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**WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 2024 BOND MEASURE**

**(IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL PURSUANT TO
SECTION 9500 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE)**

Voter approval of this Measure will authorize the governing board of the West Hills Community College District (the "District") to issue and sell bonds in the maximum amount of Nineteen Million Dollars (\$19,000,000.00), bearing interest at legal rates and with maturity dates within the legal limits, on behalf of the School Facilities Improvement District No. 2 (Coalinga Area) of the District (the "Improvement District"). The bond proceeds may only be expended to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate or replace aging and outdated school facilities of the Improvement District, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.

The Bond Project List in Appendix A ("List") in the Measure describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The District may only use bond proceeds for the purposes specified in the Measure. The bond proceeds may not be used for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses. Inclusion of a project on the List does not guarantee the project will be funded or completed.

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.

Information regarding the estimated tax rate to repay these bonds is found in the "Tax Rate Statement" prepared by the District. The projected tax rate is a best estimate and is based on projections from official sources including upon experience within the Improvement District. The actual tax rate necessary to pay the Bond Measure may vary depending on factors identified in the Tax Rate Statement.

The Measure makes no change to existing law and must be approved by at least 55% of the eligible votes cast or the bonds will not be issued. This Measure was placed on the ballot by order of the governing board of the District.

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