programs, public safety, enforcement and beautification projects.
- 98% of residents will **not** be impacted.



MEASURE H

CITY OF HANFORD: ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES

Would approve a 1% Transaction and Use Tax (Sales Tax), To provide funding that would remain local and cannot be taken by the State to preserve/improve essential city services including, police, fire, 911 emergency response, neighborhood police patrols, crime prevention; maintain city streets and parks; address homelessness; improve youth/senior programs; retain local jobs; and other general services

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. You support the approval of a 1% transactions and use tax.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. Opposes the 1% transactions and use tax.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- It is projected that the proposed tax will initially generate \$19,200,000.00 annually for the City.
- The proposed tax is a "general tax," and, if approved, the proceeds may be utilized for any purpose for which the City's general fund monies may be used, including, without limitation: police, fire, 911 emergency response, neighborhood police patrols, and crime prevention; maintain city streets and parks; address homelessness; improve youth/senior programs; retain local jobs; and other general services.
- Currently, Hanford is one of only 32 cities out of California's 483 cities without a local sales tax.



MEASURE S

LEMOORE ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Would establish a 1% sales tax providing approximately \$3,850,000 annually until ended by voters, with all funds remaining in Lemoore and subject to an annual audit and citizens oversight committee to advise on use of the tax?
Yes N

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. Would approve the 1% sales tax increase, raising the sales tax rate to 8.25% within the City of Lemoore.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. Nothing would change. The tax rate would remain 7.25%.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- The City estimates it will generate approximately \$3,850,000 annually. This revenue is expected to provide substantial support to the general fund, ensuring continued delivery of essential services.
- The proposed tax is a “general tax” meaning that revenue generated from this tax will be deposited into the City’s General Fund and may be used for any lawful government purpose.
- The proposed measure includes provisions for an independent annual audit and a citizens’ oversight committee which will review the revenues and expenditures of the tax funds to ensure proper use and public trust.



MEASURE U

HANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Would authorize the governing board of the Hanford Elementary School District to issue and sell bonds in the maximum principal amount of Twenty-Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00), bearing interest at legal rates and with maturity dates within the legal limits. The bond proceeds may only be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate or replace aging and outdated school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities within the District.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. Would authorize the bond measure which would allow the District to improve the quality of its school facilities and education provided to students.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. Nothing would change.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Proceeds from this bond measure will not go to administrator or teacher salaries.
- This Measure would require annual independent performance and financial audits of the use of bond proceeds including annual reports to the governing board. In addition, a citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended.



MEASURE L

LATON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Would authorize the governing board of the Laton Joint Unified School District to issue and sell bonds in the maximum amount of Nine Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,700,000.00), bearing interest at legal rates and with maturity dates within the legal limits. The bond proceeds may only be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate or replace aging and outdated school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities within the District.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. Would provide funding for modernizing/renovating outdated classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities • Repairing or replacing leaky roofs • Making health, safety, security, and accessibility improvements • Upgrading inadequate electrical systems • Improving P.E fields and facilities and play fields for school and community use.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. Nothing would change.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Proceeds from this bond measure will not go to administrator or teacher salaries.
- This Measure would require annual independent performance and financial audits of the use of bond proceeds including annual reports to the governing board. In addition, a citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended.



MEASURE K

KINGSBURG JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Authorizes the governing board of the Kingsburg Joint Union High School District (the "District") to issue and sell bonds in the maximum amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), bearing interest at legal rates and with maturity dates within the legal limits. The bond proceeds may only be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate or replace aging and outdated school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities within the District.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. Would provide funding to make facility improvements at Kingsburg High School including: • Replacing outdated heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems • Constructing additional classrooms and school facilities • Modernizing outdated classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities • Creating student drop-off and pickup areas for increased safety and better traffic flow • Improving student access to computers and modern technology

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. Nothing would change.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Would not change the current tax rate,
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee. • Funds can only be spent to improve our high school, not for teacher or administrator salaries.



MEASURE E

TULARE JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

If approved, this measure will authorize the Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$80,000,000. The bonds will have an interest rate not exceeding the legal maximum and will be repaid within the time permitted by law. The Tax Rate Statement printed in this pamphlet contains the Board's best estimates of tax rates required to service the bond debt during the life of the bonds.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. Would provide funding to make health, safety and security improvements throughout the District · Repairing and replacing leaky roofs · Making handicapped accessibility (ADA) improvements · Replacing outdated heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems · Modernizing outdated classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. No changes would happen.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Would not change the current tax rate,
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee. · Funds can only be spent to improve our high school, not for teacher or administrator salaries.



MEASURE Q

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT: LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES WORKFORCE TRAINING, AFFORDABLE EDUCATION AND CLASSROOM REPAIR MEASURE

Would authorize the governing board of the State Center Community College District (the "District") to issue and sell bonds in the maximum amount of Six Hundred Ninety Eight Million Dollars (\$698,000,000.00), bearing interest at legal rates. The bond proceeds may only be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate or replace aging and outdated school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities within the District.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You support this. Would increase opportunities for local students and workers to gain certifications, develop job skills, obtain affordable credits, associates degrees, and/or transfer to a four-year university.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not support this. No change would occur.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- This Measure would require annual independent performance and financial audits
- May not be used for administrator or teacher salaries
- No money can be taken by the state
- All funds must be spent on our local community colleges.