

RESOLUTION ORDERING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, IN AND FOR HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A 2020/2021 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND) BUDGET AND SIX SUBSEQUENT FUTURE BUDGETS WHICH INCLUDE AMOUNTS THAT EXCEED THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT SPECIFIED BY LAW OF THE DISTRICT AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the needs and best interests of Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "District"), will be served by providing for the continuation of an override to exceed the revenue control limit specified by law of the District for fiscal year 2020/2021 and thereafter for the next six subsequent fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 15, Chapter 4, Article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes require that a special election be held in and for the District to submit to the qualified electors thereof the question of authorizing the District to adopt a budget that exceeds the aggregate budget limit for such budget years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, THAT:

Section 1. (A) A special election in and for the District be, and the same is hereby, ordered and called to be held on November 5, 2019 (the "Election"), a day not less than ninety (90) days after the date of the adoption of this Resolution, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified electors thereof the question of adopting a 2020/2021 (Maintenance and Operations Fund) Budget which includes an amount that exceeds the applicable revenue control limit specified by statute for fiscal year 2020/2021 and for the next subsequent six (6) fiscal years thereafter for purposes of Section 15-481, Arizona Revised Statutes, in amounts equal to as much as fifteen percent (15%) of the applicable revenue control limit of the District in years one through five, such percentage of the District's allowable revenue control limit multiplied by 2/3 in year six, and such percentage of the District's allowable revenue control limit multiplied by 1/3 in year seven. The Superintendent of the District is authorized and directed to complete the budget estimate and insert the appropriate dollar amount and tax rate in the hereinafter described Official Ballot.

(B) The Governing Board of the District hereby establishes the election precincts which, except as otherwise provided by appropriate authorities of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "County"), have the same boundaries as the County election precincts as provided in Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes. The Governing Board of the District hereby orders the consolidation of any precincts indicated by such authorities for such purposes.

Section 2. The official ballot for the Election (the "Official Ballot") shall be in substantially the form hereto attached and marked Exhibit A modified to reflect the delegation described in Section 1.

Section 3. (A) Notice of the Election shall be given by the School Superintendent of the County preparing an informational pamphlet in the form attached hereto and marked Exhibit B (the “Informational Pamphlet”) and a sample of the Official Ballot and transmitting the Informational Pamphlet and the Official Ballot to the Governing Board of the District at least forty (40) days prior to the Election. The Governing Board of the District, upon receipt of the Informational Pamphlet and the Official Ballot, with such changes therein as are approved by the Superintendent of the District to whom such authority is hereby delegated, shall mail or distribute the Informational Pamphlet and the Official Ballot to the households, in which qualified electors reside, within the District at least thirty-five (35) days before the date of the Election. The Informational Pamphlet may be included with other, similar reports or pamphlets to be mailed for the same election. If (i) this Resolution and (ii) the resolution ordering and calling a special bond repurposing election being considered at the same meeting at which this Resolution is being considered (the “Repurpose Resolution”) are adopted, the Informational Pamphlet and the form of informational pamphlet attached as Exhibit B to the Repurpose Resolution shall be combined and such changes made thereto as are approved by the Superintendent of the District to whom such authority is hereby delegated.

(B) The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to request arguments for and against the subject matter of the Election by providing the notice in the form and by the means provided in the form attached hereto and marked Exhibit C (the “Request Notice”). The Governing Board of the District hereby publicly declares that the deadline for submitting arguments is August 9, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., Arizona Time. The deadline for submitting arguments shall be posted immediately in a prominent location on the District’s website. The Informational Pamphlet shall be prepared by the School Superintendent of the County, and the School Superintendent of the County is hereby requested, authorized and directed to cause the Informational Pamphlet to be provided as and under the circumstances described herein. The President of the Governing Board of the District or any other member of the Governing Board of the District if such President is not available is hereby authorized and directed to submit, within thirty (30) days after the date of the Election, a copy of the Informational Pamphlet to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

(C) The Election shall also be ordered and called and notice thereof given by posting copies of a notice in at least three public places in the District including the schools of the District at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Election. The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized and directed to cause notices for such purposes to be posted according to law and to the provisions of this Resolution. Such notices shall be substantially in the form attached hereto and marked Exhibit D (the “Election Notice”).

Section 4. The President of the Governing Board of the District or any other member of the Governing Board of the District if such President is not available is hereby authorized and directed to have printed and delivered to the election officials for the Election, to be by them furnished to the qualified electors of the District offering to vote at the Election, the Official Ballot.

Section 5. In order to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the following materials pertaining to the Election shall be translated into Spanish and mailed or

distributed in each instance where mailing or distributing of such materials is required, to-wit: Informational Pamphlet, Official Ballot, Request Notice, Election Notice, “Absentee/Early Voting Materials” and “Instructions at the Polling Places.”

Section 6. (A) The Election shall be held, conducted and canvassed in conformity with the provisions of the election laws of the State of Arizona, except as otherwise provided by law, and only such persons shall be permitted to vote at the Election who are qualified electors of the District.

(B) The Election shall be a mailed ballot election as provided in Section 16-409, Arizona Revised Statutes. The Superintendent of the District is authorized and directed to take all actions, including entering into a contract with the County Recorder of the County to enter into an agreement with the Elections Department of the County to conduct the Election for the District. The Superintendent of the District shall coordinate with the School Superintendent of the County to designate a location for purposes of replacing ballots that have been lost, spoiled, destroyed or not received by the elector.

(C) All expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the Election are hereby authorized, which expenditures shall be paid from current operating funds of the District.

(D) The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the Election including all such actions as are necessary to assist the School Superintendent of the County and the Elections Department of the County in conducting the Election and performing their duties.

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PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Board of Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona, on June 14, 2019.

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President of the Governing Board of Higley Unified
School District No. 60 of Maricopa County,
Arizona

EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall the Governing Board of Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "School District"), adopt maintenance and operations budgets which allow the School District to continue to exceed the revenue control limit specified by law in the amount of not more than fifteen percent (15%) per fiscal year for fiscal year 2020/2021 and the next subsequent six (6) fiscal years thereafter?

The 2020/2021 proposed continuation of the budget increase of the proposed School District budget will exceed the alternate proposed School District budget by approximately \$0. The amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the School District's revenue control limit in future years as provided in Section 15-481(P), Arizona Revised Statutes. Any budget increase continuation authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property within this School District for the year for which adopted and for six subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in article IX, section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on the current net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, to fund the proposed continuation of the increase in the School District's budget would require an estimated continuation of a tax rate of \$1.68 per one hundred dollars of net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the School District's tax rate that will be levied to fund the School District's revenue control limit allowed by law.

BUDGET OVERRIDE
CONTINUATION, YES

BUDGET OVERRIDE
CONTINUATION, NO

At the discretion of the Elections Department of the County, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:

A "yes" vote shall authorize the Higley Unified School District Governing Board to continue/extend the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and the resulting tax.

A "no" vote shall not authorize the Higley Unified School District Governing Board to continue/extend the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and the resulting tax.

EXHIBIT B

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET

HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 60
OF
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

**INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET
AND
SAMPLE BALLOT**

SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Prepared by

Steve Watson,

Maricopa County School Superintendent

TO THE VOTERS OF HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

[INSERT FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT]

**INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET
FOR
HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA
SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

On June 14, 2019, the Governing Board of the District (the “Governing Board”) passed and adopted a resolution calling a special override election (the “Election”) to authorize the Override. A copy of such resolution is available from the District by written request to the Superintendent, Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona, 2935 South Recker Road, Gilbert, Arizona 85295, Telephone (480) 279-7000.

The proposed continuation of the override in the budget of the District that exceeds the amount permitted pursuant to Section 15-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, will be not to exceed the otherwise allowable revenue control limit by more than fifteen percent.

The proposed fifteen percent override authorization is a continuation of the District’s current fifteen percent override authorization approved by the voters in the District on November 3, 2015. The District’s current fifteen percent override authorization is required by law to be reduced by one-third in each of fiscal years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

The total amount of the current year’s budget, the total amount of the proposed budget and the total amount of the alternate budget are as follows:

Current Year’s Maintenance and Operation Budget (2019/2020)	- \$82,222,098
Proposed Maintenance and Operation Budget (2020/2021)	- \$88,569,402
Alternate Maintenance and Operation Budget (2020/2021)	- \$88,569,402

The proposed continuation of the override in the budget would be in effect for seven years and would allow the revenue control limit to be exceeded by not more than fifteen percent.

The proposed total amount of revenues that will fund the continuation of the override in the budget and the amount that will be obtained from a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the District for the first year for which the budget increase was adopted is \$11,680,086.

None of the proposed amount of revenues that will fund the continuation of the override in the budget will be obtained from other than a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the District.

The dollar amount for the first year for which the budget continuation was adopted is \$11,680,086, and the purpose for which the proposed continuation of the increase in the budget is to be expended for the first year for which the budget continuation was adopted are as follows:

- Increase teacher compensation,
- Maintain and improve elementary specials such as arts, music and physical education, and District athletics and arts,
- Provide staffing to maintain average class sizes,
- Support gifted, special education and all-day kindergarten, and
- Provide education resources to classrooms.

The alternate budget shall be adopted by the Governing Board of the District if the proposed budget is not adopted by the qualified electors of the District. In adopting such proposed budget, the Governing Board shall follow the procedures prescribed in Section 15-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, for adopting a budget that does not include the proposed increase.

HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA
 15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION
 NET ASSESSED VALUATION, TAX RATE AND ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF SECONDARY PROPERTY TAXES

Estimated Revenues to fund 15% M&O Budget Override	\$11,680,086
Net Assessed Valuation for Tax Purposes (a)	\$695,556,161
Estimated Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation to fund 15% M&O Budget Override	\$1.68

	Limited Property Value	Assessment Ratio	Net Assessed Valuation (b)	Estimated Override Tax Rate (c)	Estimated Annual Tax Amount
A.R.S. § 15-481B-11					
The current limited property value, the net assessed valuation and the estimated amount of the secondary property taxes if the proposed budget is adopted for each of the following:					
A.R.S. § 15-481B-11(a)					
An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the average assessed valuation of property classified as class three, as prescribed by section 42-12003 for the current year in the school district.					
	\$221,085	10%	\$22,108	\$1.68	\$371.25
A.R.S. § 15-481B-11(b)					
An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is one-half of the assessed valuation of the residence in A.R.S. § 15-481B-11(a).					
	\$110,542	10%	\$11,054	\$1.68	\$185.62
A.R.S. § 15-481B-11(c)					
An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is twice the assessed valuation of the residence in A.R.S. § 15-481B-11(a).					
	\$442,170	10%	\$44,217	\$1.68	\$742.49
A.R.S. § 15-481B-11(d)					
A business whose assessed valuation is the average of the assessed valuation of property classified as class one as prescribed by section 42-12001, paragraphs 12 and 13, for the current year in the school district.					
	\$963,079	18%	\$173,354	\$1.68	\$2,910.96

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- (a) Net assessed valuation is the 2019/2020 preliminary value provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue. Includes Salt River Project in-lieu tax base.
 - (b) Estimated by Arizona Department of Revenue based on preliminary 2019/2020 assessed values.
 - (c) Per \$100 of assessed valuation.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE OVERRIDE

[INSERT FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT]

OTHER IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

[INSERT FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT]

OFFICIAL BALLOT

[INSERT BALLOT QUESTION]

Higley Unified School No. 60 of
Maricopa County, Arizona
2935 South Recker Road
Gilbert, Arizona 85295

Non-Profit Org. U.S.
Postage Paid
....., Arizona
Permit No.

OFFICIAL VOTING MATERIAL

Only one Voter Information Pamphlet has been mailed to each household within the District in which qualified electors reside. Please make it available to all qualified electors in the household.

YOUR POLLING PLACE IS
INDICATED ON LABEL

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF REQUEST NOTICE

REQUEST FOR ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE 2020/2021 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS BUDGETS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS OF HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Governing Board of Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "District"), on June 14, 2019 (the "Resolution"), a special election in and for the District was ordered and called to be held on November 5, 2019 (the "Election"). Notice of the Election will be given by mailing an informational pamphlet. Such pamphlet is to include arguments for and against the authorization of an override to continue to exceed the otherwise allowable revenue control limit for the District by 15% for fiscal year 2020/2021 and thereafter for the next six subsequent fiscal years to be funded from ad valorem property taxes. The estimated tax rate to fund the continued override in fiscal year 2020/2021 is \$1.68 per one hundred dollars of net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes. (The text of the question to be considered at the Election, as well as certain limitations on the arguments that can be submitted, are included in the Resolution which is available at the Office of the Superintendent of the District, 2935 South Recker Road, Gilbert, Arizona 85295.) The arguments shall be in a form prescribed by the County School Superintendent of Maricopa County, Arizona, and each such argument shall not exceed two hundred words. The names of those persons and entities submitting written arguments shall be included in the informational pamphlet. The County School Superintendent shall review all factual statements contained in the written arguments and correct any inaccurate statements of fact. The County School Superintendent shall not review and correct any portion of such written arguments which are identified as statements of the author's opinion. The County School Superintendent shall make the written arguments available to the public as provided by law. Any person interested in providing any such argument is hereby requested to provide the same to the County School Superintendent of Maricopa County, Arizona, at Suite 1200, 4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, before 5:00 p.m., Arizona time on August 9, 2019. If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact the Superintendent of the District at (480) 279-7000.

/s/ Dr. Mike Thomason
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Superintendent, Higley Unified School
District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona

This Request (along with Spanish translation thereof) should be posted at all places at which notices of meetings of the Governing Board of the District are posted.

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORDER AND CALL OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND
BUDGET REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT
OVERRIDE ELECTION FOR
HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

A budget override question will be included on the ballot for the special election to be held on November 5, 2019 (the "Election"). The purpose of the Election is to permit qualified electors of Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "District"), to vote specifically on the following question:

Shall the Governing Board of Higley Unified School District No. 60 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "School District"), adopt maintenance and operations budgets which allow the School District to continue to exceed the revenue control limit specified by law in the amount of not more than fifteen percent (15%) per fiscal year for fiscal year 2020/2021 and the next subsequent six (6) fiscal years thereafter?

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BUDGET OVERRIDE
CONTINUATION, YES

BUDGET OVERRIDE
CONTINUATION, NO

The Election will be a mailed ballot only election. Ballots will be mailed to qualified electors residing within the District not more than 27 days before the Election and not fewer than 15 days before the Election as provided by law. Designated locations for replacing ballots that have been lost, spoiled, destroyed or not received by the elector are available from the Maricopa County Elections Department (the "County Elections Department"), 111 South Third Avenue, Phoenix,

Arizona 85003, telephone number: (602) 506-3535. The County Elections Department will be open until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election for the qualified elector to receive a replacement ballot in person. Any qualified elector is eligible for early voting. Early voting materials may be obtained by contacting the County Elections Department.

GOVERNING BOARD, HIGLEY UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MARICOPA
COUNTY, ARIZONA