

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO BE HELD BY THE GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Below is a copy of the Order calling a Bond Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the George West Independent School District, which serves as the notice of such election required by Section 4.003 of the Texas Election Code.

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
LIVE OAK COUNTY
GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the George West Independent School District (the "*District*") deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to conduct the election hereinafter ordered as a joint election in conjunction with the election to be held on the same date by Live Oak County, Texas (the "*County*") and potentially other political subdivisions located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the District (collectively, the "*Joint Election Participants*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, the District shall enter into a joint election agreement with the Live Oak County Elections Coordinator (the "*Elections Coordinator*") and the Joint Election Participants (the "*Joint Election Agreement*") to hold all such elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places (subject to Section 271.003, Texas Election Code, which permits the regular County polling places to be used for a common polling place in a joint election and further permits the use of a common polling place that is located outside the boundary of the election precinct of the District if the location can adequately and conveniently serve the affected voters and will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election); and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. **TIME**. An election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on *Tuesday, November 4, 2014* in the District.

2. **PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES**. The District shall hold the election in conjunction with the elections to be held by the Joint Election Participants on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the following polling places:

Live Oak County Election Precincts	Polling Locations
No. 2	D&J Storage 258 FM 3162 Sandia, TX 78383
No. 3	First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 707 Frio St. George West, TX 78022
No. 4	George West ISD Administration Building 913 Houston St. George West, TX 78022
No. 5	Oakville Community Center 114 Community Center Cr Oakville, TX 78060
No. 6	Ray Point Community Center 100 CR 223 Three Rivers, Texas 78071
No. 12	Ruggles Ranch 917 Hwy 59 George West, TX 78022
No. 13	Swinney Switch Volunteer Fire Dept. 914 FM 3024 George West, TX 78022
No. 14	Live Oak County Criminal Justice Center 200 Larry R. Busby Dr. George West, TX 78022

3. **PRESIDING JUDGES.** The Presiding Judge and the Alternate Presiding Judge for each of the election precincts and polling places shall be appointed by the Elections Coordinator and pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement.

4. **ELECTION CLERKS.** The Election Clerks shall be appointed by the respective Presiding Judges in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Election Agreement.

5. **EARLY VOTING.** Electors may cast their early votes by mail or by personal appearance at the following place and times:

Place: George West ISD Administration Building
913 Houston Street
George West, Texas 78022

Dates and Time:

Dates	Times
Monday, October 20, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 24, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 27, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 28, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 29, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 30, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 31, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Early Voting Clerk shall be Violet Person. An application for a ballot by mail must be received at the early voting address listed above no later than the close of business on October 24, 2014.

6. **EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD.** An Early Voting Ballot Board will be created by the Elections Coordinator and pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement to process early voting results.

7. **ELECTORS.** All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at said election.

8. **OFFICIAL PROPOSITIONS.** At said election the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION 1

**CONSTRUCTION OF GYMNASIUM, BAND HALL
AND OTHER GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Shall the Board of Trustees of George West Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially within not to exceed 30 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,995,000, for the purpose of the acquisition, construction and equipment of school buildings in the District, including a new gymnasium, a new band hall, and other general improvements throughout the District, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law 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 the bonds

PROPOSITION 2

CONSTRUCTION OF A STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER

Shall the Board of Trustees of George West Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially within not to exceed 30 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,450,000, for the acquisition, construction and equipment of a new student activity center for the District, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law 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 the bonds

PROPOSITION 3

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOTBALL STADIUM AND TRACK

Shall the Board of Trustees of George West Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially within not to exceed 30 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,350,000, for construction of improvements to and equipping of the District's football stadium and track, including but not limited to, the acquisition and installation of artificial turf and the resurfacing of the track, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law 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 the bonds

9. **FORM OF BALLOT.** The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITIONS, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings, and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITIONS to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION 1

**CONSTRUCTION OF GYMNASIUM, BAND HALL
AND OTHER GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS**

FOR _____

THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,995,000 OF BONDS BY GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING A NEW GYM, A NEW BAND HALL, AND OTHER GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

AGAINST _____

PROPOSITION 2

CONSTRUCTION OF A STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER

FOR _____

THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,450,000 OF BONDS BY GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF A NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER FOR THE DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

AGAINST _____

PROPOSITION 3

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOTBALL STADIUM AND TRACK

FOR _____

THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,350,000 OF BONDS BY GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EQUIPPING THE DISTRICT'S FOOTBALL STADIUM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF AND THE RESURFACING OF THE TRACK AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

AGAINST _____

10. **ELECTION CODE.** In all respects said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

11. **BILINGUAL ELECTION MATERIALS.** All election materials (including notice of the election, ballots, instruction cards, affidavits, and other forms which voters may be required to sign) and all early voting materials shall be printed in both English and Spanish, or Spanish translations thereof, and/or other assistance shall be provided, as required by the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, each as amended.

12. **NOTICE.** The District shall cause a copy of this Order (in English and Spanish) to be posted and published as required by Sections 4.003(a)(1)(A), (b) and (f), Texas Election Code.

13. **AGREEMENT WITH JOINT ELECTION PARTICIPANTS.** The President of the District is authorized to enter into the Joint Election Agreement with the Elections Coordinator and the Joint Election Participants in connection with conducting the election ordered herein, and the District is authorized to pay the fee charged by the Elections Coordinator for services rendered in connection with the election.

14. **COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3.009(b), TEXAS ELECTION CODE.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code, it is hereby found and determined that:

(a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Sections 8 and 9 hereof.

(d) As set forth in Sections 8 and 9 hereof, if the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy 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 the bonds.

(e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 4.20% as calculated in accordance with applicable law. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a

matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) As set forth in Section 8 hereof, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially over a period not to exceed 30 years from their respective date.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations (all of which are secured by an unlimited tax levied for debt service purposes) as of the beginning of the District's 2013-14 fiscal year is \$16,230,000.00.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations (all of which are secured by an unlimited tax levied for debt service purposes) as of the beginning of the District's 2013-14 fiscal year is \$11,538,430.00.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District for the 2013-14 fiscal year is \$0.1631 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

15. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, Texas Government Code, as amended, this Order shall become effective immediately upon adoption thereof.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.



President, Board of Trustees

Attest:



Secretary, Board of Trustees

(District Seal)