



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

File #: 22-986, Version: 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Ferndale Unified School District Special Election with the November 8, 2022 Presidential General Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Registrar of Voters to conduct, and give notice of, a special election for Ferndale Unified School District;
2. Consolidate this election with the Presidential General Election to be held on November 8, 2022;
3. Direct Ferndale Unified School District to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred; and
4. Request the Clerk of the Board forward the signed Board Order and copy of Ferndale Unified School District Resolution No. 22-08 to the Humboldt County Office of Elections.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Ferndale Unified School District

DISCUSSION:

On June 21, 2022, Ferndale Unified School District passed Resolution No. 22-08 to place a General Obligation Bond Measure in the amount of \$7,700,000, subject to approval of 55% of the votes cast by the qualified electorate. Further, Resolution No. 22-08 requests the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors consolidate this election with the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022, directs county election officials to conduct the necessary election, and states that Ferndale Unified School District agrees to reimburse the county for all costs associated with the special election.

The question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“To improve the quality of educational facilities; repair or replace leaky roofs; improve student access to computers and modern technology; replace outdated plumbing systems; and modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities; shall Ferndale Unified School District’s measure to issue \$7,700,000 in bonds at legal interest rates be adopted, raising approximately \$461,000 annually while

bonds are outstanding averaging 6¢ per \$100 of assessed value, with oversight, annual audits and all funds improving local schools?”

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Election consolidation will ultimately not impact the General Fund. All funds advanced by the General Fund will be fully reimbursed by Ferndale Unified School District.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service and building interjurisdictional and regional cooperation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Ferndale Unified School District

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your board could choose not to approve the consolidation of Ferndale Unified School District special election with the General Election. This is not recommended as this request is compliant with Elections Code, Section 10400. Additionally, not consolidating the election would require the Office of Elections to conduct multiple elections simultaneously, increasing costs to both the county and district.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 22-08

Attachment 2: Full Text of Bond Measure

Attachment 3: Tax Rate Statement

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A