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In the opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, Newport Beach, California ("Bond Counsel"), under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, and assuming the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants and requirements described herein, interest (and original issue discount) on the Series C Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest (and original issue discount) on the Series C Bonds is exempt from State of California personal income tax. See "LEGAL MATTERS—Tax Matters" with respect to tax consequences relating to the Series C Bonds, including with respect to the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain large corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

# \$23,010,000 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA) ELECTION OF 2016 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES C

**Dated: Date of Delivery** 

This cover page contains certain information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision. Capitalized terms used on this cover page not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth herein.

The \$23,010,000 South Pasadena Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C (the "Series C Bonds") were authorized at an election of the registered voters of the South Pasadena Unified School District (the "District") held on November 8, 2016, at which more than fifty-five percent of the persons voting on the proposition voted to authorize the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$98,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District (the "2016 Authorization"). The Series C Bonds represent the third and final series of bonds issued under the 2016 Authorization and are being issued to (i) finance improvements to and the acquisition of equipment for various schools within the District as authorized by the voters at the November 8, 2016 election, (ii) pay a portion of the interest due on the Series C Bonds through August 1, 2026, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the Series C Bonds. See "INTRODUCTION—Purpose of Issue" and "THE SERIES C BONDS—Application and Investment of Series C Bond Proceeds and Tax Revenues" herein.

The Series C Bonds are general obligation bonds of the District payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied on taxable property within the District and from other amounts on deposit in the Debt Service Fund (defined herein). The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is empowered and is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, upon all property within the District subject to taxation by the District (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates), for the payment of interest on and principal of the Series C Bonds when due. The District has other outstanding general obligation bonds which are secured by and payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied on taxable property within the District. See "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES C BONDS" and "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS—*Ad Valorem* Property Taxation" herein.

The Series C Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (collectively referred to herein as "DTC"). Payments of principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds will be paid by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as agent of the Treasurer and Tax Collector of Los Angeles County, as the designated paying agent, authenticating agent and transfer agent (the "Paying Agent"), to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC Participants (as defined herein) who will remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the Series C Bonds. See "THE SERIES C BONDS—Book-Entry Only System" herein.

The Series C Bonds will be dated their date of delivery. Interest on the Series C Bonds accrues from their dated date and is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2024.

The Series C Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity. See "THE SERIES C BONDS—Redemption of Bonds" herein.

THE SERIES C BONDS ARE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT PAYABLE SOLELY FROM AMOUNTS IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, CONSISTING OF CAPITALIZED INTEREST FUNDED WITH SERIES C BOND PROCEEDS AND AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED AND COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. NO PART OF ANY FUND OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS PLEDGED OR OBLIGATED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS.

MATURITY SCHEDULE (See Following Page)

The Series C Bonds will be offered when, as and if issued and received by the Underwriter, subject to the approval of legality by Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, Newport Beach, California, Bond Counsel. Certain matters will be passed on for the District by Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, Disclosure Counsel. Certain matters will be passed on for the Underwriter by its counsel, Kutak Rock LLP, Denver, Colorado. The Series C Bonds, in book-entry form, will be available for delivery through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York on or about December 7, 2023.

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Dated: November 15, 2023

#### **MATURITY SCHEDULE**

#### BASE CUSIP<sup>†</sup> NO. 839278

### \$23,010,000 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA) ELECTION OF 2016 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES C

Maturity (August 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Yield	CUSIP†
2025	\$ 560,000	5.250%	3.090%	KG2
2026	525,000	5.250	3.020	KH0
2027	205,000	5.250	2.980	KJ6
2028	245,000	5.250	2.950	KK3
2029	290,000	5.250	2.970	KL1
2030	425,000	5.250	3.000	KM9
2031	510,000	5.250	3.000	KN7
2032	575,000	5.250	3.020	KP2
2033	640,000	5.500	3.040	KQ0
2034	715,000	5.500	$3.090^{\circ}$	KR8
2035	795,000	5.500	$3.180^{\circ}$	KS6
2036	910,000	5.500	$3.300^{\rm C}$	KT4
2037	1,040,000	5.500	$3.430^{\circ}$	KU1
2038	1,175,000	5.500	$3.520^{\circ}$	KV9
2039	1,325,000	5.500	$3.590^{\circ}$	KW7
2040	1,480,000	5.500	$3.700^{\circ}$	KX5
2041	1,650,000	5.500	$3.780^{\circ}$	KY3
2042	1,830,000	5.500	$3.850^{\circ}$	KZ0
2043	2,025,000	5.500	$3.920^{\circ}$	LA4

\$6,090,000 5.500% Term Bonds due August 1, 2046, Yield: 4.050%<sup>C</sup> CUSIP<sup>†</sup> LB2

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup> Price to yield at first optional redemption date of August 1, 2033 at par.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained herein. If given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District or the Underwriter. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Series C Bonds by a person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the Series C Bonds. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement:

"The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as a part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information."

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or any other parties described herein since the date hereof. This Official Statement is being submitted in connection with the sale of the Series C Bonds referred to herein and may not be reproduced or used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose, unless authorized in writing by the District. All summaries of documents and laws are made subject to the provisions thereof and do not purport to be complete statements of any or all such provisions.

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as a "plan," "expect," "estimate," "project," "budget" or similar words. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to certain statements contained in the information under the captions "THE DISTRICT" and "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS" herein.

The achievement of certain results or other expectations contained in such forward-looking statements involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements described to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. While the District has agreed to provide certain on-going financial and operating data on an annual basis, it does not plan to issue any updates or revisions to those forward-looking statements if or when its expectations or events, conditions or circumstances on which statements are based change. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" and Appendix C—"FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE" herein.

All information material to the making of an informed investment decision with respect to the Series C Bonds is contained in this Official Statement. While the District maintains an internet website for various purposes, none of the information on its website is incorporated by reference into this Official Statement. Any such information that is inconsistent with the information set forth in this Official Statement should be disregarded.

WITH RESPECT TO THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE SERIES C BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME. THE UNDERWRITER MAY OFFER AND SELL THE SERIES C BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN TO CERTAIN DEALERS AND DEALER BANKS AND BANKS ACTING AS AGENT AND OTHERS AT PRICES LOWER THAN THE PUBLIC OFFERING PRICES STATED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND SAID PUBLIC OFFERING PRICES MAY BE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE UNDERWRITER.

THE SERIES C BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION CONTAINED IN SUCH ACT AND HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED OR QUALIFIED UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE.

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Los Angeles, California

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## \$23,010,000 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA) ELECTION OF 2016 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES C

#### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement (which includes the cover page, the Table of Contents and the Appendices attached hereto) is furnished by the South Pasadena Unified School District (the "District"), located in Los Angeles County, California, to provide information concerning the \$23,010,000 South Pasadena Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C (the "Series C Bonds").

This Introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement. It is only a brief description of and guide to, and is qualified by, more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, and the documents summarized or described herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement. The offering of the Series C Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement.

#### **The District**

The District was established in 1886 and is located in a three square mile area between the cities of Los Angeles, San Marino, Alhambra and Pasadena in Los Angeles County (the "County"), 10 miles northeast of the City of Los Angeles. The District boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of South Pasadena (the "City"). The District operates three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, a district office and a maintenance office. The total enrollment in the District during fiscal year 2023-24 is estimated to be 4,695 students.

The District is governed by a five-member Board of Education (the "Board"), each member of which is elected to a four-year term. Elections for positions to the Board are held every two years, alternating between two and three available positions. The management and policies of the District are administered by a Board appointed Superintendent who is responsible for the day-to-day operations and the supervision of other key personnel. See "THE DISTRICT."

#### **Purpose of Issue**

The Series C Bonds were approved by the voters of the District at the November 8, 2016 election. At the election, the voters approved the issuance of \$98,000,000 of general obligation bonds (the "2016 Authorization"). Pursuant to the 2016 Authorization, on March 30, 2017, the District issued its \$24,995,000 Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series A, and on December 12, 2019, the District issued its \$49,995,000 Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series B. The Series C Bonds represent the third and final series to be issued pursuant to the 2016 Authorization. Proceeds from the Series C Bonds will be used to (i) finance improvements to and the acquisition of equipment for various schools within the District as authorized by the voters at the November 8, 2016 election (the "Project"), (ii) pay a portion of the interest due on the Series C Bonds through August 1, 2026, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the Series C Bonds. See "THE SERIES C BONDS—Application and Investment of Series C Bond Proceeds and Tax Revenues" and "Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

#### **Sources of Payment for the Series C Bonds**

Ad Valorem Taxes. The Series C Bonds are general obligation bonds of the District. The Board of Supervisors of the County has the power and is obligated annually to levy ad valorem taxes for the payment of the Series C Bonds and the interest thereon upon all property within the District subject to taxation by the District without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). See "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES C BONDS" herein.

THE SERIES C BONDS ARE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT PAYABLE SOLELY FROM AMOUNTS IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND CONSISTING OF CAPITALIZED INTEREST FUNDED WITH SERIES C BOND PROCEEDS AND AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED AND COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY. NO PART OF ANY FUND OF THE COUNTY IS PLEDGED OR OBLIGATED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS.

#### **Description of the Series C Bonds**

*Maturity Dates*. The Series C Bonds will mature on August 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth on the page following the cover page of this Official Statement.

**Payment Dates.** The Series C Bonds will be dated their date of delivery. Interest on the Series C Bonds accrues from their dated date at the rates set forth on the page following the cover page of this Official Statement, and is payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1, commencing February 1, 2024 (each, a "Bond Payment Date"). The principal amount of the Series C Bonds is payable at maturity upon surrender of the applicable Series C Bond for payment.

**Redemption**. The Series C Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity. See "THE SERIES C BONDS—Redemption of Bonds" herein.

**Registration**. The Series C Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), and will be available to actual purchasers of the Series C Bonds (the "Beneficial Owners") in authorized denominations, under the book-entry only system maintained by DTC, only through brokers and dealers who are or act through entities eligible to participate in DTC's book-entry system ("DTC Participants") as described herein. Beneficial Owners will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Series C Bonds. See "THE SERIES C BONDS—Book-Entry Only System" and Appendix E—"BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

**Denominations.** The Series C Bonds will be issued and beneficial ownership interests may be purchased by Beneficial Owners in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

#### **Authority for Issuance of the Series C Bonds**

The Series C Bonds are being issued pursuant to certain provisions of the State of California Government Code, as well as other applicable law, and pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Board of Education of the District and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles. See "THE SERIES C BONDS—Authority for Issuance" herein.

#### Offering and Delivery of the Series C Bonds

The Series C Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to approval as to the validity by Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Series C Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York on or about December 7, 2023.

#### **Continuing Disclosure**

The District will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with the Series C Bonds in which it will covenant for the benefit of the Underwriter, the bondholders and Beneficial Owners to make available certain financial information and operating data relating to the District and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events in compliance with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended. The specific nature of the information to be made available and the enumerated events are summarized below under the caption "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" and set forth in APPENDIX C—"FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE" herein.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as "plan," "expect," "estimate," "project," "budget" or other similar words. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, certain statements contained in the information regarding the District herein.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIBED TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. THE DISTRICT DOES NOT PLAN TO ISSUE ANY UPDATES OR REVISIONS TO THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

#### **Professionals Involved in the Offering**

Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, is acting as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel to the District with respect to the Series C Bonds. Piper Sandler & Co., El Segundo, California is serving as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Series C Bonds. Kutak Rock LLP, Denver, Colorado, is acting as counsel to the Underwriter. The fees paid to these consultants are contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Series C Bonds.

#### **Other Information**

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. Copies of documents referred to herein and information concerning the Series C Bonds are available from the South Pasadena Unified School District, 1020 El Centro Street, South Pasadena, California 91030, telephone: (626) 441-5810. The District may impose a charge for copying, mailing and handling.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representations other than as contained herein and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District. This Official

Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Series C Bonds by a person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the Series C Bonds. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact. The summaries and references to documents, statutes and constitutional provisions referred to herein do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive, and are qualified in their entireties by reference to each of such documents, statutes and constitutional provisions.

The information set forth herein, other than that provided by the District, has been obtained from official sources which are believed to be reliable but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by the District. The information and expressions of opinions herein are subject to change without notice and neither delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereof. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the sale of the Series C Bonds referred to herein and may not be reproduced or used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose.

All terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given such terms in the Bond Resolution (as defined below).

#### THE SERIES C BONDS

#### **Authority for Issuance**

The Series C Bonds are issued pursuant to the provisions of Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code commencing with Section 53506 (the "Act") and other applicable law, and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on October 10, 2023 (the "Bond Resolution") and a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County on November 7, 2023. Pursuant to its resolution, the Board of Supervisors of the County has agreed that it will levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds. See "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES C BONDS" herein.

Pursuant to the 2016 Authorization, the District is authorized to issue \$98,000,000 of general obligation bonds. Upon the issuance of the Series C Bonds, all of the general obligation bonds of the 2016 Authorization will have been issued.

#### **Security and Sources of Payment**

The Series C Bonds are general obligation bonds of the District payable solely from amounts in the South Pasadena Unified School District Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund, Series C (the "Debt Service Fund") established under the Bond Resolution consisting of *ad valorem* property taxes and a portion of the proceeds of the Series C Bonds deposited therein. Such taxes will be levied annually by the County in addition to all other taxes during the period that the Series C Bonds are outstanding in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds when due. See "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES C BONDS" and "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS." Such taxes, when collected, will be placed by the County in the Debt Service Fund, which fund is segregated and maintained by the County. The Debt Service Fund is irrevocably pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds when due. Although the County is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the Series C Bonds, and will maintain the Debt Service Fund pledged to the repayment of the Series C Bonds, the Series C Bonds are not a debt of the County.

Pursuant to Section 53515 of the State of California Government Code, enacted by Senate Bill 222 (Stats. 2015, Chapter 78), the Series C Bonds will be secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of *ad valorem* property taxes for the payment thereof. Section 53515 provides that: (i) the lien automatically attaches, without further action or authorization by the Board, and is valid and binding from the time the Series C Bonds are executed and delivered, and (ii) the revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the *ad valorem* property tax will be immediately subject to the lien, and such lien will be enforceable against the District, its successor, transferees and creditors, and all other parties asserting rights therein, irrespective of whether such parties have notice of the lien and without the need for physical delivery, recordation, filing or further act.

Moneys in the Debt Service Fund, to the extent necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds as such principal and interest becomes due and payable, will be transferred to the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent will, in turn, transfer the funds to DTC, which is to distribute the principal and interest payments due on the Series C Bonds to DTC Participants (as defined herein) for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners of the Series C Bonds. See "—Book-Entry Only System."

#### **Description of the Series C Bonds**

The Series C Bonds will be dated their date of delivery. Interest on the Series C Bonds accrues from their dated date, and is payable semiannually on each Bond Payment Date, commencing February 1, 2024 at the annual interest rates shown on the pages following the cover page of this Official Statement. The Series C Bonds are issuable in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest will accrue on the Series C Bonds on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30 day months.

Payment of interest on any Bond Payment Date shall be made to the person appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent as the Owner thereof as of the Record Date immediately preceding such Bond Payment Date. For purposes of the foregoing, "Record Date" means the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding each Bond Payment Date.

#### **Paying Agent**

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, will act as agent of the Treasurer and Tax Collector of Los Angeles County, as the designated paying agent, authenticating agent and transfer agent (the "Paying Agent") for the Series C Bonds.

If the Paying Agent resigns or is removed by the District, a successor Paying Agent will be appointed by the District. Any successor Paying Agent selected by the District, other than the Treasurer, may be any bank, trust company, national banking association or other financial institution doing business in the State of California and with at least \$100,000,000 in net assets.

#### Application and Investment of Series C Bond Proceeds and Tax Revenues

The Series C Bonds are being issued to: (i) finance the Project, (ii) pay a portion of the interest due on the Series C Bonds through August 1, 2026, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the Series C Bonds.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series C Bonds paid to the District by the Underwriter shall be deposited in the South Pasadena Unified School District Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds Building Fund, Series C (the "Building Fund") established under the Bond Resolution and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other District and County funds. Interest earned on the investment of monies held in the Building Fund shall be retained in the Building Fund. The proceeds in the Building Fund shall be disbursed as directed by the District to pay for the Project.

In accordance with the Bond Resolution, on the date of delivery of the Series C Bonds, a portion of the amount to be deposited to the Building Fund will be transferred to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, for deposit to a Costs of Issuance Fund to pay the costs of issuing the Series C Bonds.

Any original issue premium received by the District from the sale of the Series C Bonds and the *ad valorem* property taxes securing the payment of the Series C Bonds, when received, shall be kept separate and apart in the Debt Service Fund established under the Bond Resolution and used only for payments of principal and interest on the Series C Bonds. Interest earned on the investment of monies held in the Debt Service Fund shall be retained in the Debt Service Fund and used to pay principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds when due.

Any excess proceeds of the Series C Bonds not needed for the purpose for which the Series C Bonds are issued shall be transferred from the Building Fund to the Debt Service Fund and applied to the payment of principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds. If after payment in full of the Series C Bonds there remains excess proceeds, any such excess amounts shall be transferred to the District's General Fund.

*Investment of Bond Proceeds.* Monies held in the Building Fund and the Debt Service Fund established under the Bond Resolution may be invested in any investments which are lawful investments for school districts under the laws of the State of California.

It is anticipated that monies in the Building Fund and the Debt Service Fund will be invested in the Los Angeles County Treasury Pool. See APPENDICES F and G hereto.

#### **Redemption of Bonds**

*Optional Redemption*. The Series C Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 2033 are not subject to redemption. The Series C Bonds maturing on and after August 1, 2034 may be redeemed before maturity at the option of the District on any date on and after August 1, 2033 as a whole, or in part by lot from such maturity or maturities as are selected by the District, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series C Bonds selected for redemption, together with interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption, without premium.

*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption*. The Series C Bonds maturing on August 1, 2046 are subject to redemption prior to maturity from mandatory sinking fund payments on August 1 of each year, on and after August 1, 2044 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, without premium. The principal amount of such Series C Bonds to be so redeemed and the dates therefor and the final principal payment date and amount are set forth in the following table:

Redemption Date (August 1)	Principal Amount
2044	\$2,230,000
2045	2,465,000
$2046^{\dagger}$	1,395,000

<sup>(†)</sup> Final Maturity.

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If any of the Series C Bonds maturing on August 1, 2046 shall have been optionally redeemed, in part, then the mandatory sinking fund payments for such Series C Bonds shall be reduced as directed in writing by the District or in the absence of written direction then, as nearly as practicable, on a pro rata basis in increments of \$5,000.

#### **Selection of Series C Bonds for Redemption**

Whenever provision is made in the Bond Resolution for the optional redemption of Series C Bonds outstanding thereunder and less than all Series C Bonds are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent, upon written instruction from the District, shall select one or more maturities of Series C Bonds for redemption in accordance with such written instructions. Within a maturity, the Paying Agent shall select Series C Bonds for redemption by lot in such manner as the Paying Agent determines. The portion of any Series C Bond to be redeemed in part shall be in the Principal Amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

#### Notice of and Effect of Redemption of the Series C Bonds

When redemption is authorized or required pursuant to the Bond Resolution, the Paying Agent shall give notice of the redemption of the Series C Bonds at least 30 but not more than 60 days prior to the redemption date (a) so long as the Series C Bonds are registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, in such manner as complies with the requirements of DTC, and (b) if the Series C Bonds are no longer held in bookentry form, by first class mail, postage prepaid to each Owner of the Series C Bonds at the addresses appearing on the bond register. Neither failure to receive any redemption notice nor any defect in any such redemption notice so given shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for the redemption of the Series C Bonds.

Each redemption notice shall specify: (a) the Series C Bonds or designated portions thereof (in the case of redemption of the Series C Bonds in part but not in whole) which are to be redeemed, (b) the date of redemption, (c) the place or places where the redemption will be made, including the name and address of the Paying Agent, (d) the redemption price, (e) the CUSIP numbers (if any) assigned to the Series C Bonds to be redeemed, (f) the numbers of the Series C Bonds to be redeemed in whole or in part and, in the case of any Series C Bond to be redeemed in part only, the Principal Amount of such Series C Bond to be redeemed, and (g) the original issue date, interest rate and stated maturity date of each Series C Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part. Each redemption notice shall further state that on the specified date there shall become due and payable upon each Series C Bond or portion thereof being redeemed the redemption price thereof, together with the interest accrued to the redemption date and that from and after such date, interest with respect thereto shall cease to accrue. Redemption notices (and related notices) may state that no representation is made as to the accuracy or correctness of the CUSIP numbers printed thereon or on the Series C Bonds.

Any redemption notice for an optional redemption of the Series C Bonds delivered may be conditional, and, if any condition stated in the redemption notice shall not have been satisfied on or prior to the redemption date: (i) the redemption notice shall be of no force and effect, (ii) the District shall not be required to redeem such Series C Bonds, (iii) the redemption shall not be made, and (iv) the Paying Agent shall within a reasonable time thereafter give notice to the persons in the manner in which the conditional redemption notice was given that such condition or conditions were not met and that the redemption was canceled.

If on a redemption date moneys for the redemption of the Series C Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued to such redemption date, are held by the Paying Agent, and if notice of redemption thereof shall have been given as set forth in the Bond Resolution, then from and after such redemption date, interest with respect to the Series C Bonds to be redeemed shall cease to accrue and become payable. When any Series C Bonds (or portions thereof) which have been duly called for redemption prior to maturity, or with respect to which irrevocable instructions to call for redemption prior to maturity at the earliest redemption date have been given to the Paying Agent and sufficient moneys are held by the Paying Agent or an escrow agent appointed by the District irrevocably in trust for the payment of the redemption price of such Series C Bonds

or portions thereof, then such Series C Bonds shall no longer be deemed outstanding under the Bond Resolution and shall be surrendered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or on the applicable redemption date.

#### **Book-Entry Only System**

One fully registered bond without coupons for each maturity of the Series C Bonds will be issued and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository of the Series C Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof for each maturity. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Series C Bonds purchased. Principal and interest will be paid to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to DTC Participants for subsequent dispersal to the Beneficial Owners of the Series C Bonds as described herein. See Appendix E—"BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

#### **Defeasance**

All or a portion of the outstanding Series C Bonds may be paid and discharged in any one or more of the following ways:

- (1) <u>Cash</u>: by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent or an independent escrow agent selected by the District an amount of cash which together with amounts then on deposit in the Debt Service Fund is sufficient to pay all the Series C Bonds designated for defeasance, including all principal and interest and premium, if any; or
- Government Obligations: by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent or an independent escrow agent selected by the District noncallable Government Obligations (as defined below), together with cash, if required, in such amount as will, in the opinion of an independent certified public accountant, together with the interest to accrue thereon and moneys then on deposit in the Debt Service Fund together with interest to accrue thereon, be fully sufficient to pay all Series C Bonds designated for defeasance, including all principal, interest and premium, if any, at or before their maturity date or redemption date, as applicable.

If a Bond is defeased as described above, then all obligations of the District under the Bond Resolution with respect to such outstanding Series C Bond shall cease and terminate, whether or not such Bond has been surrendered for payment, except only the obligation of the District and the Paying Agent, or an independent escrow agent selected by the District to pay or cause to be paid to the Owners of the Series C Bonds, all sums due thereon from the amounts on deposited pursuant to (1) and (2) above.

In the Bond Resolution, Government Obligations are defined as:

Direct and general obligations of the United States of America (which may consist of obligations of the Resolution Funding Corporation that constitute interest strips) or obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States of America. In the case of direct and general obligations of the United States of America, Government Obligations shall include evidences of direct ownership of proportionate interests in future interest or principal payments of such obligations. Investments in such proportionate interests must be limited to circumstances where (i) a bank or trust company acts as custodian and holds the underlying direct and general obligations of the United States of America; (ii) the owner of the investment is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor of the underlying direct and general obligations of the United States of America; and (iii) the underlying direct and general obligations of the United States of America are held in a special account, segregated from the custodian's general assets, and are not available to satisfy any claim of the custodian, any person claiming through the custodian, or any person to whom the custodian may be obligated; provided that such obligations are rated by S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Service in the same rating category as the underlying direct and general obligations of the United States of America.

#### **Supplemental Resolutions**

The Bond Resolution and the rights and obligations of the District and of the Owners of the Series C Bonds Outstanding thereunder may be modified or amended at any time by a supplemental resolution adopted by the District with the written consent of Owners owning at least 60% in aggregate principal amount of the Series C Bonds then Outstanding under the Bond Resolution, exclusive of any of such Series C Bonds owned by the District; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment shall, without the express consent of the Owner of each Series C Bond affected, reduce the principal amount of any such Series C Bond, reduce the interest rate payable thereon, advance the earliest redemption date thereof, extend its maturity or the times for paying interest thereon or change the monetary medium in which principal and interest is payable, nor shall any modification or amendment reduce the percentage of consents required for amendment or modification. No such Supplemental Resolution shall change or modify any of the rights or obligations of any Paying Agent without its written assent thereto.

The Bond Resolution and the rights and obligations of the District and of the Owners of the Series C Bonds Outstanding thereunder may be modified or amended at any time by a supplemental resolution adopted by the District, without the written consent of the Owners:

- (1) To add to the covenants and agreements of the District in the Bond Resolution other covenants and agreements to be observed by the District which are not contrary to or inconsistent with such resolution as theretofore in effect;
- (2) To add to the limitations and restrictions in the Bond Resolution, other limitations and restrictions to be observed by the District which are not contrary to or inconsistent with the such resolution as theretofore in effect:
- (3) To confirm or provide as further assurance any pledge under, and to subject to any lien or pledge created or to be created by, the Bond Resolution, of any moneys, securities or funds, or to establish any additional funds or accounts to be held under the Bond Resolution;
- (4) To cure any ambiguity, supply any omission, or cure to correct any defect or inconsistent provision in the Bond Resolution; or
- (5) To amend or supplement the Bond Resolution in any other respect, provided such Supplemental Resolution does not adversely affect the interests of the Owners of the Series C Bonds Outstanding thereunder.

Any act done pursuant to a modification or amendment so consented to shall be binding upon the Owners of all the Series C Bonds Outstanding under the Bond Resolution and shall not be deemed an infringement of any of the provisions of the Bond Resolution, whatever the character of such act may be, and may be done and performed as fully and freely as if expressly permitted by the terms of the Bond Resolution, and after consent relating to such specified matters has been given, no Owner shall have any right or interest to object to such action or in any manner to question the propriety thereof or to enjoin or restrain the District or any officer or agent of either from taking any action pursuant thereto.

#### **Unclaimed Moneys**

Anything in the Bond Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, any moneys held by the Paying Agent in trust for the payment and discharge of any of the Series C Bonds which remain unclaimed for one year after the date when such Series C Bonds have become due and payable, either at their stated maturity dates or by call for earlier redemption, if such moneys were held by the Paying Agent at such date, or for one year after the date of deposit of such moneys if deposited with the Paying Agent after said date when such bonds become due and payable, shall be repaid by the Paying Agent to the District, as its absolute property and free from trust, and the Paying Agent shall thereupon be released and discharged with respect thereto and the Owners of such Series C Bonds shall look only to the District for the payment of such Bonds; provided, however, that before being required to make such payment to the District, the Paying Agent shall, at the expense of District, cause to be mailed to the Owners of all such Series C Bonds at their respective addresses appearing on the registration books, a notice that said moneys remain unclaimed and that, after a date in said notice, which date shall not be less than 30 days after the date of mailing such notice, the balance of such moneys then unclaimed will be returned to the District.

#### Sources and Uses of Funds

The estimated sources and uses of funds in connection with the Series C Bonds are as follows:

#### Sources of Funds

Principal Amount of Series C Bonds Original Issue Premium Total Sources of Funds	\$23,010,000.00 3,152,151.35 \$26,162,151.35
Uses of Funds	
Building Fund	\$22,733,905.00
Debt Service Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	3,152,151.35
Costs of Issuance <sup>(2)</sup>	276,095.00
Total Uses of Funds	\$26,162,151.35

<sup>(1)</sup> Used to pay a portion of the interest on the Series C Bonds through August 1, 2026.

<sup>(2)</sup> All costs of issuance related to the Series C Bonds, together with Underwriter's discount.

#### DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

The following table sets forth the annual debt service on the Series C Bonds, assuming there are no optional redemptions of the Series C Bonds:

Period Ending (August 1)	Series C Bonds Annual Principal Payment	Series C Bonds Annual Interest Payment	Total
2024	\$ 0.00	\$ 817,188.13	\$ 817,188.13
2025	560,000.00	1,257,212.50	1,817,212.50
2026	525,000.00	1,227,812.50	1,752,812.50
2027	205,000.00	1,200,250.00	1,405,250.00
2028	245,000.00	1,189,487.50	1,434,487.50
2029	290,000.00	1,176,625.00	1,466,625.00
2030	425,000.00	1,161,400.00	1,586,400.00
2031	510,000.00	1,139,087.50	1,649,087.50
2032	575,000.00	1,112,312.50	1,687,312.50
2033	640,000.00	1,082,125.00	1,722,125.00
2034	715,000.00	1,046,925.00	1,761,925.00
2035	795,000.00	1,007,600.00	1,802,600.00
2036	910,000.00	963,875.00	1,873,875.00
2037	1,040,000.00	913,825.00	1,953,825.00
2038	1,175,000.00	856,625.00	2,031,625.00
2039	1,325,000.00	792,000.00	2,117,000.00
2040	1,480,000.00	719,125.00	2,199,125.00
2041	1,650,000.00	637,725.00	2,287,725.00
2042	1,830,000.00	546,975.00	2,376,975.00
2043	2,025,000.00	446,325.00	2,471,325.00
2044	2,230,000.00	334,950.00	2,564,950.00
2045	2,465,000.00	212,300.00	2,677,300.00
2046	1,395,000.00	76,725.00	1,471,725.00
Total	<u>\$ 23,010,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,918,475.63</u>	<u>\$ 42,928,475.63</u>

The following table summarizes the aggregate annual debt service requirements for all of the District's outstanding general obligation bonds, assuming there are no optional redemptions of the Prior General Obligation Bonds (as defined herein) or the Series C Bonds:

### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AGGREGATE ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE

Year Ending (August 1)	Prior General Obligation Bonds	Series C Bonds	Total
2024	\$ 9,918,990.36	\$ 817,188.13	\$ 10,736,178.49
2025	7,713,199.56	1,817,212.50	9,530,412.06
2026	8,886,362.96	1,752,812.50	10,639,175.46
2027	5,018,974.36	1,405,250.00	6,424,224.36
2028	5,226,837.76	1,434,487.50	6,661,325.26
2029	6,119,568.00	1,466,625.00	7,586,193.00
2030	6,072,318.00	1,586,400.00	7,658,718.00
2031	6,308,501.60	1,649,087.50	7,957,589.10
2032	6,583,831.40	1,687,312.50	8,271,143.90
2033	6,866,906.20	1,722,125.00	8,589,031.20
2034	7,162,375.20	1,761,925.00	8,924,300.20
2035	3,969,488.40	1,802,600.00	5,772,088.40
2036	4,126,238.40	1,873,875.00	6,000,113.40
2037	4,285,738.40	1,953,825.00	6,239,563.40
2038	4,462,238.40	2,031,625.00	6,493,863.40
2039	4,634,238.40	2,117,000.00	6,751,238.40
2040	4,821,238.40	2,199,125.00	7,020,363.40
2041	5,015,498.80	2,287,725.00	7,303,223.80
2042	5,218,551.20	2,376,975.00	7,595,526.20
2043	5,424,625.40	2,471,325.00	7,895,950.40
2044	5,648,210.80	2,564,950.00	8,213,160.80
2045	5,868,226.60	2,677,300.00	8,545,526.60
2046	6,104,302.60	1,471,725.00	7,576,027.60
2047	5,640,298.40	0.00	5,640,298.40
2048	5,867,375.20	0.00	5,867,375.20
2049	6,100,836.00	0.00	6,100,836.00
Total	<u>\$153,064,970.80</u>	<u>\$ 42,928,475.63</u>	<u>\$ 195,993,446.43</u>

Source: Municipal Advisor.

#### SECURITY FOR THE SERIES C BONDS

The Series C Bonds are general obligation bonds of the District payable solely from amounts in the Debt Service Fund consisting of capitalized interest funded with Series C Bond proceeds and *ad valorem* property taxes levied on taxable property within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the County, on behalf of the District, is empowered and obligated annually to levy *ad valorem* taxes, without limitation of rate or amount, for the payment of the principal and interest on the Series C Bonds due and payable in the next succeeding bond year (less amounts on deposit in the Debt Service Fund established under the Bond Resolution), upon all property subject to taxation by the District (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). The Bond Resolution pledges as security for the Series C Bonds outstanding thereunder the proceeds from the levy of the *ad valorem* tax which are collected and allocated to the payment of the Series C Bonds. See "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS" herein.

The District currently has \$88,320,127.75 principal amount (exclusive of accreted interest) of general obligation bonds outstanding, inclusive of bonds previously issued under the 2016 Authorization (collectively, the "Prior General Obligation Bonds"). Following the issuance of the Series C Bonds, the District will have a total of \$111,330,127.75 principal amount (exclusive of accreted interest) of general obligation bonds outstanding.

The Prior General Obligation Bonds are also payable solely from ad valorem property taxes levied on taxable property within the District to repay such bonds. The amount of the annual ad valorem tax levied to repay the Series C Bonds and the Prior General Obligation Bonds will be determined by the relationship between the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District and the amount of debt service due on the Series C Bonds and the Prior General Obligation Bonds in any year. Fluctuations in the annual debt service on the Series C Bonds and the Prior General Obligation Bonds and the assessed value of taxable property in the District may cause the annual tax rate to fluctuate. Economic and other factors beyond the District's control could cause a reduction in the assessed value of taxable property within the District and necessitate a corresponding increase in the annual tax rate. These factors include a general market decline in real property values, reclassification of property to a class exempt from taxation, whether by ownership or use (such as exemptions for property owned by the federal government, the State of California (the "State") and local agencies and property used for qualified educational, hospital, charitable or religious purposes), or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by a natural or manmade disaster, such as earthquake, wildfire, flood or toxic contamination.

The assessed valuation of property in the District is \$6,377,676,243 for fiscal year 2023-24, an increase of approximately 65.2% from fiscal year 2014-15. See "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS—Historical Data Concerning District Tax Base." While the assessed valuation of property in the District has increased over recent years, future declines in real estate values in southern California, natural disasters, the departure of major taxpayers or other factors could result in lower assessed values in the District and in both a higher annual tax rate within the District and a higher level of delinquencies in tax payments. The County has not adopted the Teeter Plan (defined below). As a result, the District's receipt of property taxes is subject to delinquencies. See "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS—Ad Valorem Property Taxation—No Teeter Plan."

Economic and other factors beyond the District's control, such as general market decline in property values, the outbreak of disease, disruption in financial markets that may reduce availability of financing for purchasers of property, reclassification of property to a class exempt from taxation, whether by ownership or use (such as exemptions for property owned by the State and local agencies and property used for qualified education, hospital, charitable or religious purposes), or the complete or partial destruction of the taxable property caused by a natural or manmade disaster, such as earthquake, fire (including wildfire), drought, flood, sea level rise, climate change, or toxic contamination, could cause a reduction in the assessed value of taxable property within the District. Any such reduction would result in a corresponding increase in the annual tax rates levied by the County to pay the debt service with respect to the Bonds. See "THE SERIES C BONDS – Security and Sources of Payment" and "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS – Considerations Regarding COVID-19" herein.

**Seismic Events.** The District is located in a seismically active region. Active earthquake faults include the Raymond Fault that runs near the District. An earthquake of large magnitude could result in extensive damage to property within the District and could adversely affect the assessed valuation of property within the District, or more generally the region's economy.

**Drought.** California has experienced cyclical severe drought conditions over the past several years. Most recently, in April 2021, the Governor announced regional drought emergencies in two Northern California counties following two years of dry conditions. These drought emergencies were eventually expanded to include all California counties by October of 2021. Among other actions, the Governor also issued Executive Order N0-27-22, which directed the State Water Control Board to issue drought declarations, including a recommendation to have urban water suppliers initiate water shortage contingency plans. Significant snowfall and precipitation in the State commencing in January 2023 have generally eliminated most of the State's drought conditions. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, portions of the State in the far north and lower south-west regions continue to classified in the abnormally to severe drought categories, however the majority of the State, including the County, is currently classified as having no drought conditions. In addition, on March 24, 2023, the Governor rescinded most of his emergency drought declarations, including Executive Order N0-27-22. The District cannot predict if there will be future drought conditions and related water usage restrictions imposed in the future.

Wildfires. Major wildfires have occurred in recent years in different regions of the State. The District has not sustained any property losses as a result of these recent fires. However, serious and significant property damage has resulted in other areas of the County and the State due to fire damage. The Governor has previously signed a number of measures into law intended to address a variety of issues related to mitigating the risk of wildfires, including forest management, mutual aid for fire departments, emergency alerts and other safety mandates. Property damage due to wildfire could result in a significant decrease in the assessed value of property in the District.

Climate Change. In addition to the events described above, climate change caused by human activities may have adverse effects on the assessed value of property within the District. As greenhouse gas emissions continue to accumulate in the atmosphere as a result of economic activity, many scientists expect that climate change will intensify, increasing the frequency, severity and timing of extreme weather events such as coastal storm surges, drought, wildfires, floods, heat waves, and rising sea levels. Projections of the impact of global climate change are complex and depend on a variety of factors outside of the District's control. The various scientific studies that forecast the amount and timing of adverse impacts of climate change are based on assumptions contained in such studies, but actual events may vary materially. In addition, the scientific understanding of climate change and its effects continues to evolve. Accordingly, the District in unable to forecast with certainty when or if adverse impacts of climate change will occur or the extent of such impacts.

It is not possible for the District to make any representation regarding the extent to which natural disasters, including earthquakes, drought and wildfires could cause reduced economic activity within the boundaries of the District or the extent to which natural disasters may impact the value of taxable property within the District.

THE SERIES C BONDS ARE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY. NO PART OF ANY FUND OF THE COUNTY IS PLEDGED OR OBLIGATED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS.

#### TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS

The information in this section describes *ad valorem* property taxation, assessed valuation, and other measures of the tax base of the District. The Series C Bonds are payable solely from *ad valorem* taxes levied and collected by the County on taxable property in the District together with other amounts in the Debt Service Fund. The District's General Fund is not a source for the repayment of the Series C Bonds.

#### Ad Valorem Property Taxation

The collection of property taxes is significant to the District and the owners of the Series C Bonds in two respects. First, amounts allocated to the District from the general 1% ad valorem property tax levy, which is levied in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution and its implementing legislation, funds the District's budget which is used to operate the District's educational program. See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS—Revenue Sources" below. Second, the Board of Supervisors of the County will levy and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable parcels within the District which ad valorem taxes are pledged specifically to the repayment of the Series C Bonds and the Prior General Obligation Bonds. All general obligation bonds of the District are issued on parity with one another and with the Series C Bonds. As described below, the general ad valorem property tax levy and the additional ad valorem property tax levy pledged to repay the Series C Bonds and the Prior General Obligation Bonds will be collected on the annual tax bills distributed by the County to the owners of parcels within the boundaries of the District.

*Method of Property Taxation*. Beginning in fiscal year 1978-79, Article XIIIA and its implementing legislation permitted each county to levy and collect all property taxes (except for levies to support prior voter approved indebtedness) and prescribed how levies on county-wide property values were to be shared with local taxing entities within each county. All property is assessed using full cash value as defined by Article XIIIA of the State Constitution. State law, however, provides exemptions from *ad valorem* property taxation for certain classes of property such as churches, colleges, non-profit hospitals, and charitable institutions.

For purposes of allocating a county's 1% base property tax levy, future assessed valuation growth allowed under Article XIIIA (new construction, certain changes of ownership, up to 2% inflation) will be allocated on the basis of "situs" among the jurisdictions that serve the tax rate area within which the growth occurs. Local agencies and schools will share the growth of "base" sources from the tax rate area. Each year's growth allocation becomes part of each agency's allocation in the following year. The availability of revenue from growth in the tax bases in such entities may be affected by the existence of successor agencies to prior redevelopment agencies which, under certain circumstances, may be entitled to sources resulting from the increase in certain property values. State law exempts \$7,000 of the assessed valuation of an owner-occupied principal residence. This exemption does not result in any loss of revenue to local agencies since an amount equivalent to the taxes that would have been payable on such exempt values is made up by the State.

Taxes are levied for each fiscal year on taxable real and personal property which is situated in a county as of the preceding January 1. Real property which changes ownership or is newly constructed is revalued at the time the change in ownership occurs or the new construction is completed. The current year property tax rate will be applied to the reassessment, and the taxes will then be adjusted by a proration factor to reflect the portion of the remaining tax year for which taxes are due.

For assessment and collection purposes, property is classified either as "secured" or "unsecured" and is listed accordingly on separate parts of the assessment roll. The "secured roll" is that part of the assessment roll containing State-assessed public utilities property and real property having a tax lien which is sufficient, in the opinion of the county assessor, to secure payment of the taxes. Other property is assessed on the "unsecured roll."

Property taxes on the secured roll are due in two installments, on November 1 and February 1 of each fiscal year, and if unpaid become delinquent on December 10 and April 10, respectively. A penalty of 10% attaches immediately to all delinquent payments. Property on the secured roll with respect to which taxes are delinquent becomes tax defaulted on or about June 30 of the fiscal year. Such property may thereafter be redeemed by payment of a penalty of 1.5% per month to the time of redemption, plus costs and a redemption fee. If taxes are unpaid for a period of five years or more, the property is subject to sale by the Treasurer-Tax Collector of the county levying the tax.

Property taxes on the unsecured roll are due as of the January 1 lien date and become delinquent, if unpaid, on August 31. A 10% penalty attaches to delinquent unsecured taxes. If unsecured taxes are unpaid at 5 p.m. on October 31, an additional penalty of 1.5% attaches to them on the first day of each month until paid. A county has four ways of collecting delinquent unsecured personal property taxes: (1) bringing a civil action against the taxpayer; (2) filing a certificate in the office of the county clerk specifying certain facts in order to obtain a lien on certain property of the taxpayer; (3) filing a certificate of delinquency for record in the county recorder's office in order to obtain a lien on certain property of the taxpayer; and (4) seizing and selling personal property improvements or possessory interests belonging or assessed to the delinquent taxpayer.

**District Assessed Valuation**. Both the general 1% ad valorem property tax levy and the additional ad valorem levy for the Series C Bonds and the Prior General Obligation Bonds are based upon the assessed valuation of the parcels of taxable property in the District. Property taxes allocated to the District are collected by the County at the same time and on the same tax rolls as are county, city and special district taxes. The assessed valuation of each parcel of property is the same for both District and county taxing purposes. The valuation of secured property by the County is established as of January 1, and is subsequently equalized in September of each year, when tax bills are mailed to property owners.

Appeals and Adjustments of Assessed Valuations. Under California law, property owners may apply for a reduction of their property tax assessment by filing a written application, in the form prescribed by the State Board of Equalization, with the appropriate county board of equalization or assessment appeals board. County assessors may independently reduce assessed values as well based upon the above factors or reductions in the fair market value of the taxable property. In most cases, an appeal is filed because the applicant believes that present market conditions (such as residential home prices) cause the property to be worth less than its current assessed value. Any reduction in the assessment ultimately granted as a result of such appeal applies to the year for which application is made and during which the written application was filed. Such reductions are subject to yearly reappraisals and may be adjusted back to their original values when market conditions improve. Once the property has regained its prior value, adjusted for inflation, it once again is subject to the annual inflationary factor growth rate allowed under Article XIIIA. See "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS."

A second type of assessment appeal involves a challenge to the base year value of an assessed property. Appeals for reduction in the base year value of an assessment, if successful, reduce the assessment for the year in which the appeal is taken and prospectively thereafter. The base year is determined by the completion date of new construction or the date of change of ownership. Any base year appeal must be made within four years of the change of ownership or new construction date.

The District does not have information regarding pending appeals of assessed valuation of property within the District. No assurance can be given that property tax appeals currently pending or filed in the future will not significantly reduce the assessed valuation of property within the District.

Taxation of State-Assessed Utility Property. A portion of property tax revenue of the District is derived from utility property subject to assessment by the State Board of Equalization. State-assessed property, or "unitary property," is property of a utility system with components located in many taxing jurisdictions that are assessed as part of a "going concern" rather than as individual pieces of real or personal property. The assessed value of unitary and certain other state-assessed property is allocated to the counties by

the State Board of Equalization, taxed at special county-wide rates, and the tax revenues distributed to taxing jurisdictions (including the District) according to statutory formulae generally based on the distribution of taxes in the prior year.

No Teeter Plan. Certain counties in the State of California operate under a statutory program entitled Alternate Method of Distribution of Tax Levies and Collections and of Tax Sale Proceeds (the "Teeter Plan"). Under the Teeter Plan local taxing entities receive 100% of their tax levies net of delinquencies, but do not receive interest or penalties on delinquent taxes collected by the county. The County has not adopted the Teeter Plan, and consequently the Teeter Plan is not available to local taxing entities within the County, such as the District. The District's receipt of property taxes is therefore subject to delinquencies and the County will pay to the District only actual amounts collected.

#### **Historical Data Concerning District Tax Base**

The information provided in Tables 1 through 6 below has been provided by California Municipal Statistics, Inc. Neither the District nor the Underwriter has independently verified this information and does not guarantee its accuracy.

Property within the District has a total assessed valuation for fiscal year 2023-24 of \$6,377,676,243. Table 1 below provides the ten-year history of assessed valuations in the District.

Table 1
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Assessed Valuations
Fiscal Year 2014-15 through 2023-24

	Local Secured	Utility	Unsecured	Total	% Change
2014-15	\$3,827,240,022	\$0	\$33,783,435	\$3,861,023,457	N/A
2015-16	4,038,740,733	0	33,529,385	4,072,270,118	5.47%
2016-17	4,239,412,499	0	37,586,290	4,276,998,789	5.03
2017-18	4,514,875,537	0	36,394,959	4,551,270,496	6.41
2018-19	4,819,854,506	0	37,229,569	4,857,084,075	6.72
2019-20	5,088,488,587	0	38,287,054	5,126,775,641	5.55
2020-21	5,366,847,653	0	41,181,903	5,408,029,556	5.49
2021-22	5,573,885,297	0	41,042,710	5,614,928,007	3.83
2022-23	6,006,857,143	0	45,017,131	6,051,874,274	7.78
2023-24	6,321,490,997	0	56,185,246	6,377,676,243	5.38

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

#### Tax Levies and Delinquencies

Table 2A summarizes the annual secured 1% base property tax levy within the District and the amount delinquent as of June 30 for fiscal years 2018-19 through 2022-23. Table 2B summarizes the secured tax levy made within the District for the District's Prior General Obligation Bonds and the amount delinquent for fiscal years 2018-19 through 2022-23. The County has not adopted the Teeter Plan. As a result, the District's receipt of property taxes is subject to delinquencies and the County will pay to the District only the actual amounts collected. See "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS—Ad Valorem Property Taxation—No Teeter Plan."

Table 2A
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Secured Tax Charges and Delinquencies for Base Levy

	Secured Tax Charges Levied <sup>(1)</sup>	Delinquent Secured Taxes	% Delinquent June 30
2018-19	\$8,088,706.39	\$110,973.87	1.37%
2019-20	8,577,134.96	194,190.74	2.26
2020-21	9,063,048.50	155,023.81	1.71
2021-22	9,408,664.89	147,498.72	1.57
2022-23	10,126,671.70	158,614.68	1.57

<sup>1%</sup> base property tax apportionment to the District. Excludes redevelopment agency/successor agency impounds. Reflects County-wide delinquency rate.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Table 2B
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Secured Tax Charges and Delinquencies for Prior General Obligation Bonds

	Secured Tax Charges Levied <sup>(1)</sup>	Delinquent Secured Taxes	% Delinquent June 30
2018-19	\$6,920,455.54	\$68,737.65	0.99%
2019-20	7,414,456.44	82,552.49	1.11
2020-21	7,600,487.20	79,756.60	1.05
2021-22	7,958,850.38	86,892.96	1.09
2022-23	8,352,903.91	86,732.99	1.04

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects the debt service levy for the District's Prior General Obligation Bonds. Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

#### **Tax Rates**

There are four tax rate areas in the District. Table 3 summarizes the total *ad valorem* tax rates levied by all taxing entities within the largest tax rate area of the District for fiscal years 2019-20 through 2023-24 expressed as a percentage of the assessed value of the property upon which such taxes were levied.

Table 3
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Summary of Ad Valorem Tax Rates
Typical Total Tax Rates (TRA 9030)<sup>(1)</sup>

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
General	1.000000%	1.000000%	1.000000%	1.000000%	1.000000%
South Pasadena Unified School District	0.143833	0.145289	0.141821	0.139729	0.128185
Pasadena Area Community College District	0.007674	0.007207	0.005535	0.008692	0.025101
Metropolitan Water District	0.003500	0.003500	0.003500	0.003500	0.003500
Total	1.155007%	1.155996%	1.150856%	1.151921%	1.156786%

<sup>(1)</sup> Fiscal Year 2023-24 assessed value of TRA 9030 is \$5,686,023,857, which is 89.16% of the District's total assessed valuation.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

#### **Largest Taxpayers**

Table 4 below lists the 20 largest secured property taxpayers within the District measured by local secured assessed valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Table 4
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Twenty Largest Fiscal Year 2023-24 Local Secured Property Taxpayers

	Property Owner	Primary Land Use	2023-24 Assessed Valuation	% of Total <sup>(1)</sup>
1.	625 Fair Oaks LLC	Office Building	\$ 33,574,933	0.53%
2.	WF Property Holdings LP	Apartments	17,733,623	0.28
3.	Gelt Storage 919 Mission LLC	Industrial	17,691,329	0.28
4.	WWNC 1653 Amberwood Dr LLC	Apartments	15,202,877	0.24
5.	NC Raymondale LLC	Apartments	14,963,387	0.24
6.	DC El Centro Holdings LLC	Office Building	14,474,720	0.23
7.	Jerry B. and Roberta L. Furrey, Trustees	Apartments	13,810,812	0.22
8.	LDW Pico Properties LLC	Office Building	13,235,227	0.21
9.	Casa De General LLC	Apartments	13,083,760	0.21
10.	FSM Sopas LLC	Commercial	12,746,408	0.20
11.	Michael Reagan Trust	Apartments	12,503,865	0.20
12	LSP State Street LLC	Apartments	12,288,300	0.19
13.	829 Croft at Melrose Place LLC	Apartments	12,270,706	0.19
14.	Robert W. Cathcart	Residential	12,119,583	0.19
15.	609 Prospect LLC	Apartments	11,876,110	0.19
16.	Golden Oaks Investment LP	Apartments	11,329,347	0.18
17.	Cal Empire LP	Commercial	10,879,525	0.17
18.	Prospect Apartments Investors	Apartments	10,820,160	0.17
19.	VJC3 Investment LLC	Apartments	10,707,500	0.17
20.	Vici Group LLC	Apartments	10,600,057	0.17
			\$ 281,912,229	4.46%

Calculated as a percentage of total District-wide Fiscal Year 2023-24 local secured assessed valuation of \$6,321,490,997. Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

#### **Land Use within the District**

Table 5 describes the District's land use by type in fiscal year 2023-24, which reflects that 92.08% of the total local secured assessed valuation is for residential property and 7.92% for non-residential property.

Table 5
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-24 Assessed Valuation and Parcels by Land Use

	2023-24	% of	No. of	% of
	Assessed Valuation <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	<b>Parcels</b>	Total
Non-Residential:				
Commercial	\$ 415,401,587	6.57%	263	3.66%
Vacant Commercial	3,919,435	0.06	13	0.18
Industrial	51,053,847	0.81	25	0.35
Vacant Industrial	4,553,027	0.07	6	0.08
Recreational	3,200,928	0.05	8	0.11
Government/Social/Institutional	14,967,914	0.24	147	2.05
Miscellaneous	7,377,623	0.12	<u>21</u>	0.29
Subtotal Non-Residential	\$ 500,474,361	7.92%	483	6.73%
Residential:				
Single Family Residence	\$ 4,099,581,289	64.85%	4,638	64.63%
Condominium/Townhouse	554,419,296	8.77	879	12.25
2-4 Residential Units	461,488,300	7.30	619	8.63
5+ Residential Units/Apartments	669,123,110	10.58	326	4.54
Vacant Residential	36,404,641	0.58	231	3.22
Subtotal Residential	\$ 5,821,016,636	92.08%	6,693	93.27%
Total	\$ 6,321,490,997	100.00%		100.00%

<sup>(1)</sup> Local secured assessed valuations, excluding tax-exempt property.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

#### **Assessed Valuation Per Parcel of Single Family Homes**

Table 6 below shows the number of parcels with single family homes within certain ranges of assessed valuation in the District for fiscal year 2023-24.

Table 6
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Assessed Valuation per Parcel of Single Family Homes
Fiscal Year 2023-24

	No.	of Parcels	2023-24 Assessed Valua	ıtion	Avera Assessed Vo	,	Median Assessed Valuation
Single Family Residential		4,638	\$4,099,581,2	89	\$833,9	11	\$702,231
2023-24 Assessed Valuation	No. of Parcels <sup>(1)</sup>	% of Total	Cumulative % of Total		Total Valuation	% of Total	
\$0 - \$99,999 \$100,000 - \$199,999 \$200,000 - \$299,999 \$300,000 - \$399,999 \$400,000 - \$499,999 \$500,000 - \$599,999 \$600,000 - \$699,999 \$700,000 - \$799,999 \$800,000 - \$899,999 \$900,000 - \$999,999 \$1,000,000 - \$1,099,999 \$1,200,000 - \$1,299,999 \$1,300,000 - \$1,299,999 \$1,300,000 - \$1,299,999 \$1,500,000 - \$1,599,999 \$1,500,000 - \$1,499,999 \$1,500,000 - \$1,599,999 \$1,700,000 - \$1,699,999	226 448 336 288 350 357 306 250 245 220 215 203 146 137 150 135 102 78	4.873% 9.659 7.245 6.210 7.546 7.697 6.598 5.390 5.282 4.743 4.636 4.377 3.148 2.954 3.234 2.911 2.199 1.682	4.873% 14.532 21.777 27.986 35.533 43.230 49.828 55.218 60.500 65.244 69.879 74.256 77.404 80.358 83.592 86.503 88.702 90.384	\$	16,780,742 67,143,998 83,751,181 101,219,254 158,132,956 196,628,203 198,417,063 187,110,743 208,087,327 208,452,302 225,779,018 233,686,976 182,472,669 184,887,656 217,202,881 209,192,473 167,933,252 136,213,082	0.4099 1.638 2.043 2.469 3.857 4.796 4.840 4.564 5.076 5.085 5.507 5.700 4.451 4.510 5.298 5.103 4.096 3.323	0.409% 2.047 4.090 6.559 10.416 15.213 20.053 24.617 29.693 34.777 40.285 45.985 50.436 54.946 60.244 65.347 69.443 72.766
\$1,800,000 - \$1,899,999 \$1,900,000 - \$1,999,999 \$2,000,000 and greater Total	69 58 <u>319</u> 4,638	1.488 1.251 <u>6.88</u> 100.000%	91.871 93.122 100.000	\$ 4	127,218,998 112,583,053 <u>876,687,462</u> 4,099,581,289	3.103 2.746 21.385 100.0009	75.869 78.615 100.000

<sup>(1)</sup> Improved single family residential parcels. Excludes condominiums and parcels with multiple family units. Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

#### THE DISTRICT

#### Introduction

The District was established in 1886 and is located in a three square mile area between the cities of Los Angeles, San Marino, Alhambra and Pasadena in the County, 10 miles northeast of the City of Los Angeles. The District boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of South Pasadena. The District operates three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, a district office and a maintenance office. The total enrollment in the District during fiscal year 2023-24 is estimated to be 4,695 students. The District's pupil/teacher ratio for fiscal year 2023-24 is approximately 24:1 for grade levels TK through 8 and 32:1 for grade levels 9 through 12.

#### **Board of Education**

The District is governed by a five member Board of Education. Members are elected to four year terms.

### Table 7 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education

Name	Term Expires
Patricia Martinez-Miller, Ph.D., President	2024
Karissa Adams, Clerk	2024
Zahir Robb, Member	2026
Dr. Karen Tamis, Member	2026
Dr. Michele Kipke, Member	2026

Source: The District.

#### **Superintendent and Administrative Personnel**

The Superintendent of the District, appointed by the Board of Education, is responsible for management of the day-to-day operations and supervises the work of other District administrators. The names and backgrounds of the Superintendent and the senior administrative staff are set forth below.

Geoff Yantz, Ed.D., Superintendent. Dr. Geoff Yantz has served as Superintendent of Schools for the District since March 2014. Prior to his current position, Dr. Yantz served as Superintendent of Schools for El Segundo Unified School District from 2007 to 2014. He has also served as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal and teacher. During this time Dr. Yantz has received numerous awards and recognition for his accomplishments. Dr. Yantz has served in the field of education for 30 years. His educational experience includes: Bachelor of Arts from University California at Santa Barbara, Master of Arts from California State University Dominguez Hills, Master of Science from Pepperdine University and Doctorate of Education from Pepperdine University.

**David Lubs, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.** Mr. David Lubs has served as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the District since September 2014. Prior to his current position, Mr. Lubs served as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Maintenance for El Segundo Unified School District for 6 years. He had previously served as a high school teacher and middle school administrator for 13 years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, and his Master of Business Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Dana Smith, Fiscal Services Director.** Ms. Dana Smith has worked for the District since May 2014. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Smith served Los Angeles County schools for 16 years in the fields of accounting and auditing. In addition, she served as an Audit Supervisor for the Office of the Inspector General for Los Angeles Unified School District. Ms. Smith earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration at the University of La Verne.

#### **Employee Relations**

In the fall of 1974, the State Legislature enacted a public school employee collective bargaining law known as the Rodda Act, which became effective in stages in 1976. The law provides that employees are to be divided into appropriate bargaining units which are to be represented by an exclusive bargaining agent.

The teachers of the District (certificated personnel) are represented by the Teachers Association of South Pasadena. The District and the certificated personnel are currently operating under a contract that expires on June 30, 2025.

For fiscal year 2023-24, the District employed 236 certificated employees with a total estimated annual payroll of \$23,343,683. Table 8 below sets forth the number of certificated employees for each of the last five fiscal years.

Table 8
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Certificated Employees

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Employees
2019-20	245
2020-21	240
2021-22	238
2022-23	235
2023-24	236

Source: The District.

The California School Employees Association ("CSEA") is the exclusive bargaining agent for non-teaching (classified) personnel. The District and the classified employees are currently operating under a contract that expires on June 30, 2025. In October 2023, the District and CSEA agreed to an across the board 5% increase in classified salaries for fiscal year 2023-24. The cost of this salary increase has not been reflected in the District's multi-year projections set forth in this Official Statement.

For fiscal year 2023-24, the District employed 142 classified employees with a total estimated annual payroll of \$8,049,088. Table 9 below sets forth the number of classified employees for each of the last five fiscal years.

Table 9
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Classified Employees

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Employees		
2019-20	175		
2020-21	136		
2021-22	140		
2022-23	140		
2023-24	142		

Source: The District.

#### **Retirement Systems**

This section contains certain information relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") and the State Teachers' Retirement System ("STRS"). The information is primarily derived from information publicly available from PERS and STRS, their independent accountants and their actuaries. Neither the District nor the Underwriter has independently verified the information regarding PERS and STRS and makes no representations nor expresses any opinion as to the accuracy of the information regarding PERS and STRS.

The comprehensive annual financial reports of PERS and STRS are available on their websites at www.calpers.ca.gov and www.calstrs.ca.gov, respectively. The PERS and STRS websites also contain the most recent actuarial valuation reports, as well as other information concerning benefits and other matters. The information on these websites is not incorporated by reference herein. The District cannot guarantee the accuracy of such information. Actuarial assessments are "forward-looking" information that reflect the judgment of the fiduciaries of the pension plans, and are based upon a variety of assumptions, one or more of which may not materialize or be changed in the future. Actuarial assessments will change with the future experience of the pension plans.

**District Contributions to STRS and PERS and Net Pension Liability**. District employees are members of two retirement systems, as described below. Certificated personnel are generally members of STRS and classified personnel are generally members of PERS.

The District's contribution to STRS was \$4,103,276 from its General Fund in fiscal year 2021-22 and estimates that such contribution was \$4,944,143 from its General Fund in fiscal year 2022-23. The District has budgeted \$4,948,676 as its contribution to STRS from its General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24. The foregoing amounts do not include on-behalf contributions towards STRS made by the State.

The District's contribution to PERS was \$1,593,705 from its General Fund in fiscal year 2021-22 and estimates that such contribution was \$1,708,052 from its General Fund in fiscal year 2022-23. The District has budgeted \$1,844,310 as its contribution to PERS from its General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24. For additional information regarding the District's participation in STRS and PERS, see Note 10 to the District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2021-22 attached as Appendix B hereto.

On June 25, 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") approved Statement Nos. 67 and 68 ("Statements") with respect to pension accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments and pension plans. The Statements replaced GASB Statement No. 27 and most of Statements No. 25 and No. 50. The changes impact the accounting treatment of pension plans in which state and local governments participate. Major changes include: 1) the inclusion of unfunded pension liabilities on the government's balance sheet (such unfunded liabilities were typically included as notes to the government's financial statements); 2) more components of full pension costs being shown as expenses regardless of actual contribution levels; 3) lower actuarial discount rates being required to be used for underfunded plans in certain cases for purposes of the financial statements; 4) closed amortization periods for unfunded liabilities being required to be used for certain purposes of the financial statements; and 5) the difference between expected and actual investment returns being recognized over a closed five-year smoothing period. In addition, according to GASB Statement No. 68, for pensions within the scope of Statement No. 68, a cost-sharing employer that does not have a special funding situation is required to recognize a net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense based on its proportionate share of the net pension liability for benefits provided through the pension plan. Because the accounting standards do not require changes in funding policies, the full extent of the effect of the new standards on the District is not known at this time. In November 2013, GASB issued Statement No. 71 which addressed an issue in the transition provisions of GASB No. 68.

The reporting requirements under GASB Statement No. 68 for pension plans took effect for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and the reporting requirements for government employers, including the District, took effect for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. As a result of implementing GASB No. 68 the District restated the beginning net position in its government-wide Statement of Net Position, effectively decreasing the net position as of July 1, 2015 by \$7,553,335. The District's net pension liability was \$28,735,666 on June 30, 2022, of which \$19,640,748 was attributable to STRS and \$9,094,918 was attributable to PERS.

The District's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities, pension expense and deferred inflow of resources for STRS and PERS and a deferred outflow of resources for STRS and PERS, as of June 30, 2022, are as shown in the following table:

Pension Plan	Collective Net Pension Liability	Collective Deferred Outflow of Resources	Collective Deferred Inflow of Resources	Collective Pension Expense
STRS	\$19,640,748	\$7,634,973	\$19,265,464	\$276,459
PERS	9,094,918	1,865,229	4,841,931	298,815
Total	<u>\$28,735,666</u>	<u>\$9,500,202</u>	<u>\$24,107,395</u>	<u>\$575,274</u>

Source: The District.

For additional information regarding the District's participation in STRS and PERS, see Note 10 to the District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2021-22 attached as Appendix B hereto.

The District can make no representations regarding the future program liabilities of STRS or PERS, or whether the District will be required to make additional contributions to STRS and PERS in the future above those amounts currently projected as described below. See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS — Considerations Regarding COVID-19" below for a discussion of certain events that may impact STRS and PERS and the District's required contributions to such pension plans.

STRS. All full-time certificated employees, as well as certain classified employees, are members of STRS. STRS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries under a defined benefit program (the "STRS Defined Benefit Program"). The STRS Defined Benefit Program is a multiple-employer defined benefit plan which is funded through a combination of investment earnings and statutorily set contributions from three sources: employees, employers, and the State. Benefit provisions and contribution amounts are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended from time to time.

Prior to fiscal year 2014-15, and unlike typical defined benefit programs, none of the employer, employee or State contribution rates to the STRS Defined Benefit Program varied annually to make up funding shortfalls or assess credits for actuarial surpluses. In recent years, the combined employer, employee and State contributions to the STRS Defined Benefit Program have not been sufficient to pay actuarially required amounts. As a result, and due to significant investment losses, the unfunded actuarial liability of the STRS Defined Benefit Program has increased significantly in recent fiscal years. In September 2013, STRS projected that the STRS Defined Benefit Program would be depleted in 31 years assuming existing contribution rates continued, and other significant actuarial assumptions were realized. In an effort to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of the STRS Defined Benefit Program, in 2014 the State passed the legislation described below to increase contribution rates.

Prior to July 1, 2014, K-14 school districts were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of eligible salary expenditures, while participants contributed 8% of their respective salaries. On June 24, 2014, the Governor signed AB 1469 ("AB 1469") into law as a part of the State's fiscal year 2014-15 budget. AB 1469 seeks to fully fund the unfunded actuarial obligation with respect to service credited to members of the STRS Defined Benefit Program before July 1, 2014 (the "2014 Liability"), by June 30, 2046, by increasing member,

K-14 school district and State contributions to STRS. Recent employee (member) contribution rates are set forth in the table below.

Table 10
MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATES
STRS (Defined Benefit Program)

Effective Date	STRS Members Hired Prior to January 1, 2013	STRS Members Hired After January 1, 2013
July 1, 2014	8.15%	8.150%
July 1, 2015	9.20	8.560
July 1, 2016	10.25	9.205
July 1, 2017	10.25	9.205
July 1, 2018	10.25	10.205
July 1, 2019	10.25	10.205
July 1, 2020	10.25	10.205
July 1, 2021	10.25	10.205
July 1, 2022	10.25	10.205
July 1, 2023	10.25	10.205

Source: AB 1469.

Pursuant to the Reform Act (defined below), the contribution rates for members (the "PEPRA Members") hired after January 1, 2013 (the "Implementation Date") will be adjusted if the normal cost increases by more than 1% since the last time the member contribution was set. This adjustment does not apply to members (the "Classic Members") hired before the Implementation Date. For fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, the contribution rate will be 10.250% for Classic Members and 10.205% for PEPRA Members.

Pursuant to AB 1469, K-14 school districts' employer contribution rates have increased over a seven-year phase-in period in accordance with the schedule set forth in the table below.

Table 11
K-14 SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION RATES
STRS (Defined Benefit Program)

Effective Date	K-14 School Districts <sup>(1)</sup>
July 1, 2014	8.88%
July 1, 2015	10.73
July 1, 2016	12.58
July 1, 2017	14.43
July 1, 2018	16.28
July 1, 2019	18.13
July 1, 2020	19.10
July 1, 2021	16.92
July 1, 2022	19.10
July 1, 2023	19.10

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentage of eligible salary expenditures to be contributed. Source: AB 1469.

Based upon the recommendation from its actuary, for fiscal year 2021-22 and each fiscal year thereafter the STRS Teachers' Retirement Board (the "STRS Board"), is required to increase or decrease the K-14 school districts' employer contribution rate to reflect the contribution required to eliminate the remaining 2014 Liability by June 30, 2046; provided that the rate cannot change in any fiscal year by more than 1% of creditable compensation upon which members' contributions to the STRS Defined Benefit Program are based; and provided further that such contribution rate cannot exceed a maximum of 20.25%. In addition to the increased contribution rates discussed above, AB 1469 also requires the STRS Board to report to the State Legislature every five years (commencing with a report due on or before July 1, 2019) on the fiscal health of the STRS Defined Benefit Program and the unfunded actuarial obligation with respect to service credited to members of that program before July 1, 2014. The reports are also required to identify adjustments required in contribution rates for K-14 school districts and the State in order to eliminate the 2014 Liability.

The State also contributed to STRS in an amount equal to 8.328% for fiscal year 2022-23. The State's contribution to STRS for fiscal year 2023-24 will remain 8.328%. The State's contribution reflects a base contribution rate of 2.017%, and a supplemental contribution rate that will vary from year to year based on statutory criteria. Based upon the recommendation from its actuary, for fiscal year 2017-18 and each fiscal year thereafter, the STRS Board is required, with certain limitations, to increase or decrease the State's contribution rates to reflect the contribution required to eliminate the unfunded actuarial accrued liability attributed to benefits in effect before July 1, 1990. However, the maximum increase or decrease in a given year is limited to 0.5% of payroll under the STRS valuation policy. Once the State has eliminated its share of the STRS' unfunded actuarial obligation, the State contribution will be immediately reduced to the base contribution rate of 2.017% of payroll.

In addition, the State is currently required to make an annual General Fund contribution up to 2.5% of the fiscal year covered STRS member payroll to the Supplemental Benefit Protection Account (the "SBPA"), which was established by statute to provide supplemental payments to beneficiaries whose purchasing power has fallen below 85% of the purchasing power of their initial allowance.

**PERS.** Classified employees working four or more hours per day are members of the California Public Classified employees working four or more hours per day are members of PERS. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the State statutes, as legislatively amended from time to time. PERS operates a number of retirement plans including the Public Employees Retirement Fund ("PERF"). PERF is a multiple-employer defined benefit retirement plan. In addition to the State, employer participants at June 30, 2022 included 1,601 public agencies and 1,335 K-14 school districts and charter schools. PERS acts as the common investment and administrative agent for the member agencies. The State and K-14 school districts (for "classified employees," which generally consist of school employees other than teachers) are required by law to participate in PERF. Employees participating in PERF generally become fully vested in their retirement benefits earned to date after five years of credited service. One of the plans operated by PERS is for K-14 school districts throughout the State (the "Schools Pool").

Contributions by employers to the Schools Pool are based upon an actuarial rate determined annually and contributions by plan members vary based upon their date of hire. The employer contribution rate was 25.37% in fiscal year 2022-23 and is 26.68% in fiscal year 2023-24. Classic Members contribute at a rate established by statute, which is 7% in fiscal year 2023-24, while PEPRA Members contribute at an actuarially determined rate, which was 8% in fiscal year 2023-24. See "—California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013" herein.

State Pension Trusts. Each of STRS and PERS issues a separate comprehensive financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. Copies of such financial reports may be obtained from each of STRS and PERS as follows: (i) STRS, P.O. Box 15275, Sacramento, California 95851-0275; (ii) PERS, P.O. Box 942703, Sacramento, California 94229-2703. STRS and PERS each maintain a

website, as follows: (i) STRS: www.calstrs.com; (ii) PERS: www.calpers.ca.gov. The information presented in such financial reports and on such websites is not incorporated into this Official Statement by any reference.

Both STRS and PERS have substantial statewide unfunded liabilities. The amount of these unfunded liabilities will vary depending on actuarial assumptions, returns on investments, salary scales and participant contributions. The table below summarizes information regarding the recent actuarially-determined accrued liability for both STRS and PERS (Schools Pool). Actuarial assessments are "forward-looking" information that reflect the judgment of the fiduciaries of the pension plans, and are based upon a variety of assumptions, one or more of which may not materialize or be changed in the future. Actuarial assessments will change with the future experience of the pension plans.

Table 12
Funded Status
STRS (Defined Benefit Program) and PERS (School Pool)
(Dollar Amounts in Millions)<sup>(1)</sup>
Fiscal Years 2016-17 through 2021-22

Fiscal Year	Accrued Liability	Value of Trust Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup>	Unfunded Liability (MVA) <sup>(3)</sup>	Value of Trust Assets (AVA) <sup>(4)</sup>	Unfunded Liability (AVA) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>
2016-17	\$286,950	\$197,718	\$103,468	\$179,689	\$107,261
2017-18	297,603	211,367	101,992	190,451	107,152
2018-19	310,719	225,466	102,636	205,016	105,703
2019-20	322,127	233,253	107,999	216,252	105,875
2020-21	332,082	292,980	60,136	242,363	89,719
2021-22	346,089	283,340	85,803	257,537	88,552
			PERS		
		Value of Trust	Unfunded Liability	Value of Touch	
Fiscal Year	Accrued Liability	Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup>	(MVA) <sup>(3)</sup>	Value of Trust Assets (AVA)	Unfunded Liability (AVA)
<i>Fiscal Year</i> 2016-17	Accrued Liability \$ 84,416		,	•	,
- 1	,	Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup> \$60,865	(MVA) <sup>(3)</sup> \$23,551	Assets (AVA)	(AVA)
	\$ 84,416 92,071	Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup> \$60,865 64,846	(MVA) <sup>(3)</sup> \$23,551 27,225	Assets (AVA)	(AVA)
2016-17 2017-18	\$ 84,416	Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup> \$60,865	(MVA) <sup>(3)</sup> \$23,551	Assets (AVA)(6)(6)	(AVA)(6)(6)
2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 84,416 92,071 99,528	Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup> \$60,865 64,846 68,177	(MVA) <sup>(3)</sup> \$23,551 27,225 31,351	Assets (AVA) (6)(6)(6)	(AVA)(6)(6)(6)

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: PERS Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation; STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation.

<sup>(2)</sup> Reflects market value of assets, including the assets allocated to the SBPA reserve. Since the benefits provided through the SBPA are not a part of the projected benefits included in the actuarial valuations summarized above, the SBPA reserve is subtracted from the STRS Defined Benefit Program assets to arrive at the value of assets available to support benefits included in the respective actuarial valuations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unfunded Liability (MVA) is equal to the Accrued Liability column minus the Value of Trust Assets (MVA) column minus the amount deposited in the Supplemental Benefits Maintenance Account reserve, which is not available to provide benefits under the STRS Defined Benefit Program.

<sup>(4)</sup> Based on actuarial value of assets.

<sup>(5)</sup> Unfunded Liability (AVA) is equal to the Accrued Liability column minus the Value of Trust Assets (AVA) column.

<sup>(6)</sup> Effective with the June 30, 2014 valuation, PERS no longer uses an actuarial valuation of assets.

<sup>(7)</sup> For fiscal year 2020-21, the State made an additional \$430 million contribution pursuant to Assembly Bill 84/Senate Bill 111 ("AB 84"), which additional contribution did not directly impact the actuarially determined contribution as it was not yet in the Schools Pool by the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation date. The additional State contribution was treated as an advance payment toward the unfunded accrued liability contribution with required employer contribution rate correspondingly reduced.

<sup>(8)</sup> For fiscal year 2021-22, the impact of the additional \$330 million State contribution made pursuant to AB 84 was directly reflected in the actuarially determined contribution, because the additional payment was in the Schools Pool as of the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation date, which served to reduce the required employer contribution rate by 2.16% of payroll.

The STRS Board has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions and methods used for the valuation of the STRS Defined Benefit Program. Based on the multi-year CalSTRS Experience Analysis (spanning from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015) (the "2017 Experience Analysis"), on February 1, 2017, the STRS Board adopted a new set of actuarial assumptions that reflect members' increasing life expectancies and current economic trends. These new assumptions were first reflected in the STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation, as of June 30, 2016 (the "2016 STRS Actuarial Valuation"). The new actuarial assumptions include, but are not limited to: (i) adopting a generational mortality methodology to reflect past improvements in life expectancies and provide a more dynamic assessment of future life spans, (ii) decreasing the investment rate of return (net of investment and administrative expenses) to 7.25% for the 2016 STRS Actuarial Valuation and 7.00% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial evaluation (the "2017 STRS Actuarial Valuation"), and (iii) decreasing the projected wage growth to 3.50% and the projected inflation rate to 2.75%.

Based on the multi-year CalSTRS Experience Analysis (spanning from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018) (the "2020 Experience Analysis"), on January 31, 2020, the STRS Board adopted a new set of actuarial assumptions that were first reflected in the STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation, as of June 30, 2019 (the "2019 STRS Actuarial Valuation"). While no changes were made to the actuarial assumptions discussed above, which were established as a result of the 2017 Experience Analysis, certain demographic changes were made, including: (i) lowering the termination rates to reflect a continued trend of lower than expected teachers leaving their employment prior to retirement, and (ii) adopting changes to the retirement rates for both employees hired before the Implementation Date and after the Implementation Date to better reflect the anticipated impact of years of service on retirements. The 2022 STRS Actuarial Valuation (defined below) continues using the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method.

The STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation, as of June 30, 2022 (the "2022 STRS Actuarial Valuation") reports that, based on an actuarial value of assets, the unfunded actuarial obligation decreased by approximately \$1.17 billion since the 2021 STRS Actuarial Valuation and the funded ratio increased by 1.4% to 74.4% over such time period, despite a negative investment return in fiscal year 2021-22. The main reason for the increase in the funded ratio was the recognition of the deferred investment gains from prior years, primarily an investment gain of 27.2% in fiscal year 2020-21, which has been partially offset by the impact of the less -than -assumed investment return for the most recently completed fiscal year (2021-22). For actuarial purposes, the STRS Board has approved the use of an actuarial value of assets, which smooths the volatility of investment returns by reflecting only one-third of the net accumulated investment gains or losses in a year. The investment gains that were set aside in the 2021 STRS Actuarial Valuation were more than sufficient to cover the full impact of the negative investment return in fiscal year 2021-22. Another reason for the improved funding levels and decrease in unfunded actuarial obligation were the additional supplemental payments made by the State in fiscal year 2021-22 (\$584 million in fiscal year 2021-22 above what was required by the contribution rate adopted by the STRS Board). Using the Fair Market Value of Assets, the funded ratio has decreased by 6.7% since the previous Actuarial Valuation from 81.9% to 75.2%, primarily due to the actual market returns for the 2021-22 fiscal year being less than the assumed investment return of 7%. The STRS Board has no authority to adjust rates to pay down the portion of the unfunded actuarial obligation related to service accrued on or after July 1, 2014 for member benefits adopted after 1990 (the "Unallocated UAO"). There was a decrease in the surplus (a negative unfunded actuarial obligation) for the Unallocated UAO from \$469 million as of June 30, 2021 to \$359 million as of June 30, 2022.

According to the 2022 STRS Actuarial Valuation, the future revenues from contributions and appropriations for the STRS Defined Benefit Program are projected to be approximately sufficient to finance its obligations with a projected ending funded ratio in fiscal year ending June 30, 2046 of 100.3%. This finding assumes adjustments to contribution rates in line with the funding plan and STRS Board policies, the future recognition of the currently deferred asset gains, and is based on the valuation assumptions and valuation policy adopted by the STRS Board, including a 7.00% investment rate of return assumption.

In its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, STRS reported a money weighted net return on investment of negative 2.4% and time-weighted net return on investments of negative 1.3% for fiscal year 2021-22, ending with the total fund value of \$301.6 billion as of June 30, 2022. When STRS released the preliminary investment return for fiscal year 2021-22 on July 29, 2022, STRS noted that it is the first negative return since 2009, reflecting the ongoing volatility in the global financial markets impacted by inflation, rising interest rates, COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine. Due in part to the 27.2% return in fiscal year 2020-21, STRS remains in position to be fully funded by 2046.

On November 2, 2022, STRS released is 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks (the STRS 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks"), which is based on the 2021 STRS Actuarial Valuation and reflects all relevant changes that have occurred since 2021 STRS Actuarial Valuation, including the negative 2.4% money-weighted investment loss reported for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The key results and findings noted in the STRS 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks were that (i) the State's share of the STRS unfunded actuarial obligation is still projected to be eliminated prior to 2046 (currently projected to be eliminated by fiscal year 2029-30), but not as early as projected in the June 30, 2021 valuation, (ii) the current contribution rates for the State and employers are projected to be sufficient to eliminate their share of the STRS unfunded actuarial obligation by 2046, and contribution rate increases are not expected to be needed for fiscal year 2023-24, (iii) the largest risk facing STRS' ability to reach full funding remains investment-related risk, especially considering the Defined Benefit Program continues to mature, which will increase the system's sensitivity to investment experience, and the State's share of the unfunded actuarial obligation could quickly increase if STRS were to experience another year in which the investment return is significantly below the assumed rate of return, (iv) anticipated continued decreases in enrollment in K-12 public schools could lead to future declines in the size of the active membership, resulting in lower than anticipated payroll growth, which could negatively impact STRS' ability to achieve full funding, requiring contribution rate increases, especially among employers, (v) a recession resulting in a period of low investment returns and a decline in the size of the active membership could hurt STRS ability to reach full funding, and (vi) the ability of the funding plan to allow STRS to reach full funding is dependent on STRS meeting its current actuarial assumptions over the long term, while uncertainty around inflation, investment markets, and payroll growth could put pressure on STRS' ability to meet some of its long-term actuarial assumptions. In addition, with respect to investment related risks, the STRS 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks notes that once the State's supplemental contribution rate is reduced to zero (as discussed above), if it were ever needed to be increased again, the STRS Board will be limited to increases of only 0.5% of payroll each year, which could take the STRS Board years before it is able to increase the rate to the levels necessary to reduce any newly realized unfunded actuarial obligation.

Between 2019 and 2020, the number of teachers actively working dropped from approximately 451,000, to approximately 448,000. Between 2020 and 2021, the number of active teachers continued to drop to approximately 429,000, which resulted in a payroll that remained flat, below the 3.5% annual payroll growth assumption. In 2022, the total number of active members was back to the levels last seen prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing by approximately 20,000 over the last fiscal year. The total payroll increased by more than 6% over the last fiscal year, resulting in STRS collecting more contributions from employers than expected. The STRS 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks notes that, a likely contributor to the decline in active membership in 2020-21 was the higher than expected retirements STRS experienced that fiscal year and the uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although an increase in retirements would normally not impact long-term funding, decisions made by employers about whether to replace the teachers who have retired can impact STRS ability to reach full funding by 2046, especially if it leads to an overall reduction in the number of teachers working in the State and a reduction in total payroll. The STRS 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks, also notes that another area of particular concern related to payroll growth and the number of teachers in the State is the decreasing population of children enrolled in K-12 schools in the State. Total enrollment in public schools in the State dropped 271,000, or 4.4%, between 2019-20 and 2021-22. Several factors contributed to the drop of enrollment during that time period, including the increase in the number of homeschool students and students enrolled in private schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The STRS 2022 Review of Funding Levels and Risks notes that it is unclear whether the

decrease in overall enrollment is permanent or simply a temporary effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION—Considerations Regarding COVID-19." In September 2022, the State updated its projection of K-12 enrollment for the State, which assumes the number of children enrolled in K-12 schools will decline approximately 9% over the next 10 years.

In recent years, the PERS Board of Administration (the "PERS Board") has taken several steps, as described below, intended to reduce the amount of the unfunded accrued actuarial liability of its plans, including the Schools Pool.

On March 14, 2012, the PERS Board voted to lower the PERS' rate of expected price inflation and its investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) (the "PERS Discount Rate") from 7.75% to 7.5%. On February 18, 2014, the PERS Board voted to keep the PERS Discount Rate unchanged at 7.5%. On November 17, 2015, the PERS Board approved a new funding risk mitigation policy to incrementally lower the PERS Discount Rate by establishing a mechanism whereby such rate is reduced by a minimum of 0.05% to a maximum of 0.25% in years when investment returns outperform the existing PERS Discount Rate by at least four percentage points. On December 21, 2016, the PERS Board voted to lower the PERS Discount Rate to 7.0% over a three year phase-in period in accordance with the following schedule: 7.375% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation, 7.25% for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation and 7.00% for the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation. The reduced discount rate went into effect July 1, 2017 for the State and July 1, 2018 for K-14 school districts and other public agencies. Lowering the PERS Discount Rate means employers that contract with PERS to administer their pension plans will see increases in their normal costs and unfunded actuarial liabilities. Active members hired after January 1, 2013, under the Reform Act (defined below) will also see their contribution rates rise. The PERS Funding Risk Mitigation Policy recently triggered an automatic decrease of 0.2% in the PERS Discount Rate due to the investment return in fiscal year 2020-21, lowering such rate to 6.8%.

On April 17, 2013, the PERS Board approved new actuarial policies aimed at returning PERS to fully-funded status within 30 years. The policies included a rate smoothing method with a 30-year fixed amortization period for gains and losses, a five-year increase of public agency contribution rates, including the contribution rate at the onset of such amortization period, and a five year reduction of public agency contribution rates at the end of such amortization period. The new actuarial policies were first included in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation and were implemented with respect the State, K-14 school districts and all other public agencies in fiscal year 2015-16.

Also, on February 20, 2014, the PERS Board approved new demographic assumptions reflecting (i) expected longer life spans of public agency employees and related increases in costs for the PERS system and (ii) trends of higher rates of retirement for certain public agency employee classes, including police officers and firefighters. The new actuarial assumptions were first reflected in the Schools Pool in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation. The increase in liability due to the new assumptions will be amortized over 20 years with increases phased in over five years, beginning with the contribution requirement for fiscal year 2016-17. The new demographic assumptions affect the State, K-14 school districts and all other public agencies.

On February 14, 2018, the PERS Board approved a new actuarial amortization policy with an effective date for actuarial valuations beginning on or after June 30, 2019, which includes (i) shortening the period over which actuarial gains and losses are amortized from 30 years to 20 years, (ii) requiring that amortization payments for all unfunded accrued liability bases established after the effective date be computed to remain a level dollar amount throughout the amortization period, (iii) removing the 5-year ramp-up and ramp-down on unfunded accrued liability bases attributable to assumptions changes and non-investment gains/losses established on or after the effective date and (iv) removing the 5-year ramp-down on investment gains/losses established after the effective date. While PERS expects that reducing the amortization period for certain sources of unfunded liability will increase future average funding ratios, provide faster recovery of funded status following market downturns, decrease expected cumulative contributions, and mitigate concerns over intergenerational equity, such changes may result in increases in future employer contribution rates.

The PERS Board is required to undertake an experience study every four years under its Actuarial Assumptions Policy and State law. As a result of the most recent experience study, on November 17, 2021 (the "2021 Experience Study"), the PERS Board approved new actuarial assumptions, including (i) lowering the inflation rate to 2.30% per year, (ii) increasing the assumed real wage inflation assumption to 0.5%, which results in a total wage inflation of 2.80%, (iii) increasing the payroll growth rate to 2.80%, and (iv) certain changes to demographic assumptions relating to modifications to the mortality rates, retirement rates, and disability rates (both work and non-work related), and rates of salary increases due to seniority and promotion. These actuarial assumptions will be incorporated into the actuarial valuation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and will first impact contribution rates for school districts beginning in fiscal year 2022-23. Based on the timing of the study, the member data used in the analysis, which runs through June 30, 2019, does not include the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Preliminary analysis of the system experience since the beginning of the pandemic has shown demographic experience (e.g. retirements, deaths, etc.) did differ from the current actuarial assumptions in some areas, which will be more precisely quantified in future actuarial valuations.

On November 15, 2021, the PERS Board selected a new asset allocation mix through its periodic Asset Liability Management Study that will guide the fund's investment portfolio for the next four years, retained the current 6.8% discount rate and approved adding 5% leverage to increase diversification. The new asset allocation took effect July 1, 2022 and will impact contribution rates for employers and PEPRA Members beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.

In November 2022, PERS released its 2022 Annual Review of Funding Levels and Risk (the "2022 PERS Funding Levels and Risk Report"), which provided a summary of the current funding levels of the system, the near-term outlook for required contributions and risks faced by the system in the near and longterm. The results presented in the 2022 PERS Funding Levels and Risk Report are based on the June 30, 2021 annual valuations, which have been projected forward to June 30, 2022 based on preliminary investment performance for the year ending June 30, 2022. The unfavorable investment returns during the year ending June 30, 2022 resulted in decreases to the funded ratios for PERS plans. The funded status of the Schools Pool decreased from 78.3% as of June 30, 2021 to a projected 69% as of June 30, 2022. The 2022 PERS Funding Levels and Risk Report notes that the pandemic has the potential to alter the experience of the retirement system in several different areas, including investment returns, inflation, deaths, retirements, terminations, disability retirements, and pay increases. See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION—Considerations Regarding COVID-19." The 2022 PERS Funding Levels and Risk Report notes that over the next several years, inflation and near-term economic decline, also have the potential to either increase required contributions or add additional financial strain on employers and their ability to make required contributions. PERS and its members are potentially impacted by high inflation because, while wages generally keep pace with inflation over the long-term and many retirees are likely to receive higher cost-of-living adjustments, they will likely still lose purchasing power, and increases in wages exceeding the assumed increases and higher COLAs would result in higher contributions for employers. In addition, many forecasters are predicting an economic slowdown in the near future, which could lead to lower investment returns, increased investment volatility, and higher unemployment. If the system experiences lower than expected investment returns, the potential impact on required contributions, combined with the impacts of high inflation, could push contribution rates to levels that would prove challenging for some employers.

The Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2022 (the "2022 PERS Actuarial Valuation"), reported that from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 the funded ratio of the Schools Pool decreased by 10.4% (from 78.3% to 67.9%), which was primarily due to investment return in 2021-22 being lower than expected. The investment return for the year ending June 30, 2022 was approximately -6.1% reduced for administrative expenses, lower than the assumed return of 6.8%, leading to an investment experience loss. This loss will be amortized over 20 years with a five-year ramp (phase-in). When PERS released the preliminary investment returns for fiscal year 2021-22 on July 20, 2022, PERS noted that volatile global financial markets, geopolitical instability, domestic interest rate hikes, and inflation all had an impact on the investment return. Non-investment experience produced a net loss of approximately \$1.6 billion, driven by annuitant cost-of-living adjustments greater than assumed and salary increases greater than assumed. These experience losses

generated new unfunded liability, increasing the unfunded liability component of the required employer contribution rate for the next 20 years in accordance with the actuarial amortization policy. The 2022 PERS Actuarial Valuation reports that the contribution rate for fiscal year 2024-25 is projected to be 27.8%, the contribution rate for fiscal year 2025-26 is projected to be 28.5%, the contribution rate for fiscal year 2026-27 is projected to be 28.9%, the contribution rate for fiscal year 2027-28 is projected to be 30.3%, and the contribution rate for fiscal year 2028-29 is projected to be 30.1%. The projected contribution rates in the 2022 PERS Actuarial Valuation reflect an investment loss for fiscal year 2022-23 based on preliminary investment return information released by the PERS Investment Office. Further, projected rates reflect the anticipated decrease in normal cost due to new hires entering lower cost benefit tiers. The projections assume that all actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits or funding will occur during the projection period. Future contribution requirements may differ significantly. The actual long-term cost of the plan will depend on the actual benefits and expenses paid and the actual investment experience of the fund. The PERS actuary noted in the 2022 PERS Actuarial Valuation that, during the period between the valuation date and the publication of the 2022 PERS Actuarial Valuation, inflation has been higher than the expected inflation rate of 2.3% per annum. Because inflation influences costof-living increases for retirees and beneficiaries and active member pay increases, higher inflation is likely to put at least some upward pressure on contribution requirements and downward pressure on the funded status in the June 30, 2023 valuation.

On July 19, 2023, PERS reported a preliminary net return on investment of 5.8% for fiscal year 2022-23. When factoring in PERS' discount rate of 6.8% — comparable to an assumed annual rate of return – and the 2022-23 preliminary return of 5.8%, the estimated funded status now stands at 72%. As of June 30, 2023, assets were valued at \$462.8 billion. The final investment return for fiscal year 2022-23 will be calculated based on audited figures and will be reflected in contribution levels for the State and school district employers in fiscal year 2024-25.

The District can make no representations regarding the future program liabilities of STRS, or whether the District will be required to make additional contributions to STRS in the future above those amounts required under AB 1469. The District can also provide no assurances that the District's required contributions to PERS will not increase in the future.

California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. On September 12, 2012, the Governor signed into law the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (the "Reform Act"), which makes changes to both STRS and PERS, most substantially affecting new employees hired after January 1, 2013 (the "Implementation Date"). For PEPRA Members, the Reform Act changes the normal retirement age by increasing the eligibility for the 2% age factor (the age factor is the percent of final compensation to which an employee is entitled for each year of service) from age 60 to 62 and increasing the eligibility of the maximum age factor of 2.4% from age 63 to 65. Similarly, for non-safety PERS participants hired after the Implementation Date, the Reform Act changes the normal retirement age by increasing the eligibility for the 2% age factor from age 55 to 62 and increasing the eligibility requirement for the maximum age factor of 2.5% to age 67. Among the other changes to PERS and STRS, the Reform Act also: (i) requires all new participants enrolled in PERS and STRS after the Implementation Date to contribute at least 50% of the total annual normal cost of their pension benefit each year as determined by an actuary, (ii) requires STRS and PERS to determine the final compensation amount for employees based upon the highest annual compensation earnable averaged over a consecutive 36-month period as the basis for calculating retirement benefits for new participants enrolled after the Implementation Date (previously 12 months for STRS members who retire with 25 years of service), and (iii) caps "pensionable compensation" for new participants enrolled after the Implementation Date at 100% of the federal Social Security contribution (to be adjusted annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers) and benefit base for members participating in Social Security or 120% for members not participating in social security (to be adjusted annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers), while excluding previously allowed forms of compensation under the formula such as payments for unused vacation, annual leave, personal leave, sick leave, or compensatory time off.

# **Post-Employment Benefits**

The District provides a single-employer defined post-employment benefit (the "OPEB") plan offering medical benefits for eligible retirees who retire from the District on or after attaining the age of 55 with at least 10 years of service. As of June 30, 2022 in the OPEB plan consisted of 123 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits and 417 active members. The District recognizes these post-employment health care benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. The District incurred \$646,490 during fiscal year 2021-22.

In June 2015, GASB issued Statement 75, which replaced the requirements under the GASB Statement 45, which was previously used to report the District's post-employment benefits. The provisions in Statement 75 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. The primary objective of Statement 75 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions. Statement 75 also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for other post-employment benefit plans that is provided by other entities. Statement 75 results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for all postemployment benefits (pensions and OPEB) with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and inter-period equity, and creating additional transparency.

More specifically, Statement 75 requires the liability of employers to be measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service (total OPEB liability), less the amount of the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. Statement 75 requires the recognition of the total OPEB liability in the Statement of Net Position.

The District's most recent actuarial valuation report for the District OPEB Plan, dated December 20, 2022 (the "Valuation Report"), reflects the application of GASB Statement 75. Based on such actuarial valuation report, the total liability for the District OPEB Plan was \$20,189,851 as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date. This amount represented the present value of all benefits projected to be paid by the District for current and future retirees. The Valuation Report further estimates that the District's OPEB expense for fiscal year 2022-23 was \$1,838,918.

The District recognizes the post-employment health care benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent actuarial valuation report for the District OPEB Plan did not provide an actuarially determined contribution for the District OPEB Plan (i.e. a contribution amount that is projected to fully fund the District OPEB Plan over a period of amortization). The District contributed \$646,490 to the District OPEB Plan in fiscal year 2021-22. The changes in net District OPEB Plan liability as of June 30, 2022, are shown in the following table:

Total District OPEB Plan Liability	June 30, 2022
Service Cost	\$ 1,672,388
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	459,991
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	581,031
Changes of Assumptions	1,003,521
Benefits Payments	(646,490)
Net Change in OPEB Liability	3,070,441
Total OPEB Liability, Beginning	20,072,470
Total OPEB Liability, Ending	\$23,142,911

Source: District Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2021-22.

See Note 9 to the District's June 30, 2022 Financial Statements set forth in Appendix B hereto.

The District has created a Retiree Benefits Fund into which it can voluntarily contribute money to pay-down its OPEB liability.

#### Insurance

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts, damage to District assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries and natural disasters. The District obtains property, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage from the Alliance of Schools Cooperative Insurance Program (ASCIP), which arranges for and provides such insurance for its member districts. The District pays premiums commensurate with the level of coverage requested through ASCIP. The School's Excess Liability Fund (SELF) provides excess insurance to the District for claims up to \$55,000,000. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the last three years. There has not been any significant reduction in coverage in the last year.

ASCIP is established pursuant to the provisions of the California Government Code and has local school districts as participants. Each participating district has one vote for their representative on the board of directors. The ASCIP board controls its operation, including selection of management, and approval of operating budgets, independent of any influence of the member districts beyond their representation on the board. The relationship between the District and ASCIP is such that ASCIP is not a component unit of the District for financial reporting purposes. Each member pays a premium commensurate with the level of coverage requested and shares surpluses and deficits proportionate to its participation in ASCIP.

#### Cybersecurity

The District, like many other public and private entities, relies on a large and complex technology environment to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, or sensitive information, the District is subject to multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. Entities or individuals may attempt to gain unauthorized access to the District's digital systems for the purposes of misappropriating assets or information or causing operational disruption and damage. To date, the District has not experienced an attack on its computer operating systems which resulted in a breach of its cybersecurity systems that are in place. However, no assurances can be given that the District's efforts to manage cyber threats and attacks will be successful or that any such attack will not materially impact the operations or finances of the District. Additionally, the District carries cybersecurity insurance through ASCIP that provides coverage for between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000 per occurrence based on the type of claim, subject to a \$5,000 deductible.

#### DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS

# **Accounting Practices**

The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles and are in accordance with the policies and procedures of the California School Accounting Manual. This manual, according to Section 41010 of the California Education Code, is to be followed by all State school districts.

The District generally adopts the Government Accounting Standards Board Statements for its financial reporting. Changes to the GASB Statements can result in changes in accounting principles which impact the District's financial reporting and results. See Note 1.J to the District's June 30, 2022 Financial Statements set forth in Appendix B hereto.

# **District Budget**

The District is required by provisions of the California Education Code to maintain each year a balanced budget in which the sum of expenditures plus the ending fund balance cannot exceed the revenues plus the carry over fund balance from the previous year. The California State Department of Education imposes a uniform budgeting format for each school district in the State.

School districts must adopt a budget no later than June 30 of each year. The budget must be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools (the "County Superintendent") within five days of adoption or by July 1, whichever occurs first. The budget is only readopted if it is disapproved by the County Superintendent, or as needed.

Upon receipt of an adopted budget, the County Superintendent will (a) examine the adopted budget for compliance with the standards and criteria adopted by the State Board of Education and identify technical corrections necessary to bring the budget into compliance, (b) determine if the adopted budget allows the district to meet its current obligations, (c) determine if the adopted budget is consistent with a financial plan that will enable the district to meet its multi-year financial commitments, (d) determine whether the adopted budget includes the expenditures necessary to implement the local control and accountability plan or annual update thereto, and (e) determine whether the adopted budget includes a combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balance that exceeds the minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties. On or before September 15, the County Superintendent will approve, conditionally approve or disapprove the adopted budget for each school district.

If the County Superintendent determines that the adopted budget does not satisfy one or more of the requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, the County Superintendent shall transmit recommendations regarding revisions to the adopted budget to the school district and the reasons therefor. The County Superintendent may assign a fiscal adviser to assist the school district to develop a budget in compliance with those revisions. In addition, the County Superintendent may appoint a committee to examine and comment on the review and recommendations, subject to the requirement that the committee report its findings to the County Superintendent no later than September 20.

If the adopted budget of a school district is conditionally approved or disapproved by the County Superintendent, on or before October 8, the governing board of the school district, in conjunction with the County Superintendent, shall review and respond to the recommendations of the County Superintendent at a regular meeting of the governing board of the school district. The response shall include any revisions to the adopted budget and other proposed actions to be taken, if any, as a result of those recommendations.

No later than October 22, the County Superintendent must notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (the "State Superintendent") of all school districts whose budget has been disapproved.

Upon receipt of a revised budget, the County Superintendent must determine whether the revised budget conforms to the standards and criteria applicable to final district budgets. If the revised budget is disapproved, the County Superintendent will call for the formation of a budget review committee pursuant to Education Code Section 42127.1, unless the governing board of the school district and the County Superintendent agree to waive the requirement that a budget review committee be formed and the department approves the waiver after determining that a budget review committee is not necessary.

If a budget review committee is appointed and recommends approval of the adopted budget, the County Superintendent shall accept the recommendation of the committee and approve the adopted budget.

If the budget review committee disapproves the adopted budget, the governing board of the school district, not later than five working days after the receipt of the report from the budget review committee, may submit a response to the Superintendent, including any revisions to the adopted budget and any other proposed

actions to be taken as a result of the budget review committee's recommendations. Based upon these recommendations and any response thereto provided by the governing board of the school district, the Superintendent shall either approve or disapprove the revised budget. If the Superintendent disapproves the budget, he or she shall notify the governing board of the school district in writing of the reasons for that disapproval and, until the County Superintendent certifies the school district's First Interim Financial Report (as described below), the County Superintendent shall undertake the actions set forth in Section 42127.3.

Upon the grant of a waiver from the requirement to form a budget review committee, the County Superintendent immediately has the authority and responsibility provided in Section 42127.3. Upon approving a waiver of the budget review committee, the department shall ensure that a balanced budget is adopted for the school district by December 31. If no budget is adopted by December 31, the Superintendent may adopt a budget for the school district. The Superintendent shall report to the State Legislature and the Director of Finance by January 10 if any school district, including a school district that has received a waiver of the budget review committee process, does not have an adopted budget by December 31. This report shall include the reasons why a budget has not been adopted by the deadline, the steps being taken to finalize budget adoption, the date the adopted budget is anticipated, and whether the Superintendent has or will exercise his or her authority to adopt a budget for the school district.

Not later than November 8, the County Superintendent shall submit a report to the State Superintendent identifying all school district for which budgets have been disapproved or budget review committees waived.

Until a district's budget is approved, the district will operate on the lesser of its proposed budget for the current fiscal year or the last budget adopted and reviewed for the prior fiscal year.

After approving the districts' budgets, the County Superintendent will monitor, throughout the fiscal year, each school district under his or her jurisdiction pursuant to its adopted budget to determine on a continuing basis if the district can meet its current or subsequent year financial obligations. If a County Superintendent determines that a district cannot meet its current or subsequent year obligations, the County Superintendent may do either or both of the following: (a) assign a fiscal advisor to enable the district to meet those obligations, or (b) if a study and recommendations are made and a district fails to take appropriate action to meet its financial obligations, the County Superintendent must so notify the State Superintendent, and then may do any or all of the following for the remainder of the fiscal year: (i) request additional information regarding the district's budget and operations; (ii) develop and impose, also after consulting with the district's board, revisions to the budget that will enable the district to meet its financial obligations; and (iii) stay or rescind any action inconsistent with such revisions. However, the County Superintendent may not abrogate any provision of any collective bargaining agreement that was entered into prior to the date upon which the County Superintendent assumed authority.

At a minimum, school districts file with their County Superintendent and the State Department of Education a First Interim Financial Report by December 15 covering financial operations from July 1 through October 31 and a Second Interim Financial Report by March 15 covering financial operations from November 1 through January 31. Section 42131 of the Education Code requires that each interim report be certified by the school board as either (a) "positive," certifying that the district, "based upon current projections, will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years," (b) "qualified," certifying that the district, "based upon current projections, may not meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year or two subsequent fiscal years," or (c) "negative," certifying that the district, "based upon current projections, will be unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year." A certification by a school board may be revised by the County Superintendent. If either the First or Second Interim Report is not "positive," the County Superintendent may require the district to provide a Third Interim Financial Report covering financial operations from February 1 through April 30 by June 1. If not required, a Third Interim Financial Report is not prepared. Each interim report shows fiscal year to date financial operations and the current budget, with any budget amendments made

in light of operations and conditions to that point. After the close of the fiscal year on June 30, an unaudited financial report for the fiscal year is prepared and filed without certification with the County Superintendent and the State Department of Education. The District has not received a qualified or negative certification on its interim reports within the past five years.

Pursuant to State law, the District adopted its fiscal year 2023-24 budget (the "2023-24 Adopted Budget") on June 27, 2023, which set forth revenues and expenditures such that appropriations during fiscal year 2023-24 were not projected to exceed the sum of revenues for such fiscal year plus the July 1, 2023 beginning fund balance. See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS—Current Financial Condition" below.

# **State Funding of Education**

School district revenues consist primarily of appropriated State moneys, local property taxes and funds received from the State in the form of categorical aid under ongoing programs of local assistance. All State aid is subject to the appropriation of funds in the State's annual budget.

**Local Control Funding Formula.** State Assembly Bill 97 (Stats. 2013, Chapter 47) ("AB 97"), enacted as part of the fiscal year 2013-14 State budget, established a new system for funding school districts, charter schools and county offices of education. Certain provisions of AB 97 were amended and clarified by Senate Bill 91 (Stats. 2013, Chapter 49).

The primary component of AB 97, as amended by SB 91, is the implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF"), which replaced the revenue limit funding system for determining State apportionments, as well as the majority of categorical program funding. State allocations are now provided on the basis of target base funding grants (a "Base Grant") per unit of average daily attendance ("ADA") assigned to each of four grade spans. Each Base Grant is subject to certain adjustments and add-ons, as discussed below. Full implementation of the LCFF occurred over a period of eight fiscal years. In each year, an annual transition adjustment was calculated for each school district, equal to such district's proportionate share of appropriations included in the State budget to close the gap between the prior-year funding level and the target allocation following full implementation of the LCFF. In each year, school districts had the same proportion of their respective funding gaps closed, with dollar amounts varying depending on the size of a district's funding gap.

The Base Grants per unit of ADA for each grade span, as of the first year of the LCFF's implementation, were as follows: (i) \$6,845 for grade K-3; (ii) \$6,947 for grades 4-6; (iii) \$7,154 for grades 7-8; and (iv) \$8,289 for grades 9-12. During the implementation period of the LCFF, the Base Grants were adjusted for cost of living adjustments ("COLAs") by applying the implicit price deflator for government goods and services. The provision of COLAs is currently subject to appropriation for such adjustment in the annual State budget. The differences among Base Grants are linked to differentials in statewide average revenue limit rates by district type, and are intended to recognize the generally higher costs of education at higher grade levels.

The Base Grants for grades K-3 and 9-12 are subject to adjustments of 10.4% and 2.6%, respectively, to cover the costs of class size reduction in early grades and the provision of career technical education in high schools. Following full implementation of the LCFF, and unless otherwise collectively bargained for, school districts serving students in grades K-3 must maintain an average class enrollment of 24 or fewer students in grades K-3 at each school site in order to continue receiving the adjustment to the K-3 Base Grant. The District is satisfying the class enrollment criteria in fiscal year 2023-24. Such school districts must also make progress towards this class size reduction goal in proportion to the growth in their funding over the implementation period.

The Base Grants for grades TK-3 and 9-12 are subject to adjustments of 10.4% and 2.6%, respectively, to cover the costs of class size reduction in early grades and the provision of career technical education in high schools. Unless otherwise collectively bargained for, school districts serving students in grades K-3 must maintain an average class enrollment of 24 or fewer students in grades K-3 at each school site in order to continue receiving the adjustment to the K-3 Base Grant. Such school districts must also make progress towards this class size reduction goal in proportion to the growth in their funding over the implementation period.

The LCFF also provides additional add-ons to school districts that received categorical block grant funding pursuant to the Targeted Instructional Improvement and Home-to-School Transportation programs during fiscal year 2012-13. The State budget for fiscal year 2021-22 also implemented a plan to expand the LCFF to include Transitional Kindergarten (TK) to all four-year olds. This plan is expected to phase in cohorts of TK students over a four-year period, concluding in fiscal year 2025-26. As a result, school districts that serve TK students will be eligible to receive an add-on equal to \$2,813, multiplied by such district's second principal reporting period ADA for TK students for the current fiscal year. Beginning in fiscal year 2023-24, this add-on is subject to COLA adjustments to the same degree as LCFF Base Grants. For fiscal year 2023-24, the District has a budgeted ADA of 78.28 TK students.

School districts that serve students of limited English proficiency ("EL" students), students from low income families that are eligible for free or reduced priced meals ("LI" students) and foster youth are eligible to receive additional funding grants. Enrollment counts are unduplicated, such that students may not be counted as both EL and LI (foster youth automatically meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced priced meals, and are therefore not discussed herein separately). AB 97 authorizes a supplemental grant add-on (each, a "Supplemental Grant") for school districts that serve EL/LI students, equal to 20% of the applicable Base Grant multiplied by such districts' percentage of unduplicated EL/LI student enrollment. School districts whose EL/LI populations exceed 55% of their total enrollment are eligible for a concentration grant add-on (each, a "Concentration Grant") equal to 65% of the applicable Base Grant multiplied by the percentage of such district's unduplicated EL/LI student enrollment in excess of the 55% threshold. The District does not qualify for a Concentration Grant.

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Table 13 below shows a breakdown of the District's ADA by grade span, total enrollment, and the percentage of EL/LI student enrollment, for fiscal years 2019-20 through 2023-24.

# TABLE 13 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ADA, Enrollment and EL/LI Enrollment Percentage Fiscal Years 2019-20 through 2023-24 South Pasadena Unified School District

Average Daily Attendance <sup>(1)</sup>						Enro	llment
Fiscal Year	TK-3	4-6	7-8	9-12	Total ADA	Total Enrollment <sup>(2)</sup>	% of EL/LI Enrollment <sup>(2)</sup>
2019-20	1,418.76	1,151.16	773.91	1,399.13	4,742.96	4,860	20.68%
2020-21	1,418.76	1,151.16	773.91	1,399.13	4,742.96	4,718	20.33
2021-22	1,298.75	1,026.78	762.36	1,406.98	4,494.87	4,649	18.85
2022-23	1,303.43	1,001.73	722.31	1,425.62	4,453.09	4,654	19.18
2023-24	1,303.43	1,001.73	722.31	1,425.62	4,453.09	4,695	19.18

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects P-2 ADA. Because P-2 ADA for fiscal year 2023-24 will not be released until April 2024, Average Daily Attendance for fiscal year 2023-24 is based on prior fiscal year. Includes District's share of ADA in County funded charter schools.

Source: The District.

For certain school districts that would have received greater funding levels under the prior revenue limit system, the LCFF provides for a permanent economic recovery target ("ERT") add-on, equal to the difference between the revenue limit allocations such districts would have received under the prior system in fiscal year 2020-21, and the target LCFF allocations owed to such districts in the same year. To derive the projected funding levels, the LCFF assumes the discontinuance of deficit revenue limit funding, implementation of a 1.94% COLA in fiscal years 2014-15 through 2020-21, and restoration of categorical funding to pre-recession levels. The ERT add-on will be paid incrementally over the implementing period of the LCFF. The District does not believe that it will qualify for the ERT add-on for fiscal year 2023-24.

Prior to fiscal year 2022-23, the sum of a school district's adjusted Base, Supplemental and Concentration Grants was multiplied by such district's P-2 ADA for the current or prior year, whichever is greater (with certain adjustments applicable to small school districts). The 2022-23 State budget amended the LCFF calculation to allow the sum of a school district's adjusted Base, Supplemental and Concentration Grants to be multiplied by such district's P-2 ADA for the current year, prior year or average of three prior years, whichever is greater. The funding amount generated by this calculation, together with any applicable ERT or categorical block grant add-ons, will yield a district's total LCFF allocation. Generally, the amount of annual State apportionments received by a school district will amount to the difference between such total LCFF allocation and such district's share of applicable local property taxes. Most school districts receive a significant portion of their funding from such State apportionments. As a result, decreases in State revenues may significantly affect appropriations made by the Legislature to school districts.

Basic Aid or Community Funded School Districts. Certain school districts, known as "basic aid" districts, have allocable local property tax collections that equal or exceed such districts' total LCFF allocation, and result in the receipt of no State apportionment aid. Basic aid school districts receive only special categorical funding, which is deemed to satisfy the "basic aid" requirement of \$120 per student per year guaranteed by Article IX, Section 6 of the State Constitution. The implication for basic aid districts is that the legislatively determined allocations to school districts, and other politically determined factors, are less

<sup>(2)</sup> As of October report submitted to the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS). For purposes of calculating Supplemental and Concentration Grants, a school district's percentage of unduplicated EL/LI students will be based on a rolling average of such district's EL/LI enrollment for the then-current fiscal year and the two immediately preceding fiscal years. Enrollment for fiscal year 2023-24 is estimated.

significant in determining their primary funding sources. Rather, property tax growth and the local economy are the primary determinants. The District does not currently qualify as a basic aid district.

**Accountability.** Regulations adopted by the State Board of Education require that school districts increase or improve services for EL/LI students in proportion to the increase in funds apportioned to such districts on the basis of the number and concentration of such EL/LI students, and detail the conditions under which school districts can use supplemental or concentration funding on a school-wide or district-wide basis.

School districts are also required to adopt local control and accountability plans ("LCAPs") disclosing annual goals for all students, as well as certain numerically significant student subgroups, to be achieved in eight areas of State priority identified by the LCFF. LCAPs may also specify additional local priorities. LCAPs must specify the actions to be taken to achieve each goal, including actions to correct identified deficiencies with regard to areas of State priority. LCAPs are required to be adopted every three years, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15, and updated annually thereafter. The State Board of Education has adopted a template LCAP for use by school districts.

Support and Intervention. AB 97, as amended by SB 91, establishes a new system of support and intervention to assist school districts meet the performance expectations outlined in their respective LCAPs. School districts must adopt their LCAPs (or annual updates thereto) in tandem with their annual operating budgets, and not later than five days thereafter submit such LCAPs or updates to their respective county superintendents of schools. On or before August 15 of each year, a county superintendent may seek clarification regarding the contents of a district's LCAP (or annual update thereto), and the district is required to respond to such a request within 15 days. Within 15 days of receiving such a response, the county superintendent can submit non-binding recommendations for amending the LCAP or annual update, and such recommendations must be considered by the respective school district at a public hearing within 15 days. A district's LCAP or annual update must be approved by the county superintendent by October 8 of each year if the superintendent determines that (i) the LCAP or annual update adheres to the State template, and (ii) the district's budgeted expenditures are sufficient to implement the actions and strategies outlined in the LCAP. The District has adopted its LCAP for fiscal year 2023-24.

A school district is required to receive additional support if its respective LCAP or annual update thereto is not approved, if the district requests technical assistance from its respective county superintendent, or if the district does not improve student achievement across more than one State priority for one or more student subgroups. Such support can include a review of a district's strengths and weaknesses in the eight State priority areas, or the assignment of an academic expert to assist the district identify and implement programs designed to improve outcomes. Assistance may be provided by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, a state agency created by the LCFF and charged with assisting school districts achieve the goals set forth in their LCAPs. The State Board of Education has developed rubrics to assess school district performance and the need for support and intervention.

The State Superintendent is further authorized, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to intervene in the management of persistently underperforming school districts. The State Superintendent may intervene directly or assign an academic trustee to act on his or her behalf. In so doing, the State Superintendent is authorized (i) to modify a district's LCAP, (ii) impose budget revisions designed to improve student outcomes, and (iii) stay or rescind actions of the local governing board that would prevent such district from improving student outcomes; provided, however, that the State Superintendent is not authorized to rescind an action required by a local collective bargaining agreement.

*Other State Sources*. In addition to State allocations determined pursuant to the LCFF, the District receives other State revenues consisting primarily of restricted revenues designed to implement State mandated programs. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, categorical spending restrictions associated with a majority of State mandated programs were eliminated, and funding for these programs was folded into the LCFF.

Categorical funding for certain programs was excluded from the LCFF, and school districts will continue to receive restricted State revenues to fund these programs.

*Other Sources*. The federal government provides funding for several school district programs, including specialized programs such as Every Student Succeeds, special education programs, and programs under the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act. In addition, a small part of a school district's budget is from local sources other than property taxes, including but not limited to interest income, leases and rentals, educational foundations, donations and sales of property.

# **Historical General Fund Financial Information**

Table 14 below summarizes the District's Statement of General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for fiscal years 2017-18 through 2021-22. The figures in Table 14 below are taken from the District's audited financial statements. See APPENDIX B—"DISTRICT'S 2021-22 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" for further detail on the District's financial condition as of June 30, 2022.

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Table 14
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Summary of General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Audited 2017-18	Audited 2018-19	Audited 2019-20	Audited 2020-21	Audited 2021-22
REVENUES					
LCFF Sources	\$ 38,061,161	\$ 40,650,596	\$ 42,731,567	\$ 42,865,335	\$ 44,674,338
Federal Sources	1,309,270	1,376,574	1,421,187	3,304,359	4,408,828
Other State Sources	4,666,389	6,935,493	5,249,320	6,713,947	8,488,473
Other Local Sources	6,732,474	7,121,305	6,671,353	6,669,545	7,353,787
Total Revenues	\$ 50,769,294	\$ 56,083,968	<u>\$ 56,073,427</u>	<u>\$ 59,553,186</u>	<u>\$ 64,925,426</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	\$ 33,804,151	\$ 36,111,835	\$ 37,090,167	\$ 38,152,669	\$ 40,511,419
Instruction-Related Services	5,371,402	6,049,762	5,828,539	5,240,099	6,901,603
Pupil Services:	3,153,417	3,663,551	3,496,336	3,297,454	4,116,341
General Administration:	3,008,285	3,050,285	3,124,034	3,532,430	4,373,563
Plant Services	4,991,986	4,947,531	5,063,231	4,637,750	5,682,652
Facilities Acquisition and Maintenance	64,863	12,161	-	-	7,630
Ancillary Services	479,106	489,654	461,266	333,253	516,713
Community Services	19,912	37,596	17,924	13,072	29,488
Transfers to Other Agencies	444,127	498,703	501,498	500,552	646,243
Debt Service		<del></del>	<del></del>	<del></del>	163,639
Total Expenditures	\$ 51,337,249	\$ 54,861,078	<u>\$ 55,582,955</u>	\$ 55,723,958	<u>\$ 62,859,291</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (567,95 <u>5</u> )	\$ 1,222,890	\$ 490,472	\$ 3,829,227	\$ 2,066,135
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers In/Out	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 334,134</u>
Net Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 334,134</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (567,955)	\$ 1,222,890	\$ 490,472	\$ 3,829,227	\$ 2,400,269
Fund Balance – Beginning	7,421,208	6,853,253	8,076,143	8,566,615	12,395,842
Fund Balance – Ending	<u>\$ 6,853,253</u>	<u>\$ 8,076,143</u>	<u>\$ 8,566,615</u>	<u>\$ 12,395,842</u>	<u>\$ 14,796,111</u>

Source: South Pasadena Unified School District Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years 2017-18 through 2021-22.

Table 15 below compares the District's final General Fund Adopted Budget to its General Fund actual revenues and expenditures (Budgetary Basis) for fiscal year 2020-21 and its final General Fund Adopted Budget to its General Fund actual revenues and expenditures (Budgetary Basis) for fiscal year 2021-22.

Table 15
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Comparison of General Fund Budgeted to General Fund Revenues and
Expenditures for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22

	2020	9-21	2021-22		
	Budget	Actual <sup>(1)</sup>	Budget	Actual <sup>(1)</sup>	
REVENUES	O .		o .		
LCFF Sources	\$ 42,680,245	\$ 42,865,335	\$ 44,737,805	\$ 44,674,338	
Federal Sources	3,323,739	3,304,359	5,923,608	4,408,828	
Other State Sources	2,327,966	5,526,422	3,980,575	5,712,818	
Other Local Sources	6,935,500	6,669,545	7,302,463	8,007,162	
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 55,267,450</u>	<u>\$ 58,365,661</u>	<u>\$ 61,944,451</u>	<u>\$ 62,803,146</u>	
EXPENDITURES					
Certificated Salaries	\$ 23,381,933	\$ 23,784,398	\$ 25,764,198	\$ 25,474,799	
Classified Salaries	6,105,833	6,144,227	7,713,051	7,311,712	
Employee Benefits	11,358,493	11,909,255	12,646,179	12,518,057	
Books and Supplies	4,190,447	3,360,770	6,525,661	3,775,752	
Services and Other Operating Expenditures	7,829,576	7,491,684	10,958,320	10,078,021	
Capital Outlay	25,365	29,475	-	-	
Other Outgo					
Excluding Transfers of Indirect Costs	561,283	500,552	564,648	646,243	
Transfers of Indirect Costs	(74,920)	<del>-</del>	(62,500)	(55,082)	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 53,378,010</u>	\$ 53,220,361	<u>\$ 64,109,557</u>	<u>\$ 59,749,502</u>	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,889,440</u>	\$ 5,145,330	<u>\$ (2,165,106)</u>	\$ 3,053,644	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers In/Contributions	\$ (323,498)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers Out	(150,000)		(150,000)		
Net Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (473,498)</u>	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$ (150,000)</u>	<u>\$</u> -	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,415,942	\$ 5,145,300	\$ (2,315,106)	\$ 3,053,644	
Fund Balance – Beginning	8,566,615	8,566,615	12,395,842	12,395,842	
Fund Balances – Ending	<u>\$ 9,982,557</u>	<u>\$ 13,711,915</u>	\$ 10,080,736	<u>\$ 15,449,486</u>	

The actual amounts listed for revenues and expenses do not agree with the audited amounts in Table 14 in that: (i) on behalf of payments of \$2,503,598 in fiscal year 2020-21 and \$2,775,655 in fiscal year 2021-22 are not included in this table, (ii) audit adjustments of \$1,316,073 in fiscal year 2020-21 are not included in this table, (iii) audit adjustments of \$653,375 in Other Local Revenues in fiscal year 2021-22 is not included in this table, and (iv) expenditures and other financing sources related to GASB No. 87 are not included for fiscal year 2021-22.

Source: South Pasadena Unified School District adopted budget for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22 and Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

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Table 16 below sets forth the District's General Fund balance sheet for the 2017-18 through 2021-22 fiscal years.

Table 16
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Summary of Combined General Fund Balance Sheet

	Audited 2017-18	Audited 2018-19	Audited 2019-20	Audited 2020-21	<i>Audited</i> 2021-22
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$ 8,670,574	\$ 9,259,245	\$ 6,156,511	\$ 14,696,456	\$ 15,146,819
Accounts Receivable	1,176,138	2,100,658	7,206,127	7,896,507	7,010,263
Stores Inventory		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 9,846,712</u>	<u>\$ 11,359,893</u>	<u>\$ 13,362,638</u>	<u>\$ 22,592,963</u>	<u>\$ 22,157,082</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accrued Liabilities	\$ 2,756,373	\$ 3,214,147	\$ 4,676,113	\$ 3,374,849	\$ 4,141,041
Current Loans	<u>-</u>	-	-	$4,000,000^{(1)}$	-
Unearned Revenue	237,086	69,603	119,910	2,822,272	3,219,930
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,993,459	\$ 3,283,750	\$ 4,796,023	\$ 10,197,121	\$ 7,360,971
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	\$ 15,250	\$ 15,250	\$ 15,250	\$ 15,250	\$ 15,250
Restricted	2,864,250	4,090,250	4,565,316	7,045,587	9,190,361
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	3,973,753	3,970,643	3,986,049	5,335,005	5,590,500
Total Fund Balances	\$ 6,853,253	\$ 8,076,143	\$ 8,566,61 <u>5</u>	\$ 12,395,842	\$ 14,796,111
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 9,846,714</u>	\$ 11,359,893	\$ 13,362,638	\$ 22,592,963	\$ 22,157,082

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the proceeds received by the District from the issuance of tax revenue anticipation notes. Source: South Pasadena Unified School District Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years 2017-18 through 2021-22.

#### **Current Financial Condition**

The District's financial condition is closely linked to the finances of the State and the State's finances are affected by the health of the State and national economies. In recent years the State has had budget surpluses and funding to K-12 schools has increased, including in the initial years following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in the 2023-24 Budget (as defined below), the State projects that it will operate at a budget deficit for the next several fiscal years. Future budget decisions by the State could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition which could be material. See "STATE OF CALIFORNIA FISCAL ISSUES."

Table 17 below contains the difference between the District's adopted General Fund budget for fiscal year 2022-23 and the District's unaudited actual General Fund results for fiscal year 2022-23, as stated in the District's fiscal year 2022-23 Unaudited Financial Statements (the "2022-23 Unaudited Actuals"). Table 17 also contains the District's 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

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Table 17
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Comparison of 2022-23 Adopted General Fund Budget
to Unaudited Actual Results for Fiscal Year 2022-23; 2023-24 Adopted Budget

		iscal Year 2022-23 pted Budget	_	iscal Year 2022-23 Inaudited Actuals	% Difference Between 2022-23 Budget and 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals		Fiscal Year 2023-24 opted Budget
REVENUES		47.040.440	•	50 000 046	c <b>=</b> 0/		
LCFF Sources	\$	47,042,119	\$	50,089,246	6.5%	\$	51,479,714
Federal Revenue		3,243,910		3,189,875	(1.7)		2,325,299
Other State Revenue		5,406,637		11,607,565	114.7		5,760,050
Other Local Revenue	_	7,460,763	_	7,382,690	(1.0)	_	7,596,098
Total Revenues	\$	63,153,428	\$	72,269,376	14.4%	\$	67,161,161
EXPENDITURES							
Certificated Salaries	\$	25,182,233	\$	26,795,919	6.4%	\$	26,752,251
Classified Salaries		7,079,342		7,875,839	11.3		8,049,088
Employee Benefits		16,395,911		16,639,775	1.5		15,835,735
Books and Supplies		2,334,872		2,871,035	23.0		2,652,452
Services and Other Operating Expenditures		11,215,193		13,588,797	21.2		12,681,529
Capital Outlay		, , , <u>-</u>		569,013	N/A		161,863
Other Outgo (excluding Transfers of Indirect Costs)		618,611		860,769	39.1		650,347
Other Outgo – Transfers of Indirect Costs		(64,230)		(62,028)	3.4		(62,500)
Total Expenditures	\$	62,761,932	\$	69,139,120	10.2%	\$	66,720,765
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$	391,497	\$	3,130,256		\$	440,396
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES							
Interfund Transfers	\$	(150,000)	\$	_		\$	(150,000)
Sources/Uses		-		_			-
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	\$	(150,000)	\$	-		\$	(150,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$	241,497	\$	3,130,256		\$	290,396
FUND BALANCE, RESERVES							
Beginning Fund Balance, July 1 – Unaudited	\$	12,386,552	\$	15,449,486		\$	18,579,741
Ending Balance, June 30	\$	12,628,049	\$	18,579,741		\$	18,870,137

Source: South Pasadena Unified School District Annual Budget Report for fiscal year 2022-23, 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals, and 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

In its multi-year projections in the 2023-24 Adopted Budget, the District projects that General Fund revenues, together with transfers in, will exceed expenditures, together with transfers out, by \$290,396 in fiscal year 2023-24, but that General Fund expenditures, together with transfers out, will exceed revenues, together with transfers in, by \$522,331 and \$133,612 in fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26, respectively. In the aggregate, the District projects that General Fund expenditures, together with transfers out, will exceed revenues, together with transfers in, by approximately \$365,547 through June 30, 2026 leaving a projected General Fund balance of \$15,100,712 as of that date. The 2023-24 Adopted Budget projects no ADA growth through fiscal year 2025-26. If required, the District has a variety of cost-cutting measures that it believes it can implement in order to reduce General Fund expenses in future fiscal years, including reducing contributions to the textbook fund, retiree benefits and deferred maintenance accounts.

State law requires the District to maintain a reserve for economic uncertainty equal to at least 3% of General Fund expenditures and other financing uses. The District is also required to demonstrate that available reserves for each of the next two fiscal years will equal or exceed the required amount. In the 2023-24 Adopted Budget, the District projects available reserves of 9.49% in fiscal year 2023-24, 9.16% in fiscal year 2024-25 and 9.71% in fiscal year 2025-26.

Under SB 858 (as defined below), and SB 751 (as defined below), the District's future reserves may be capped in certain fiscal years. See "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS—Proposition 2" and "STATE OF CALIFORNIA FISCAL ISSUES—General Overview—School Reserves." In fiscal year 2022-23, the reserve cap established by SB 751 was implemented for the first time, which required the District to cap its Assigned Reserves for such fiscal years, which the District was able to do. The District expects the SB 751 reserve cap to again be implemented in fiscal year 2023-24, and similarly expects that it will be able to cap its Assigned Reserves for such fiscal year at 10%. As the reserve cap provisions of SB 858 and SB 751 are dependent upon State budget actions, the District cannot predict in which future fiscal years the cap may apply.

For several fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2013-14 and in fiscal years 2016-17, 2019-20 and 2020-21, the State deferred the payment of certain revenues due to school districts to the following fiscal year. In accordance with State accounting standards, the District applies a modified accrual method of accounting and, accordingly, Tables 14 through 17 do not reflect any deferral of revenues to future fiscal years.

The District does not anticipate needing to borrow funds on a short-term basis in order to have adequate cash on hand to meet expenditures in the current fiscal year, though the District may borrow from internal funds or from the County Treasurer on a short-term basis, if needed. See "DISTRICT DEBT STRUCTURE—Short-Term Debt" herein.

# **Considerations Regarding COVID-19**

An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the current novel coronavirus outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results.

State and Federal Response to COVID-19. The spread of COVID-19 had significant negative impacts throughout the world, including in the District. The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic, and states of emergency were declared by the State, the United States and many local governments. The purpose behind these declarations was to coordinate and formalize emergency actions and across federal, State and local governmental agencies, and to proactively prepare for a wider spread of the virus.

The District incurred both additional costs and savings due to COVID-19. As a result of State and federal actions, the District expects to receive a total of approximately \$8.1 million in one-time federal and State moneys from various legislative sources in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic through fiscal year 2023-24 through various local, State and federal actions and programs described below. The District anticipates using these moneys for operations and continuity of services, and to offset all increased costs in such fiscal years caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These costs may include, but are not limited to, staff training and professional development on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious disease, purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities, purchasing educational technology (hardware, software, and connectivity) for students, that aids in the regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom teachers, mental health services and supports, summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care and discretionary funds for school principals to address the needs of their individual schools.

State law allows school districts to apply for a waiver to hold them harmless from the loss of LCFF funding based on attendance and state instructional time penalties when they are forced to close schools due to emergency conditions. In addition, the Governor of the State enacted Executive Order N-26-20 ("Executive Order N-26-20"), which (i) generally streamlines the process of applying for such waivers for closures related to COVID-19 and (ii) directs school districts to use LCFF apportionment to fund distance learning and high

quality educational opportunities, provide school meals and, as practicable, arrange for the supervision of students during school hours. The District is in compliance with the provisions of Executive Order N-26-20.

*Impact of COVID-19 on the District*. As a result of the outbreak of COVID-19, the District closed its schools for in-person learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year effective March 19, 2020 and began instruction through distance learning. For the 2020-21 school year, the District followed the State's school reopening guidelines and in-person hybrid instruction in the District began on April 15, 2021. For fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, the District began the school year with in-person instruction.

Other potential impacts to the District associated with the COVID-19 outbreak include, but are not limited to, increasing costs and challenges relating to establishing distance learning programs or other measures to permit instruction for students electing to attend school virtually and in the event that schools are closed again, declining enrollment due to distance learning and other factors, increased costs of operating with students returning to school, disruption of the regional and local economy with corresponding decreases in tax revenues, including property tax revenue, sales tax revenue and other revenues, increases in tax delinquencies, potential declines in property values, and decreases in new home sales, and general impacts to real estate development. The economic consequences and the initial or future declines in the U.S. and global stock markets resulting from a recurrence of COVID-19 or the outbreak of a new pandemic, and responses thereto by local, State, and the federal governments, could have a material impact on the investments in the State pension trusts, which could materially increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the STRS Defined Benefit Program and PERS Schools Pool, which, in turn, could result in material changes to the District's required contribution rates to STRS and PERS in future fiscal years. See also "THE DISTRICT—Retirement System" herein.

The ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the District's operations and finances is unknown. There can be no assurances that a recurrence of COVID-19, or a future pandemic, or the responses thereto by local, State, or the federal government, will not materially adversely impact the local, State and national economies or the assessed valuation of property within the District, or adversely impact enrollment or ADA within the District and materially adversely impact the financial condition or operations of the District or the credit rating on the District's debt obligations. See also "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS—Assessed Valuations" herein.

#### **Revenue Sources**

The District categorizes its General Fund revenues into four sources: (1) State apportionment sources (this was funded from revenue limit sources through fiscal year 2012-13 and thereafter pursuant to the LCFF); (2) federal sources; (3) other State sources; and (4) other local sources. Each of these revenue sources is described below.

# **State Apportionment Funding**

The District received \$44,674,338 from LCFF sources, in fiscal year 2021-22, representing 68.9% of its General Fund revenues. The District estimates that it received \$50,089,246 in fiscal year 2022-23 from LCFF Sources, representing 69.3% of its General Fund revenues. In its 2023-24 Adopted Budget, the District budgeted for the receipt of \$51,479,714 from LCFF sources in fiscal year 2023-24, representing 76.7% of its General Fund revenues.

#### **Federal Revenues**

The federal government provides funding for several District programs, including special education programs, programs under the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act, and specialized programs such as Drug Free Schools. The federal revenues, all of which are restricted, comprised approximately 6.8% of General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2021-22 and is estimated to have comprised approximately 4.4% of

General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2022-23. In its 2023-24 Adopted Budget, federal revenues are budgeted to be approximately 3.5% of General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2023-24.

#### **Other State Sources**

In addition to State apportionment funding discussed above, the District receives other State revenues ("Other State Sources"). In fiscal year 2021-22, Other State Sources equaled approximately 13.1% of total General Fund revenues and in fiscal year 2022-23, Other State Sources are estimated to have equaled approximately 16.1% of total General Fund revenues. In fiscal year 2023-24, Other State Sources are budgeted to equal approximately 8.6% of total General Fund revenues.

#### **Other Local Sources**

In addition to property taxes, the District receives additional local sources ("Other Local Sources") from items such as the South Pasadena Educational Foundation and a parcel tax. The parcel tax, which generates approximately \$3.0 million annually, is currently scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2032. These Other Local Sources (including tuition and transfers) equaled approximately 11.3% of the total General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2021-22 and are estimated to have equaled approximately 10.2% of the total General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2022-23. Other Local Sources are budgeted to equal approximately 11.3% of General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2023-24.

# **Capital Projects Funds**

The District maintains a Capital Facilities Fund, separate and apart from the General Fund, to account for developer fees collected by the District. The District's developer fees may be utilized for any capital purpose related to growth. Separate and apart from the General Fund, the District also maintains a Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay to act as a reserve for Board of Education designated construction projects.

Collection of developer fees followed a formal declaration by the Board of Education which addressed the overcrowding of District schools as a result of new development. These fees are collected pursuant to certain provisions of the Education Code of the State. The square-foot amounts are periodically adjusted for inflation and the current developer fee is \$4.79 per square foot of habitable space on domestic housing developments. The current developer fee on commercial/industrial developments is \$0.78 per square foot. As of June 30, 2023, a balance of \$8,908,844 existed in the District's Building Fund, a balance of \$468,526 existed in the District's Capital Facilities Fund, a balance of \$4,709,592 existed in the County School Facilities Fund and a balance of \$910,326 existed in the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay. Except for amounts in the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay, which may be expended on one-time non-capital costs other than salaries and benefits, the amounts in these funds are restricted to pay for capital improvements.

#### DISTRICT DEBT STRUCTURE

# **Long-Term Debt**

As of June 30, 2022, the District had \$159,700,614 of long-term debt outstanding for Governmental Activities, of which \$108,708,249 (inclusive of accreted interest) was related to general obligation bonds. The District has not issued any additional general obligation bonds since that date.

A schedule of changes in long-term debt for Governmental Activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 is shown in Table 18 below. Table 18 does not include long-term debt in Business-Type Activities.

Table 18 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Long-Term Debt

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2021	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2022	Balance Due In One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 109,440,741	\$ 12,810,823	\$ 16,600,247	\$ 105,651,317	\$ 3,743,219
Unamortized premium	3,846,436	0	779,596	3,066,840	236,197
Unamortized discount	(10,734)	0	(826)	(9,908)	(826)
Total general obligation bonds	113,276,443	12,810,823	17,379,017	108,708,249	3,978,590
Certificates of Participation	11,000,000	0	$11,000,000^{(1)}$	0	0
Leases Payable	0	334,134	105,195	228,939	105,759
Compensated absences	425,623	0	5,217	420,406	0
Net OPEB obligation	20,072,470	3,070,441	0	23,142,911	0
Net pension liability	56,055,203	0	28,855,094	27,200,109	0
Total	\$ 200,829,739	<u>\$ 16,215,398</u>	<u>\$ 57,344,523</u>	<u>\$ 159,700,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,084,349</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> The District prepaid all of these outstanding Certificates of Participation on February 17, 2022.

Source: The District.

Additional information regarding the long-term debt and its scheduled repayment is set forth in Note 7 to the District's 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements attached as Appendix B hereto.

# **Short-Term Debt**

The District has no short-term debt outstanding and does not expect to issue any short-term debt in fiscal year 2023-24.

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# **Direct and Overlapping Debt**

Contained within the District are numerous overlapping local agencies providing public services. These local agencies have outstanding debt issued in the form of general obligation, lease revenue and special tax and assessment bonds. The direct and overlapping debt of the District is shown in Table 19 below. Tax and revenue anticipation notes, revenue, mortgage revenue and tax allocation bonds, and non-bonded capital lease obligations are excluded from the debt statement.

The information in the following table has been provided by California Municipal Statistics, Inc. Neither the District nor the Underwriter has independently verified this information and do not guarantee its accuracy.

# Table 19 SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Direct and Overlapping Bonded Debt South Pasadena Unified School District As of November 1, 2023

2023-24 Assessed Valuation: \$6,377,676,243

<u>DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT</u> :	% Applicable	Debt 11/1/23
Metropolitan Water District	0.002%	\$ 31,705
Pasadena Area Community College District	5.640	9,852,516
South Pasadena Unified School District	100.000	<b>88,320,128</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT		\$98,204,349
OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT:		
Los Angeles County General Fund Obligations	0.318%	\$8,189,943
Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Certificates of Participation	0.318	9,086
Pasadena Area Community College District Certificates of Participation	5.640	1,623,474
TOTAL OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT		\$9,822,503
OVERLAPPING TAX INCREMENT DEBT (Successor Agency):		\$360,000
COMBINED TOTAL DEBT		\$108,386,852(3)
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Ratios to 2023-24 Assessed Valuation:		
Direct Debt (\$88,320,128)		
Total Direct and Overlapping Tax and Assessment Debt 1.54%		
Combined Total Debt		
D		
Ratio to Redevelopment Incremental Valuation (\$101,330,359):		
Total Overlapping Tax Increment Debt		

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes the Series C Bonds.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes accreted interest of capital appreciation bonds.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes tax and revenue anticipation notes, enterprise revenue, mortgage revenue and non-bonded capital lease obligations. Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

# CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

The principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds are payable solely from the proceeds of an advalorem tax levied by the County for the payment thereof. (See "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES C BONDS" herein.) Articles XIIIA, XIIIB, XIIIC and XIIID of the Constitution, Propositions 1A, 2, 22, 30, 39, 46, 98 and 111 and certain other provisions of law discussed below, are included in this section to describe the potential effect of these Constitutional and statutory measures on the ability of the County to levy taxes and spend tax proceeds for operating and other purposes, and it should not be inferred from the inclusion of such materials that these laws impose any limitation on the ability of the County to levy taxes for payment of the Series C Bonds. The tax levied by the County for payment of the Series C Bonds was approved by the District's voters in compliance with Article XIIIA, Article XIIIC, and all applicable laws.

#### Article XIIIA

On June 6, 1978, California voters approved an amendment (commonly known as both Proposition 13 and the Jarvis-Gann Initiative) to the California Constitution. This amendment, which added Article XIIIA to the California Constitution, among other things affects the valuation of real property for the purpose of taxation in that it defines the full cash property value to mean "the county assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975/76 tax bill under "full cash value," or thereafter, the appraised value of real property newly constructed, or when a change in ownership has occurred after the 1975 assessment." The full cash value may be adjusted annually to reflect inflation at a rate not to exceed 2% per year, or a reduction in the consumer price index or comparable local data at a rate not to exceed 2% per year, or reduced in the event of declining property value caused by damage, destruction or other factors including a general economic downturn. The amendment further limits the amount of any ad valorem tax on real property to 1% of the full cash value except that additional taxes may be levied to pay debt service on (a) indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, and (b) bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978 by two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition. In 2000, Article XIIIA was amended to allow for an increase in ad valorem taxes for bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district or community college district if approved by 55% or more of the votes cast. See "—Proposition 39" below.

Legislation enacted by the California Legislature to implement Article XIIIA provides that all taxable property is shown at full assessed value as described above. In conformity with this procedure, all taxable property value included in this Official Statement (except as noted) is shown at 100% of assessed value and all general tax rates reflect the \$1 per \$100 of taxable value. Tax rates for voter approved bonded indebtedness and pension liability are also applied to 100% of assessed value.

Future assessed valuation growth allowed under Article XIIIA (new construction, change of ownership, 2% annual value growth) will be allocated on the basis of "situs" among the jurisdictions that serve the tax rate area within which the growth occurs. Local agencies and school districts will share the growth of "base" revenue from the tax rate area. Each year's growth allocation becomes part of each agency's allocation the following year. The District is unable to predict the nature or magnitude of future revenue sources that may be provided by the State to replace lost property tax revenues. Article XIIIA effectively prohibits the levying of any other *ad valorem* property tax above the 1% limit except for taxes to support indebtedness approved by the voters as described above.

# **Unitary Property**

Some amount of property tax revenue of the District may be derived from utility property which is considered part of a utility system with components located in many taxing jurisdictions ("unitary property"). Under the State Constitution, such property is assessed by the State Board of Equalization ("SBE") as part of a "going concern" rather than as individual pieces of real or personal property. Such State-assessed unitary and

certain other property is allocated to the counties by the SBE, taxed at special county-wide rates, and the tax revenues distributed to taxing jurisdictions according to statutory formulae generally based on the distribution of taxes in the prior year.

The California electric utility industry has been undergoing significant changes in its structure and in the way in which components of the industry are regulated and owned. Sale of electric generation assets to largely unregulated, nonutility companies may affect how those assets are assessed, and which local agencies are to receive the property taxes. The District is unable to predict the impact of these changes on any utility property tax revenues, or whether legislation may be proposed or adopted in response to industry restructuring, or whether any future litigation may affect ownership of utility assets or the State's methods of assessing utility property and the allocation of assessed value to local taxing agencies, including the District.

#### Article XIIIB

On November 6, 1979, California voters approved Proposition 4, the so-called Gann Initiative, which added Article XIIIB to the California Constitution. In June 1990, Article XIIIB was amended by the voters through their approval of Proposition 111. Article XIIIB of the California Constitution limits the annual appropriations of the State and any city, county, school district, authority or other political subdivision of the state to the level of appropriations for the prior fiscal year, as adjusted annually for changes in the cost of living, population and services rendered by the governmental entity. The "base year" for establishing such appropriation limit is the 1978-79 fiscal year. Increases in appropriations by a governmental entity are also permitted (a) if financial responsibility for providing services is transferred to the governmental entity, or (b) for emergencies so long as the appropriations limits for the three years following the emergency are reduced to prevent any aggregate increase above the Constitutional limit. Decreases are required where responsibility for providing services is transferred from the government entity.

Appropriations subject to Article XIIIB include generally any authorization to expend during the fiscal year the proceeds of taxes levied by the State or other entity of local government, exclusive of certain State subventions, refunds of taxes, benefit payments from retirement, unemployment insurance and disability insurance funds. Appropriations subject to limitation pursuant to Article XIIIB do not include debt service on indebtedness existing or legally authorized as of January 1, 1979 on bonded indebtedness thereafter approved according to law by a vote of the electors of the issuing entity voting in an election for such purpose, appropriations required to comply with mandates of courts or the Federal government, appropriations for qualified outlay projects, and appropriations by the State of revenues derived from any increase in gasoline taxes and motor vehicle weight fees above January 1, 1990 levels. "Proceeds of taxes" include, but are not limited to, all tax revenues and the proceeds to any entity of government from (a) regulatory licenses, user charges, and user fees to the extent such proceeds exceed the cost of providing the service or regulation, (b) the investment of tax revenues and (c) certain State subventions received by local governments. Article XIIIB includes a requirement that if an entity's revenues in any year exceed the amount permitted to be spent, the excess would have to be returned by revising tax rates or fee schedules over the subsequent two fiscal years.

As amended in June 1990, the appropriations limit for local governments in each year is based on the limit for the prior year, adjusted annually for changes in the costs of living and changes in population, and adjusted, where applicable, for transfer of financial responsibility of providing services to or from another unit of government. The change in the cost of living is, at the local government's option, either (i) the percentage change in California per capita personal income, or (ii) the percentage change in the local assessment roll for the jurisdiction due to the addition of nonresidential new construction. The measurement of change in population is a blended average of statewide overall population growth, and change in attendance at local school and community college ("K-14") districts.

As amended by Proposition 111, the appropriations limit is tested over consecutive two-year periods. Any excess of the aggregate "proceeds of taxes" received by the District over such two-year period above the combined appropriations limits for those two years is to be returned to taxpayers by reductions in tax rates or

fee schedules over the subsequent two years. Any proceeds of taxes received by the District in excess of the appropriations limit are absorbed into the State's allowable limit. The District does not currently have and does not anticipate having "proceeds of taxes" in excess of its appropriations limit.

Article XIIIB permits any government entity to change the appropriations limit by vote of the electorate in conformity with statutory and Constitutional voting requirements, but any such voter-approved change can only be effective for a maximum of four years. Pursuant to statute, if a school district receives any proceeds of taxes in excess of its appropriations limit, it may, by resolution of the governing board, increase its appropriations limit to equal the amount received, provided that the State has sufficient excess appropriations limit in that fiscal year.

#### Articles XIIIC and XIIID

On November 5, 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218—Voters Approval for Local Government Taxes—Limitation on Fees, Assessments, and Charges—Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Proposition 218 added Articles XIIIC and XIIID to the California Constitution, imposing certain vote requirements and other limitations on the imposition of new or increased taxes, assessments and property-related fees and charges. Among other things, Proposition 218 states that all taxes imposed by local governments shall be deemed to be either "general taxes" (imposed for general governmental purposes) or "special taxes" (imposed for specific purposes); prohibits special purpose government agencies, including school districts, from levying general taxes; and prohibits any local agency from imposing, extending or increasing any special tax beyond its maximum authorized rate without a two-thirds vote. Proposition 218 also provides that no tax may be assessed on property other than *ad valorem* property taxes imposed in accordance with Articles XIII and XIIIA of the California Constitution and special taxes approved by a two-thirds vote under Article XIIIA, Section 4.

Article XIIIC also provides that the initiative power shall not be limited in matters of reducing or repealing local taxes, assessments, fees and charges. A portion of the District's revenues are received annually from property taxes. The State Constitution and the laws of the State impose a mandatory, statutory duty on the County Treasurer to levy a property tax sufficient to pay debt service on the Series C Bonds coming due in each year. There is no court case which directly addresses whether the initiative power may be used to reduce or repeal the *ad valorem* taxes pledged to repay general obligation bonds. See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS—Revenue Sources." In the case of *Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency v. Virjil (Kelley)* (the "Bighorn Decision"), the California Supreme Court held that water service charges may be reduced or repealed through a local voter initiative subject to Article XIIIC. The Supreme Court did state that it was not holding that the initiative power is free of all limitations. Such initiative power could be subject to the limitations imposed on the impairment of contracts under the contract clause of the United States Constitution. Legislation adopted in 1997 provides that Article XIIIC shall not be construed to mean that any owner or beneficial owner of a municipal security assumes the risk of or consents to any initiative measure that would constitute an impairment of contractual rights under the contracts clause of the U.S. Constitution.

On November 2, 2010, voters in the State approved Proposition 26. Proposition 26 amends Article XIIIC of the State Constitution to expand the definition of "tax" to include "any levy, charge, or exaction of any kind imposed by a local government" except the following: (1) a charge imposed for a specific benefit conferred or privilege granted directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of conferring the benefit or granting the privilege; (2) a charge imposed for a specific government service or product provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service or product; (3) a charge imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs to a local government for issuing licenses and permits, performing investigations, inspections, and audits, enforcing agricultural marketing orders, and the administrative enforcement and adjudication thereof; (4) a charge imposed for entrance to or use of local government property, or the purchase, rental, or lease of local government property; (5) a fine, penalty, or other monetary charge imposed by the judicial branch of

government or a local government, as a result of a violation of law; (6) a charge imposed as a condition of property development; and (7) assessments and property-related fees imposed in accordance with the provisions of Article XIIID. Proposition 26 provides that the local government bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a levy, charge, or other exaction is not a tax, that the amount is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity.

Article XIIID deals with assessments and property-related fees and charges. Article XIIID explicitly provides that nothing in Article XIIIC or XIIID shall be construed to affect existing laws relating to the imposition of fees or charges as a condition of property development; however it is not clear whether the initiative power is therefore unavailable to repeal or reduce developer and mitigation fees imposed by the District. No developer fees imposed by the District are pledged or expected to be used to make payments with respect to the Series C Bonds.

The provisions of Article XIIIC and XIIID may have an indirect effect on the District, such as by limiting or reducing the revenues otherwise available to other local governments whose boundaries encompass property located within the District thereby causing such local governments to reduce service levels and possibly adversely affecting the value of property within the District.

The interpretation and application of Proposition 218 will ultimately be determined by the courts with respect to a number of matters discussed above, and it is not possible at this time to predict with certainty the outcome of such determination.

# **Proposition 46**

On June 3, 1986, California voters approved Proposition 46, which provided an additional exemption to the 1% tax limitation imposed by Article XIIIA. Under this amendment to Article XIIIA, local governments and school districts may increase the property tax rate above 1% for the period necessary to retire new general obligation bonds, if two-thirds of those voting in a local election approve the issuance of such bonds and the money raised through the sale of the bonds is used exclusively to purchase or improve real property.

# **Proposition 39**

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, called the "Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act" (the "Smaller Classes Act") which amends Section 1 of Article XIIIA, Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution and Section 47614 of the California Education Code and allows an alternative means of seeking voter approval for bonded indebtedness of a school district or community college district by 55% of the vote, rather than the two-thirds majority required under Section 18 of Article XVI of the Constitution. The 55% voter requirement applies only if the bond measure submitted to the voters includes, among other items: (1) a restriction that the proceeds of the bonds may be used for "the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities," (2) a list of projects to be funded and a certification that the school district board has evaluated "safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list" and (3) that annual, independent performance and financial audits will be conducted regarding the expenditure and use of the bond proceeds.

Section 1(b)(3) of Article XIIIA has been added to exempt from the 1% *ad valorem* tax limitation under Section 1(a) of Article XIIIA of the Constitution levies to pay bonds approved by the 55% of the voters, subject to the restrictions explained above. The *ad valorem* tax for payment on the Series C Bonds falls within the exception described in the preceding sentence.

The Legislature enacted AB 1908, Chapter 44, which became effective upon passage of Proposition 39 and amends various sections of the Education Code. Under amendments to Section 15268 and 15270 of the Education Code, the following limits on *ad valorem* taxes apply in any single election: (1) for a school district, indebtedness shall not exceed \$30 per \$100,000 of taxable property, (2) for a unified school district, indebtedness shall not exceed \$60 per \$100,000 of taxable property, and (3) for a community college district, indebtedness shall not exceed \$25 per \$100,000 of taxable property. Finally, AB 1908 requires that a citizens' oversight committee must be appointed to review the use of the bond funds and inform the public about their proper usage. These requirements are not part of Proposition 39 and can be changed with a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature and approval by the Governor.

#### **Propositions 98 and 111**

On November 8, 1988, California voters approved Proposition 98, a combined initiative, constitutional amendment and statute called the "Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act" ("Proposition 98"). Proposition 98 changed State funding of public education below the university level and the operation of the State's appropriations limit, primarily by guaranteeing K-14 schools a minimum share of State General Fund revenues. Under Proposition 98 (as modified by Proposition 111, which was enacted on June 5, 1990), K-14 schools are guaranteed the greater of (a) 40.9% of State General Fund revenues (the "first test"), or (b) the amount appropriated to K-14 schools in the prior year, adjusted for changes in the cost-of-living (measured as in Article XIIIB by reference to per capita personal income) and enrollment (the "second test"), or (c) a "third test" which would replace the second test in any year when the percentage growth in Per capita State General Fund revenues from the prior year plus 1/2 of 1% is less than the percentage growth in California per capita personal income. Under the third test, schools would receive the amount appropriated in the prior year adjusted for changes in enrollment and per capita State General Fund revenues, plus an additional small adjustment factor. If the third test is used in any year, the difference between the third test and the second test would become a "credit" to schools which would be paid in future years when State General Fund revenue growth exceeds personal income growth.

Proposition 98 permits the Legislature by two-thirds vote of both houses, with the Governor's concurrence, to suspend the K-14 schools' minimum funding formula for a one-year period, and any corresponding reduction in funding for that year will not be paid in subsequent years. However, in determining the funding level for the succeeding year, the formula base for the prior year will be reinstated as if such suspension had not taken place. In certain fiscal years, the State Legislature and the Governor have utilized this provision to avoid having the full Proposition 98 funding paid to support K-14 schools.

Proposition 98 also changes how tax revenues in excess of the State Appropriations Limit are distributed. "Excess" tax revenues are determined based on a two-year cycle, so that the State could avoid having to return to taxpayers excess tax revenues in one year if its appropriations in the next fiscal year were under its limit. After any two-year period, if there are excess State tax revenues, 50% of the excess would be transferred to K-14 schools with the balance returned to taxpayers. Further, any excess State tax revenues transferred to K-14 schools are not built into the school districts' base expenditures for calculating their entitlement for State aid in the next year, and the State's appropriations limit will not be increased by this amount.

Since Proposition 98 is unclear in some details, there can be no assurance that the Legislature or a court might not interpret Proposition 98 to require a different percentage of State General Fund revenues to be allocated to K-14 districts, or to apply the relevant percentage to the State's budgets in a different way than is proposed in the Governor's Budget. In any event, some fiscal observers expect Proposition 98 to place increasing pressure on the State's budget over future years, potentially reducing resources available for other State programs, especially to the extent the Article XIIIB spending limit would restrain the State ability to fund such other programs by raising taxes.

The application of Proposition 98 and other statutory regulations has become increasingly difficult to predict accurately in recent years. One major reason is that Proposition 98 minimums under the first test and the second test described above are dependent on State General Fund revenues. In several recent fiscal years, the State made actual allocations to K-14 districts based on an assumption of State General Fund revenues at a level above that which was ultimately realized. In such years, the State has considered the amounts appropriated above the minimum as a loan to K-14 districts, and has deducted the value of these loans from future years' estimated Proposition 98 minimums.

# **Proposition 1A and Proposition 22**

On November 2, 2004, California voters approved Proposition 1A, which amends the State constitution to significantly reduce the State's authority over major local government revenue sources. Under Proposition 1A, the State cannot (i) reduce local sales tax rates or alter the method of allocating the revenue generated by such taxes, (ii) shift property taxes from local governments to schools or community colleges, (iii) change how property tax revenues are shared among local governments without two-third approval of both houses of the State Legislature or (iv) decrease Vehicle License Fee revenues without providing local governments with equal replacement funding. Beginning in 2008-09, the State may shift to schools and community colleges a limited amount of local government property tax revenue if certain conditions are met, including: (i) a proclamation by the Governor that the shift is needed due to a severe financial hardship of the State, and (ii) approval of the shift by the State Legislature with a two-thirds vote of both houses. Under such a shift, the State must repay local governments for their property tax losses, with interest, within three years. Proposition 1A does allow the State to approve voluntary exchanges of local sales tax and property tax revenues among local governments within a county. Proposition 1A also amends the State Constitution to require the State to suspend certain State laws creating mandates in any year that the State does not fully reimburse local governments for their costs to comply with the mandates. This provision does not apply to mandates relating to schools or community colleges or to those mandates relating to employee rights.

Many of the provisions of Proposition 1A have been superseded by Proposition 22 enacted in November 2010.

Proposition 22, The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act, approved by the voters of the State on November 2, 2010, prohibits the State from enacting new laws that require redevelopment agencies to shift funds to schools or other agencies and eliminates the State's authority to shift property taxes temporarily during a severe financial hardship of the State. In addition, Proposition 22 restricts the State's authority to use State fuel tax revenues to pay debt service on state transportation bonds, to borrow or change the distribution of state fuel tax revenues, and to use vehicle license fee revenues to reimburse local governments for state mandated costs. Proposition 22 impacts resources in the State's General Fund and transportation funds, the State's main funding source for schools and community colleges, as well as universities, prisons and health and social services programs. According to an analysis of Proposition 22 submitted by the Legislative Analyst's Office (the "LAO") on July 15, 2010, the longer-term effect of Proposition 22, according to the LAO's analysis, will be an increase in the State's General Fund costs by approximately \$1 billion annually for several decades.

On December 30, 2011, the California Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of *California Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos*, finding California Assembly Bill x1 26 to be constitutional and California Assembly Bill x1 27 to be unconstitutional. As a result, all redevelopment agencies in California were dissolved on February 1, 2012, and the property tax revenue which previously flowed to the redevelopment agencies is now instead going to other local governments, including school districts. It is likely that the dissolution of redevelopment agencies has mooted the effects of Proposition 22.

# **Proposition 30 and Proposition 55**

On November 6, 2012, voters of the State approved the Temporary Taxes to Fund Education, Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding, Initiative Constitutional Amendment (also known as "Proposition 30"), which temporarily increased the State Sales and Use Tax and personal income tax rates on higher incomes. For personal income taxes imposed beginning in the taxable year commencing January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2018, Proposition 30 increases the marginal personal income tax rate by: (i) 1% for taxable income over \$250,000 but less than \$300,001 for single filers (over \$500,000 but less than \$600,001 for joint filers and over \$340,000 but less than \$408,001 for head-of-household filers), (ii) 2% for taxable income over \$300,000 but less than \$500,001 for single filers (over \$600,000 but less than \$1,000,001 for joint filers and over \$408,000 but less than \$680,001 for head-of-household filers), and (iii) 3% for taxable income over \$500,000 for single filers (over \$1,000,000 for joint filers and over \$680,000 for head-of-household filers).

The California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 (also known as "Proposition 55") is a constitutional amendment approved by the voters of the State on November 8, 2016. Proposition 55 extends the increases to personal income tax rates for high-income taxpayers that were approved as part of Proposition 30 through 2030. Proposition 55 did not extend the temporary State Sales and Use Tax rate increase enacted under Proposition 30, which expired as of January 1, 2017.

The revenues generated from the temporary tax increases will be included in the calculation of the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for K-14 school districts. See "- Propositions 98 and 111" herein. From an accounting perspective, the revenues generated from the personal income tax increases are being deposited into the State account created pursuant to Proposition 30 called the Education Protection Account (the "EPA"). Pursuant to Proposition 30, funds in the EPA will be allocated quarterly, with 89% of such funds provided to K-12 school districts and 11% provided to community college districts. The funds will be distributed to school districts and community college districts in the same manner as existing unrestricted perstudent funding, except that no school district will receive less than \$200 per unit of ADA and no community college district will receive less than \$100 per full time equivalent student. The governing board of each school district and community college district is granted sole authority to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, provided that the appropriate governing board is required to make these spending determinations in open session at a public meeting and such local governing board is prohibited from using any funds from the EPA for salaries or benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs.

## **Proposition 2**

On November 4, 2014, voters approved the Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act (also known as "Proposition 2"). Proposition 2 is a legislatively-referred constitutional amendment which makes certain changes to State budgeting practices, including substantially revising the conditions under which transfers are made to and from the State's Budget Stabilization Account (the "BSA") established by the California Balanced Budget Act of 2004 (also known as Proposition 58).

Under Proposition 2, beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 and each fiscal year thereafter, the State will generally be required to annually transfer to the BSA an amount equal to 1.5% of estimated State General Fund revenues (the "Annual BSA Transfer"). Supplemental transfers to the BSA (a "Supplemental BSA Transfer") are also required in any fiscal year in which the estimated State General Fund revenues that are allocable to capital gains taxes exceed 8% of total estimated General Fund tax revenues. Such excess capital gains taxes—net of any portion thereof owed to K-14 school districts pursuant to Proposition 98—will be transferred to the BSA. Proposition 2 also increases the maximum size of the BSA to an amount equal to 10% of estimated State General Fund revenues for any given fiscal year. In any fiscal year in which a required transfer to the BSA would result in an amount in excess of the 10% threshold, Proposition 2 requires such excess to be expended on State infrastructure, including deferred maintenance.

For the first 15 year period ending with fiscal year 2029-30, Proposition 2 provides that half of any required transfer to the BSA, either annual or supplemental, must be appropriated to reduce certain State liabilities, including making certain payments owed to K-14 school districts, repaying State interfund borrowing, reimbursing local governments for State mandated services, and reducing or prefunding accrued liabilities associated with State-level pension and retirement benefits. Following the initial 15-year period, the Governor and the Legislature are given discretion to apply up to half of any required transfer to the BSA to the reduction of such State liabilities. Any amount not applied towards such reduction must be transferred to the BSA or applied to infrastructure, as described above.

Proposition 2 changes the conditions under which the Governor and the Legislature may draw upon or reduce transfers to the BSA. The Governor does not retain unilateral discretion to suspend transfers the BSA, nor does the Legislature retain discretion to transfer funds from the BSA for any reason, as previously provided by law. Rather, the Governor must declare a "budget emergency," defined as an emergency within the meaning of Article XIIIB of the Constitution or a determination that estimated resources are inadequate to fund State General Fund expenditures, for the current or ensuing fiscal year, at a level equal to the highest level of State spending within the three immediately preceding fiscal years. Any such declaration must be followed by a legislative bill providing for a reduction or transfer. Draws on the BSA are limited to the amount necessary to address the budget emergency, and no draw in any fiscal year may exceed 50% of funds on deposit in the BSA unless a budget emergency was declared in the preceding fiscal year.

Proposition 2 also requires the creation of the Public School System Stabilization Account (the "PSSSA") into which transfers will be made in any fiscal year in which a Supplemental BSA Transfer is required (as described above). Such transfer will be equal to the portion of capital gains taxes above the 8% threshold that would be otherwise paid to K-14 school districts as part of the minimum funding guarantee. A transfer to the PSSSA will only be made if certain additional conditions are met, as follows: (i) the minimum funding guarantee was not suspended in the immediately preceding fiscal year, (ii) the operative Proposition 98 formula for the fiscal year in which a PSSSA transfer might be made is "Test 1," (iii) no maintenance factor obligation is being created in the budgetary legislation for the fiscal year in which a PSSSA transfer might be made, (iv) all prior maintenance factor obligations have been fully repaid, and (v) the minimum funding guarantee for the fiscal year in which a PSSSA transfer might be made is higher than the immediately preceding fiscal year, as adjusted for ADA growth and cost of living. Proposition 2 caps the size of the PSSSA at 10% of the estimated minimum guarantee in any fiscal year, and any excess funds must be paid to K-14 school districts. Reductions to any required transfer to the PSSSA, or draws on the PSSSA, are subject to the same budget emergency requirements described above. However, Proposition 2 also mandates draws on the PSSSA in any fiscal year in which the estimated minimum funding guarantee is less than the prior year's funding level, as adjusted for ADA growth and cost of living.

# California Senate Bill 222

On July 13, 2015, the Governor signed Senate Bill 222 ("SB 222") into law, effective January 1, 2016. SB 222 was introduced on February 12, 2015, initially to amend Section 15251 of the California Education Code to clarify the process of lien perfection for general obligation bonds issued by or on behalf of California school and community college districts. Subsequently, on April 15, 2015, SB 222 was amended to include an addition to the California Government Code to similarly clarify the process of lien perfection for general obligation bonds issued by cities, counties, authorities and special districts, including the District.

SB 222, applicable to general obligations bonds issued after its effective date, will remove the extra step between (a) the issuance of general obligation bonds by cities, counties, cities and counties, school districts, community college districts, authorities and special districts; and (b) the imposition of a lien on the future ad valorem property taxes that are the source of repayment of the general obligation bonds. By clarifying that the lien created with each general obligation bond issuance is a "statutory" lien (consistent with bankruptcy statutory law and case precedent), SB 222, while it does not prevent default, should reduce the

ultimate bankruptcy risk of non-recovery on local general obligation bonds, and thus potentially improve ratings, interest rates and bond cost of issuance.

# Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016

The Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 (also known as Proposition 51) is a voter initiative that was approved by voters on November 8, 2016. Proposition 51 authorizes the sale and issuance of \$9 billion in general obligation bonds by the State for the new construction and modernization of K-14 facilities. The District makes no guarantee that it will either pursue or qualify for Proposition 51 state facilities funding.

**K-12 School Facilities.** Proposition 51 includes \$3 billion for the new construction of K-12 facilities and an additional \$3 billion for the modernization of existing K-12 facilities. K-12 school districts will be required to pay for 50% of the new construction costs and 40% of the modernization costs with local revenues. If a school district lacks sufficient local funding, it may apply for additional state grant funding, up to 100% of the project costs. In addition, a total of \$1 billion will be available for the modernization and new construction of charter school (\$500 million) and technical education (\$500 million) facilities. Generally, 50% of modernization and new construction project costs for charter school and technical education facilities must come from local revenues. However, schools that cannot cover their local share for these two types of projects may apply for State loans. State loans must be repaid over a maximum of 30 years for charter school facilities and 15 years for career technical education facilities. For career technical education facilities, State grants are capped at \$3 million for a new facility and \$1.5 million for a modernized facility. Charter schools must be deemed financially sound before project approval.

Community College Facilities. Proposition 51 includes \$2 billion for community college district facility projects, including buying land, constructing new buildings, modernizing existing buildings, and purchasing equipment. In order to receive funding, community college districts must submit project proposals to the Chancellor of the community college system, who then decides which projects to submit to the Legislature and Governor based on a scoring system that factors in the amount of local funds contributed to the project. The Governor and Legislature will select among eligible projects as part of the annual state budget process.

The table below shows the expected use of bond funds under Proposition 51:

# PROPOSITION 51 Use of Bond Funds (In Millions)

#### K-12 Public School Facilities

New construction	\$3,000
Modernization	3,000
Career technical education facilities	500
Charter school facilities	500
Subtotal	\$7,000
<b>Community College Facilities</b>	\$2,000
Total	\$9,000

# **Proposition 19**

On November 3, 2020, State voters approved Proposition 19, a legislatively referred constitutional amendment ("Proposition 19"), which amends Article XIIIA to: (i) expand special rules that give property tax savings to homeowners that are over the age of 55, severely disabled, or whose property has been impacted by wildfire or natural disaster, when they buy a different home; (ii) narrow existing special rules for inherited properties; and (iii) dedicate most of the potential new State revenue generated from Proposition 19 toward fire protection. The District cannot make any assurance as to what effect the implementation of Proposition 19 will have on District revenues or the assessed valuation of real property in the District.

#### Jarvis v. Connell

On May 29, 2002, the California Court of Appeal for the Second District decided the case of *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, et al. v. Kathleen Connell* (as Controller of the State of California). The Court of Appeal held that either a final budget bill, an emergency appropriation, a self-executing authorization pursuant to state statutes (such as continuing appropriations) or the California Constitution or a federal mandate is necessary for the State Controller to disburse funds. The foregoing requirement could apply to amounts budgeted by the District expected to be received from the State. To the extent the holding in such case would apply to State payments reflected in the District's budget, the requirement that there be either a final budget bill or an emergency appropriation may result in the delay of such payments to the District if such required legislative action is delayed, unless the payments are self-executing authorizations or are subject to a federal mandate. On May 1, 2003, the California Supreme Court upheld the holding of the Court of Appeal, stating that the Controller is not authorized under State law to disburse funds prior to the enactment of a budget or other proper appropriation, but under federal law, the Controller is required, notwithstanding a budget impasse and the limitations imposed by State law, to timely pay those State employees who are subject to the minimum wage and overtime compensation provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

# **Future Initiatives and Propositions**

Article XIIIA, Article XIIIB, Article XIIIC, Article XIIID, and Propositions 22, 26, 30, 39, 46, 98, 111 and 1A were each adopted as measures that qualified for the ballot pursuant to California's initiative process. From time to time other initiative measures could be adopted, further affecting school districts' revenues or such districts' ability to expend revenues.

There can be no assurance that the California electorate will not at some future time adopt other initiatives or that the Legislature will not enact legislation that will amend the laws or the Constitution of the State of California resulting in a reduction of amounts legally available to the District.

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA FISCAL ISSUES

The following information concerning the State's budgets has been obtained from publicly available information which the District believes to be reliable; however, the District does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and has not independently verified such information.

# **General Overview**

*Financial Stress on State Budget*. In general, the State has experienced budget surpluses since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, in the 2023-24 Budget (defined below), the State projects that it will operate at a deficit for the next several fiscal years. The ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unknown and the State considers the threat of an extended recession to be a major risk to the State's financial condition.

According to the State, there remain a number of other major risks and pressures that threaten the State's financial condition, including potential changes to federal fiscal policies and large unfunded liabilities for PERS and STRS, rising health care costs and trade policy. The State's revenues (particularly the personal income tax) can be volatile and correlate to overall economic conditions. The District is unable to predict the degree to which the COVID-19 pandemic or other factors will materially adversely affect the financial condition of the State.

Cash Management by State and Impact on Schools. To conserve cash in light of declining revenues resulting from the last recession, the State enacted several statutes deferring the payment of amounts owed to public schools, until a later date in the current, or in a subsequent, fiscal year. This technique was used in all of the State's budget bills from fiscal year 2008-09 through fiscal year 2012-13. Some of these statutory deferrals were made permanent, and others were implemented only for one fiscal year. These deferrals reduced amounts paid to K-12 districts and resulted in deferred payments that at one point totaled more than \$10 billion. These deferrals also created cash flow shortages for certain K-12 districts which required an increased level of cash flow borrowings. In fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, the State repaid the majority of these deferrals and the remaining \$992 million was repaid in fiscal year 2015-16. The State included LCFF apportionment deferrals in its budget for fiscal year 2020-21 but repaid these deferrals in fiscal year 2021-22.

School Reserves – Senate Bill 858 ("SB 858") became effective upon the passage of Proposition 2. SB 858 includes provisions which could limit the amount of reserves that may be maintained by a school district in certain circumstances. Under SB 858, in any fiscal year immediately following a fiscal year in which the State has made a transfer into the PSSSA, any adopted or revised budget by a school district would need to contain a combined unassigned and assigned ending fund balance that (a) for school districts with an ADA of less than 400,000, is not more than two times the amount of the reserve for economic uncertainties mandated by the Education Code, or (b) for school districts with an ADA that is more than 400,000, is not more than three times the amount of the reserve for economic uncertainties mandated by the Education Code. In certain cases, the county superintendent of schools may grant a school district a waiver from this limitation on reserves for up to two consecutive years within a three-year period if there are certain extraordinary fiscal circumstances. See also "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS — Proposition 2."

The District, which has an ADA of less than 400,000, is required to maintain a reserve for economic uncertainty in an amount equal to 3% of its General Fund expenditures and other financing uses.

Senate Bill 751 ("SB 751"), enacted on October 11, 2017, alters the reserve requirements imposed by SB 858. Under SB 751, in a fiscal year immediately after a fiscal year in which the amount of moneys in the PSSSA is equal to or exceeds 3% of the combined total General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts and allocated local proceeds of taxes for that fiscal year, a school district budget that is adopted or revised cannot have an assigned or unassigned ending fund balance that exceeds 10% of those funds. SB 751 excludes from the requirements of those provisions community funded districts and small school districts having fewer than 2,501 units of average daily attendance.

The Series C Bonds are payable from *ad valorem* taxes to be levied within the District pursuant to the State Constitution and other State law. Accordingly, the District does not expect SB 858 or SB 751 to adversely affect its ability to pay the principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds as and when due.

# 2023-24 State Budget

On June 27, 2023, the Governor signed the State budget for fiscal year 2023-24 (the "2023-24 Budget"). The following information is drawn from the DOF summary of the 2023-24 Budget.

The 2023-24 Budget reports that, after two years of growth, the State is projected to face a downturn in revenues driven by a declining stock market, persistently high inflation, rising interest rates and job losses in high-wage sectors. The 2023-24 Budget forecasts that the State will face a \$31.7 billion shortfall in fiscal year 2023-24. To close the budget gap, the 2023-24 Budget includes a series of measures intended to avoid deep reductions to priority programs that marked budgetary shortfalls over the past two decades:

- Fund Shifts \$9.3 billion in shifts of spending commitments from the State general fund to other sources.
- *Reductions/Pullbacks* \$8.1 billion in State general fund spending reductions or pullbacks of previously approved spending.
- *Delays* \$7.9 billion in delayed spending across multiple years, without reducing the amount of funding over the same period.
- Revenue and Internal Borrowing \$6.1 billion in revenue, primarily from the Managed Care Organization tax, and internal borrowing from special fund balances not projected for programmatic purposes.
- *Trigger Reductions* \$340 million in reductions that will be restored in the proposed State budget for fiscal year 2024-25 if there are sufficient resources to do so.

For fiscal year 2022-23, the 2023-24 Budget projects total general fund revenues and transfers of \$205.1 billion and authorizes expenditures of \$234.6 billion. The State is projected to end the 2022-23 fiscal year with total reserves of \$54.2 billion, including \$21.1 billion in the traditional general fund reserve, \$22.3 billion in the BSA, \$9.9 billion in the PSSSA and \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve Fund. For fiscal year 2023-24, the 2023-24 Budget projects total general fund revenues and transfers of \$208.7 billion and authorizes expenditures of \$225.9 billion. The State is projected to end the 2023-24 fiscal year with total reserves of \$37.8 billion, including \$3.8 billion in the traditional general fund reserve, \$22.3 billion in the BSA, \$10.8 billion in the PSSSA and \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve Fund. The 2023-24 Budget indicates that maintaining this level of reserves provides a prudent insurance policy, as the State continues to face revenue risks and uncertainty. Significantly, prolonged storm activity over the winter caused a tax filing delay affecting over 99% of tax filers in 55 of the State's 58 counties. This delay pushed the projected receipt of \$42 billion in State tax receipts into October, representing nearly one-fourth of the 2022-23 fiscal year's total projected personal income taxes, and nearly one third of the corporation tax.

The ending balance in the BSA is at the constitutional maximum amount, requiring any amounts in excess thereof to be dedicated to infrastructure improvements. The 2023-24 Budget also includes revised deposits to the PSSSA of \$4.8 billion and \$1.8 billion attributable to fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, and authorizes a deposit in fiscal year 2023-24 of \$902 million. The balance of \$9.9 billion in the PSSSA in fiscal year 2022-23 triggers school district reserve caps in fiscal year 2023-24. See "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS—Proposition 2" herein."

The 2023-24 Budget sets total funding for all K-12 education programs at \$129.2 billion, including \$79.5 billion from the State general fund and \$49.7 billion from other sources. The minimum funding guarantee in fiscal year 2023-24 is set at \$108.3 billion. The 2023-24 Budget also makes retroactive increases to the minimum funding guarantee in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, setting them at \$110.6 billion and \$107.4 billion, respectively. Test 1 is projected to be in effect over this three year period. To accommodate enrollment increases related to the expansion of transitional kindergarten (as further described below), the 2023-24 Budget rebenches the Test 1 percentage, from approximately 38.2% to 38.5%, to increase the percentage of State general fund revenues that count towards the minimum funding guarantee.

Other significant features relating to K-12 education funding include the following:

- Local Control Funding Formula: The 2023-24 Budget funds a COLA of 8.22% to LCFF apportionments. When combined with declining enrollment adjustments, this increases year-over-year discretionary funds available to local educational agencies by approximately \$3.4 billion. The 2023-24 Budget also provides approximately \$1.6 billion in one-time Proposition 98 resources to support the ongoing costs of the LCFF in fiscal year 2023-24, and an increase of \$80 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding for county offices of education serving students in juvenile court and other alternative school settings. Finally, to complement efforts to identify and address student group and school site equity gaps through school district LCAPs, the 2023-24 Budget provides \$300 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to establish an Equity Multiplier as an add-on to the LCFF to accelerate gains in closing opportunity and outcome gaps, and \$2 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to support the work of equity leads within the Statewide system of support.
- Categorical Programs: \$556.3 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to reflect an 8.22% COLA for specified categorical programs that remain outside of the LCFF.
- Universal Transitional Kindergarten: The funding levels in the 2023-24 Budget reflect \$357 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to support the first year of expanded eligibility for transition kindergarten to include all children turning five years old between September 2, and February 2 in fiscal year 2022-23 (roughly 29,000 children). Additionally, the 2023-24 Budget reflects \$238 million of Proposition 98 funding to support one additional classified or certificated staff person in every transitional kindergarten class in fiscal year 2022-23. The 2023-24 Budget includes \$597 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to support the second year of expanded eligibility to include all children turning five years old between September 2 and April 2 (roughly 42,000 children), beginning in fiscal year 2023-24. Additionally, the 2023-24 Budget includes \$165 million to support one additional certificated or classified employee in every transitional kindergarten class. The 2023-24 Budget also makes certain adjustments to the transitional kindergarten program, including (i) requiring that, commencing with the 2025-26 fiscal year, transitional kindergarten classrooms maintain a 1:10 adult-to-student ratio, (ii) enabling local educational agencies, in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, to enroll children whose fourth birthday falls between June 2 and September 1 in transitional kindergarten if classrooms meet the 1:10 ratio and maintain a total class size of 20 or less students, and (iii) extending the deadline for credentialed teachers to have earned 24 early education college credits, or its equivalent, or earned a child development teacher permit or early childhood education specialist credential. Finally, the 2023-24 Budget delays, to fiscal year 2024-25, \$550 million of funding previously approved to support the construction or retrofit of full-day kindergarten and preschool facilities.
- Literacy: \$250 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding for high-poverty schools, using evidence-based practices, to train and hire literacy coaches and reading specialists for one-on-one and small group interventions for struggling readers. The 2023-24 Budget also provides \$1 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to support efforts to begin screening students in kindergarten through second grade for risk of reading difficulties, including dyslexia. Finally, the 2023-24 Budget provides \$1 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to create a literacy roadmap to help educators navigate literacy resources provided by the State.
- Educator Workforce: The 2023-24 Budget includes a number of statutory changes to reduce barriers for those interested in entering the teacher profession, including (i) increasing the percandidate allocation for the Teacher and School Counselor Residency Program, (ii) allowing greater time for residency candidates to complete their service requirements, (iii) providing additional ways for teachers to complete their teaching credentials, and (iv) allowing relocated U.S. military service members, or their spouses, to be issued a State teaching credential if they

possess a valid, out-of-state credential. The 2023-24 Budget also provides \$10 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding for grants to local education agencies to provide culturally relevant support and mentorship for educators to become school administrators.

- Arts and Cultural Enrichment: On November 8, 2022, State voters approved Proposition 28, which requires that an amount equal to 1% of the prior year's minimum funding guarantee be allocated to schools to increase arts instruction and arts programs in public education. The 2023-24 Budget includes approximately \$938 million to fund this mandate. The 2023-24 Budget also reflects a reduction of approximately \$200 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding previously approved for the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant.
- Learning Recovery: The 2022-23 State budget established the Learning Recovery Emergency Fund and appropriated \$7.9 billion in one-time Proposition 98 funding to establish a block grant to support local educational agencies in establishing learning recovery initiatives. The 2023-24 Budget delays approximately \$1.1 billion of such funding to fiscal years 2025-26 through 2027-28
- *Home-to-School Transportation*: The 2022-23 State budget provided \$1.5 billion in one-time Proposition 98 funding, available over five years, to support the greening of school buses as part of a Statewide zero-emissions initiative. The 2023-24 Budget delays \$1 billion of this funding to fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- *Nutrition:* \$154 million in additional ongoing Proposition 98 funding, and \$110 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding, to fully fund the universal school meals program in fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- *Teacher Development*: \$20 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to support the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program. The 2023-24 Budget also provides \$6 million in one-time federal funds to support grants to teacher candidates enrolled in a special education teacher preparation program who agree to teach at a high-need school site.
- Reversing Opioid Overdoses: \$3.5 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding for all middle school, high school and adult school sites to maintain at least two doses of medication to reverse an opioid overdose on campus.
- Restorative Justice: \$7 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to support local educational agencies opting to implement restorative justice best practices.
- School Safety: \$119.6 million in one-time federal funds authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to support local educational agency activities related to improving school climates and school safety.
- After School Education: \$3 million in one-time federal funds to support after school programs in rural school districts.
- Facilities: The 2023-24 Budget reflects a decrease of \$100 million in State General Fund support for the State school facilities program. The 2023-24 Budget includes \$30 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to support eligible facilities costs for the Charter School Facility Grant Program, and \$15 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to support grants to local educational agencies to acquire and install commercial dishwashers.

For additional information regarding the 2023-24 Budget, see the DOF and LAO websites at www.dof.ca.gov and www.lao.ca.gov. However, the information presented on such websites is not incorporated herein by any reference.

#### **Future Actions and Events**

The District cannot predict what additional actions will be taken in the future by the State legislature and the Governor to address changing State revenues and expenditures. The District also cannot predict the impact such actions will have on State revenues available in the current or future years for education. The State budget will be affected by national and State economic conditions and other factors over which the District will have no control. Certain actions or results could produce a significant shortfall of revenue and cash, and could consequently impair the State's ability to fund schools. The COVID-19 pandemic has already resulted in significant negative economic effects at State and federal levels, and additional negative economic effects are possible, each of which could negatively impact anticipated State revenue levels. In addition, a resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, or the outbreak of a new pandemic, could also result in higher State expenditures, of both a direct nature (such as those related to managing the outbreak) and an indirect nature (such as higher public usage of need-based programs resulting from unemployment or disability). See "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS -Considerations Regarding COVID-19." State budget shortfalls in future fiscal years may also have an adverse financial impact on the financial condition of the District. However, the obligation to levy ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property within the District for the payment of principal of and interest on the Series C Bonds would not be impaired by the events described above.

#### **State Dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies**

On December 30, 2011, the California Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of California Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos ("Matosantos"), finding ABx1 26, a trailer bill to the 2011-12 State budget, to be constitutional. As a result, all Redevelopment Agencies in California ceased to exist as a matter of law on February 1, 2012. The Court in Matosantos also found that ABx1 27, a companion bill to ABx1 26, violated the California Constitution, as amended by Proposition 22. See "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS—Proposition 1A and Proposition 22." ABx1 27 would have permitted redevelopment agencies to continue operations provided their establishing cities or counties agreed to make specified payments to school districts and county offices of education, totaling \$1.7 billion statewide.

ABx1 26 was modified by Assembly Bill No. 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2011-12) ("AB 1484"), which, together with ABx1 26, is referred to herein as the "Dissolution Act." The Dissolution Act provides that all rights, powers, duties and obligations of a redevelopment agency under the California Community Redevelopment Law that have not been repealed, restricted or revised pursuant to ABx1 26 will be vested in a successor agency, generally the county or city that authorized the creation of the redevelopment agency (each, a "Successor Agency"). All property tax revenues that would have been allocated to a redevelopment agency, less the corresponding county auditor-controller's cost to administer the allocation of property tax revenues, are now allocated to a corresponding Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund ("Trust Fund"), to be used for the payment of pass-through payments to local taxing entities, and thereafter to bonds of the former redevelopment agency and any "enforceable obligations" of the Successor Agency, as well as to pay certain administrative costs. The Dissolution Act defines "enforceable obligations" to include bonds, loans, legally required payments, judgments or settlements, legal binding and enforceable obligations, and certain other obligations.

Among the various types of enforceable obligations, the first priority for payment is tax allocation bonds issued by the former redevelopment agency; second is revenue bonds, which may have been issued by the host city, but only where the tax increment revenues were pledged for repayment and only where other pledged revenues are insufficient to make scheduled debt service payments; third is administrative costs of the

Successor Agency, not to exceed \$250,000 in any year, to the extent such costs have been approved in an administrative budget; then, fourth tax revenues in the Trust Fund in excess of such amounts, if any, will be allocated as residual distributions to local taxing entities in the same proportions as other tax revenues. Moreover, all unencumbered cash and other assets of former redevelopment agencies will also be allocated to local taxing entities in the same proportions as tax revenues. Notwithstanding the foregoing portion of this paragraph, the order of payment is subject to modification in the event a Successor Agency timely reports to the Controller and the Department of Finance that application of the foregoing will leave the Successor Agency with amounts insufficient to make scheduled payments on enforceable obligations. If the county auditor-controller verifies that the Successor Agency will have insufficient amounts to make scheduled payments on enforceable obligations, it shall report its findings to the Controller. If the Controller agrees there are insufficient funds to pay scheduled payments on enforceable obligations, the amount of such deficiency shall be deducted from the amount remaining to be distributed to taxing agencies, as described as the fourth distribution above, then from amounts available to the Successor Agency to defray administrative costs. In addition, if a taxing agency entered into an agreement pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33401 for payments from a redevelopment agency under which the payments were to be subordinated to certain obligations of the redevelopment agency, such subordination provisions shall continue to be given effect.

As noted above, the Dissolution Act expressly provides for continuation of pass-through payments to local taxing entities. Per statute, 100% of contractual and statutory two percent pass-throughs, and 56.7% of statutory pass-throughs authorized under the Community Redevelopment Law Act of 1993 (AB 1290, Chapter 942, Statutes of 1993) ("AB 1290"), are restricted to educational facilities without offset against revenue limit apportionments by the State. Only 43.3% of AB 1290 pass-throughs are offset against State aid so long as the District uses the moneys received for land acquisition, facility construction, reconstruction, or remodeling, or deferred maintenance as provided under Education Code Section 42238(h).

ABX1 26 states that in the future, pass-throughs shall be made in the amount "which would have been received had the redevelopment agency existed at that time," and that the County Auditor-Controller shall "determine the amount of property taxes that would have been allocated to each redevelopment agency had the redevelopment agency not been dissolved pursuant to the operation of [ABX1 26] using current assessed values and pursuant to statutory [pass-through] formulas and contractual agreements with other taxing agencies."

Successor Agencies continue to operate until all enforceable obligations have been satisfied and all remaining assets of the Successor Agency have been disposed of. AB 1484 provides that once the debt of the Successor Agency is paid off and remaining assets have been disposed of, the Successor Agency shall terminate its existence and all pass-through payment obligations shall cease.

The District can make no representations as to the extent to which State apportionments may be offset by the future receipt of residual distributions or from unencumbered cash and assets of former redevelopment agencies any other surplus property tax revenues pursuant to the Dissolution Act.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

#### **Tax Matters**

In the opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, Newport Beach, California ("Bond Counsel"), under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, and assuming the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants and requirements described herein, interest (and original issue discount) on the Series C Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest (and original issue discount) on the Series C Bonds is exempt from State of California personal income tax. However, it should be noted that for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, with respect to applicable corporations as

defined in Section 59(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), generally certain corporations with more than \$1,000,000,000 of average annual adjusted financial statement income, interest (and original issue discount) with respect to the Series C Bonds might be taken into account in determining adjusted financial statement income for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed by Section 55 of the Code on such corporations.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the difference between the issue price of a Series C Bond (the first price at which a substantial amount of the Series C Bonds of a maturity is to be sold to the public) and the stated redemption price at maturity of such Bond constitutes original issue discount. Original issue discount accrues under a constant yield method, and original issue discount will accrue to a Beneficial Owner before receipt of cash attributable to such excludable income. The amount of original issue discount deemed received by a Beneficial Owner will increase the Beneficial Owner's basis in the applicable Bond. The amount of original issue discount that accrues to the Beneficial Owner a Series C Bond is excluded from the gross income of such Beneficial Owner for federal income tax purposes, is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals, and is exempt from State of California personal income tax.

Bond Counsel's opinion as to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Series C Bonds (including any original issue discount) is based upon certain representations of fact and certifications made by the District, the Underwriter and others and is subject to the condition that the District complies with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Series C Bonds to assure that interest on the Series C Bonds (including any original issue discount) will not become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements of the Code might cause interest on the Series C Bonds (including any original issue discount) to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Series C Bonds. The District will covenant to comply with all such requirements.

The amount by which a Beneficial Owner's original basis for determining loss on sale or exchange in the applicable Series C Bond (generally, the purchase price) exceeds the amount payable on maturity (or on an earlier call date) constitutes amortizable bond premium, which must be amortized under Section 171 of the Code; such amortizable bond premium reduces the Beneficial Owner's basis in the applicable Series C Bond (and the amount of tax-exempt interest received), and is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. The basis reduction as a result of the amortization of bond premium may result in a Beneficial Owner realizing a taxable gain when a Series C Bond is sold by the Beneficial Owner for an amount equal to or less (under certain circumstances) than the original cost of the Series C Bond to the Beneficial Owner. Purchasers of the Series C Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the treatment, computation and collateral consequences of amortizable bond premium.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has initiated an expanded program for the auditing of tax-exempt bond issues, including both random and targeted audits. It is possible that the Series C Bonds will be selected for audit by the IRS. It is also possible that the market value of the Series C Bonds might be affected as a result of such an audit of the Series C Bonds (or by an audit of similar bonds). No assurance can be given that in the course of an audit, as a result of an audit, or otherwise, Congress or the IRS might not change the Code (or interpretation thereof) subsequent to the issuance of the Series C Bonds to the extent that it adversely affects the exclusion from gross income of interest (and original issue discount) on the Series C Bonds or their market value.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES C BONDS THERE MIGHT BE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL STATUTORY CHANGES (OR JUDICIAL OR REGULATORY CHANGES TO OR INTERPRETATIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW) THAT AFFECT THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL TAX TREATMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL INCOME OR STATE TAXES ON OWNERS OF TAX-EXEMPT STATE OR LOCAL OBLIGATIONS, SUCH AS THE SERIES C BONDS. THESE CHANGES COULD ADVERSELY

AFFECT THE MARKET VALUE OR LIQUIDITY OF THE SERIES C BONDS. NO ASSURANCE CAN BE GIVEN THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES C BONDS STATUTORY CHANGES WILL NOT BE INTRODUCED OR ENACTED OR JUDICIAL OR REGULATORY INTERPRETATIONS WILL NOT OCCUR HAVING THE EFFECTS DESCRIBED ABOVE. BEFORE PURCHASING ANY OF THE SERIES C BONDS, ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING POSSIBLE STATUTORY CHANGES OR JUDICIAL OR REGULATORY CHANGES OR INTERPRETATIONS, AND THEIR COLLATERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE SERIES C BONDS.

Bond Counsel's opinion may be affected by actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date hereof. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions or events are taken or do occur. The Bond Resolution and the Tax Certificate relating to the Series C Bonds permit certain actions to be taken or to be omitted if a favorable opinion of Bond Counsel is provided with respect thereto. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest (and original issue discount) with respect to any Series C Bond if any such action is taken or omitted based upon the advice of counsel other than Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation.

Although Bond Counsel will render an opinion that interest on the Series C Bonds (including any original issue discount) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes provided that the District continues to comply with certain requirements of the Code, the accrual or receipt of interest on the Series C Bonds (including any original issue discount) may otherwise affect the tax liability of the recipient. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such tax consequences. Accordingly, all potential purchasers should consult their tax advisors before purchasing any of the Series C Bonds.

A copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel for the Series C Bonds is attached in Appendix A.

#### **Legality for Investment in California**

Under provisions of the California Financial Code, the Series C Bonds are legal investments for commercial banks in California to the extent that the Series C Bonds, in the informed opinion of the bank, are prudent for the investment of funds of depositors, and under provisions of the California Government Code, are eligible for security for deposits of public moneys in the State.

#### No Litigation

No litigation is pending or threatened concerning the validity of the Series C Bonds, and a certificate to that effect will be furnished by the District at the time of the issuance and delivery of the Series C Bonds. The District is not aware of any litigation pending or threatened questioning the political existence of the District or contesting the District's ability to receive *ad valorem* taxes or to collect other revenues or contesting the District's ability to issue and retire the Series C Bonds.

In the opinion of the District, there are no claims or lawsuits pending against the District that will materially adversely affect the finances of the District.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In connection with the issuance of the Series C Bonds, the District will covenant for the benefit of bondholders (including Beneficial Owners of the Series C Bonds) to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the District (the "Annual Reports") by not later than the March 31 following the end of the District's fiscal year (which currently ends June 30), commencing with the report for fiscal year 2022-23, and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events. The Annual Reports and

notices of enumerated events will be filed by the District in accordance with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), as amended (the "Rule"). The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Reports or the notices of enumerated events is included in Appendix C—"FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE" attached hereto. These covenants are being made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with the Rule.

In the last five years, the District has not failed to comply in all material respects with its previous undertakings under the Rule.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Rating

Moody's Investor's Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned the rating of "Aa2" to the Series C Bonds. The rating reflects only the views of such organization and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from Moody's. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that any rating for the Series C Bonds will continue for any given period of time or that such rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Series C Bonds.

#### **Underwriting**

The Series C Bonds are being purchased for reoffering by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Series C Bonds pursuant to a Bond Purchase Contract with the District (the "Contract of Purchase") at the initial purchase price of \$26,058,606.35 (being equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Series C Bonds, less an Underwriter's discount of \$103,545.00, plus an original issue premium of \$3,152,151.35). The Contract of Purchase provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Series C Bonds if any are purchased and that the obligation to make such purchase is subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Contract of Purchase. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Series C Bonds to certain dealers and others at prices lower than the offering prices stated on the cover page hereof. The offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

#### **Audited Financial Statements**

The District's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021-22 included in this Official Statement have been audited by Christy White Associates, A Professional Accountancy Corporation (the "Auditor"), independent auditors. Attention is called to the scope limitation described in the Auditor's report accompanying the financial statements. The Auditor has not been requested to consent to the inclusion of its report in this Official Statement. The Auditor has not undertaken to update the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021-22 or its report, and no opinion is expressed by the Auditor with respect to any event subsequent to its report dated December 14, 2022. See Appendix B—"DISTRICT'S 2021-22 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" herein.

#### **Financial Interests**

The fees being paid to the Underwriter, Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel, Underwriter's Counsel and the District's Municipal Advisor are contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Series C Bonds. From time to time, Bond Counsel represents the Underwriter on matters unrelated to the Series C Bonds.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this Official Statement is to supply information to purchasers of the Series C Bonds. Quotations from and summaries and explanations of the Series C Bonds and of the statutes and documents contained herein do not purport to be complete, and reference is made to such documents and statutes for full and complete statements of their provisions.

Any Bond Owner may obtain copies of reports relating to the Series C Bonds, as available, from the District at 1020 El Centro Street, South Pasadena, California 91030. The District may impose a charge for copying, mailing and handling.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the District and the purchasers or Owners of any of the Series C Bonds.

The delivery of this Official Statement has been duly authorized by the District.

#### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:	/s/ Geoff Yantz, Ed.D.
•	Superintendent

#### APPENDIX A

#### FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL FOR THE SERIES C BONDS

On the date of issuance of the Series C Bonds, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, Bond Counsel, proposes to issue its approving opinion relating to the Series C Bonds in substantially the following form:

[Closing Date]

Honorable Members of the Board of Education South Pasadena Unified School District South Pasadena, California

Re: \$23,010,000 South Pasadena Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Education:

We have examined the Constitution and the laws of the State of California, a certified record of the proceedings of the South Pasadena Unified School District (the "District") taken in connection with the authorization and issuance of the District's Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C, in the aggregate principal amount of \$23,010,000 (the "Bonds"), and such other information and documents as we consider necessary to render this opinion. In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon certain representations of fact and certifications made by the County of Los Angeles (the "County"), the District, the initial purchaser of the Bonds and others. We have not undertaken to verify through independent investigation the accuracy of the representations and certifications relied upon by us.

The Bonds have been issued by the District pursuant to Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California, and a vote of the qualified electors of the District voting at an election held on November 8, 2016, and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on October 10, 2023 (the "Bond Resolution") and a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County on November 7, 2023.

The Bonds mature on the dates and in the amounts authorized in the Bond Resolution. The Bonds are dated their date of delivery and bear interest payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1, on the dates and at the rates per annum authorized in the Bond Resolution. The Bonds are registered bonds as set forth in the Bond Resolution.

Based upon our examination of the foregoing, and in reliance thereon and on all matters of fact as we deem relevant under the circumstances, and upon consideration of applicable laws, we are of the opinion that:

(1) The Bonds have been duly and validly authorized and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the District enforceable in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution, except as the same may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights, by equitable principles, by the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and by limitations on legal remedies against public agencies in the State of California. The Bonds are obligations of the District but are not a debt of the County, the State of California or any other political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the County, the State of California, or any such political subdivisions is pledged for the payment thereof.

- The Bond Resolution has been duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the District. The Bond Resolution is enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the same may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights, by equitable principles, by the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and by limitations on legal remedies against public agencies in the State of California, provided, however, we express no opinion as to the enforceability of provisions of the Bond Resolution as to indemnification, penalty, contribution, choice of law, choice of forum or waiver contained therein.
- (3) The Bonds are secured by the proceeds of *ad valorem* taxes levied upon taxable property in the District which the Board of Supervisors of the County has the power to levy and is obligated by statute to levy without limit as to rate or amount (except as to certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates) for payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon.
- (4) Under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, interest (and original issue discount) on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, it should be noted that for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, with respect to applicable corporations as defined in Section 59(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), interest (and original issue discount) with respect to the Bonds might be taken into account in determining adjusted financial statement income for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations.
- (5) Interest (and original issue discount) on the Bonds is exempt from State of California personal income tax.
- (6) The difference between the issue price of a Bond (the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of a maturity is to be sold to the public) and the stated redemption price at maturity with respect to such Bond (to the extent the redemption price at maturity is more than the issue price) constitutes original issue discount. Original issue discount accrues under a constant yield method, and original issue discount will accrue to a Bond owner before receipt of cash attributable to such excludable income. The amount of original issue discount deemed received by a Bond owner will increase the Bond owner's basis in the applicable Bond. Original issue discount that accrues for the Bond owner is excluded from the gross income of such owner for federal income tax purposes, is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and is exempt from State of California personal income tax.
- (7) The amount by which a Bond owner's original basis for determining loss on sale or exchange in the applicable Bond (generally the purchase price) exceeds the amount payable on maturity (or on an earlier call date) constitutes amortizable bond premium which must be amortized under Section 171 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); such amortizable bond premium reduces the bond owner's basis in the applicable Bond (and the amount of tax-exempt interest received), and is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. The basis reduction as a result of the amortization of bond premium may result in a Bond owner realizing a taxable gain when a Bond is sold by the owner for an amount equal to or less (under certain circumstances) than the original cost of the Bond to the owner.

The opinions expressed in paragraphs (4) and (6) above as to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest (and original issue discount) on the Bonds are subject to the condition that the District complies with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds to assure that such interest (and original issue discount) will not become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements of the Code might cause interest (and original issue discount) on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The District has covenanted to comply with all such

requirements. Except as set forth in paragraphs (4), (5), (6) and (7) above, we express no opinion as to any tax consequences related to the Bonds.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Bond Resolution and the Tax Certificate executed by the District with respect to the Bonds may be changed and certain actions may be taken or omitted, under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents, upon the advice or with the approving opinion of counsel nationally recognized in the area of tax exempt obligations. We express no opinion as to the effect on exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest (and original issue discount) on any Bond if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted upon advice or approval of bond counsel other than Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation.

The opinions expressed herein and the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes may be affected by actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions or events are taken or do occur. Our engagement as bond counsel to the District terminates upon the issuance of the Bonds.

The opinions expressed herein are based upon our analysis and interpretation of existing laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities.

Our opinion is limited to matters governed by the laws of the State of California and federal law. We assume no responsibility with respect to the applicability or the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds or other offering material relating to the Bonds and expressly disclaim any duty to advise the owners of the Bonds with respect to matters contained in the Official Statement and any supplements thereto.

Respectfully submitted,



# APPENDIX B

# DISTRICT'S 2021-22 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDIT REPORT June 30, 2022



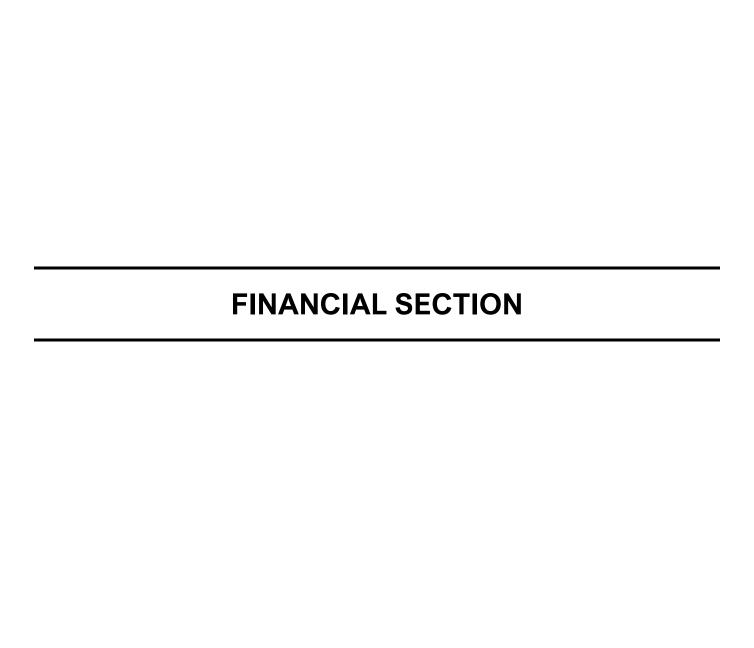
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#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Independent Auditors' Report** 

Governing Board South Pasadena Unified School District South Pasadena, California

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Pasadena Unified School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the South Pasadena Unified School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Pasadena Unified School District, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the South Pasadena Educational Foundation, which represent the discretely presented component unit as of July 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the South Pasadena Educational Foundation, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the South Pasadena Unified School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the South Pasadena Unified School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the South Pasadena Unified School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
  error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
  examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the South Pasadena Unified School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information, such as management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedules of proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedules of district contributions for pensions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

#### Required Supplementary Information (continued)

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the South Pasadena Unified School District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2022 on our consideration of the South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

San Diego, California December 14, 2022

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# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### INTRODUCTION

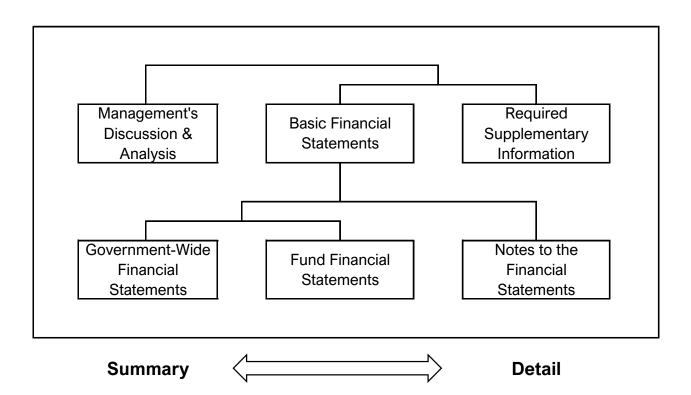
Our discussion and analysis of South Pasadena Unified School District's (District) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. It should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The District's total net position was \$615,216 at June 30, 2022. This was an increase of \$5,054,332 from the prior year.
- Overall revenues were \$73,631,418 which was more than expenses of \$68,577,086.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **Components of the Financial Section**



#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

#### **Components of the Financial Section (continued)**

This annual report consists of three parts – Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The three sections together provide a comprehensive overview of the District. The basic financial statements are comprised of two kinds of statements that present financial information from different perspectives:

- **Government-wide financial statements**, which comprise the first two statements, provide both short-term and long-term information about the entity's overall financial position.
- Fund financial statements focus on reporting the individual parts of District operations in more detail. The fund financial statements comprise the remaining statements.
  - Governmental Funds provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.
  - Proprietary Funds report services for which the District charges customers a fee. Like the government-wide statements, they provide both long- and short-term financial information.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required and other supplementary information that further explain and support the financial statements.

#### **Government-Wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position is one way to measure the District's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include governmental activities. All of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular education, food service, maintenance and general administration. Local control formula funding and federal and state grants finance most of these activities.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY AS A WHOLE

#### **Net Position**

The District's total net position was \$615,216 at June 30, 2022, as reflected in the table below. Of this amount, \$(64,353,871) was unrestricted. Restricted net position is reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the Governing Board's ability to use that net position for day-to-day operations.

		Go	vern	mental Activitie	s		Business-Type Activities							
	2022			2021 Net Change				2022	2021	١	let Change			
ASSETS														
Current and other assets	\$	50,409,139	\$	75,785,739	\$	(25,376,600)	\$	470,895 \$	258,279	\$	212,616			
Lease receivable		335,564		-		335,564		-	-		-			
Capital and lease assets		130,698,683		123,398,866		7,299,817		-	-					
Total Assets		181,443,386		199,184,605		(17,741,219)		470,895	258,279		212,616			
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		14,884,427		17,352,353		(2,467,926)		377,915	412,531		(34,616)			
LIABILITIES														
Current liabilities		13,139,183		17,349,535		(4,210,352)		94,711	54,278		40,433			
Long-term liabilities		155,616,265		197,534,333		(41,918,068)		1,535,557	1,987,620		(452,063)			
Total Liabilities		168,755,448		214,883,868		(46,128,420)		1,630,268	2,041,898		(411,630)			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		25,792,223		4,648,405		21,143,818		383,468	72,713		310,755			
NET POSITION														
Net investment in capital assets		47,366,602		24,803,260		22,563,342		-	-		-			
Restricted		17,602,485		28,933,281		(11,330,796)		-	-		-			
Unrestricted		(63,188,945)		(56,731,856)		(6,457,089)		(1,164,926)	(1,443,801)		278,875			
Total Net Position	\$	1,780,142	\$	(2,995,315)	\$	4,775,457	\$	(1,164,926) \$	(1,443,801)	\$	278,875			

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY AS A WHOLE (continued)

#### **Changes in Net Position**

The results of this year's operations for the District as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. The table below takes the information from the Statement and rearranges the numbers slightly, so you can see our total revenues, expenses, and special items.

	 Go	overni	nental Activiti	es		Business-Type Activities						
	 2022		2021	N	let Change		2022	2021	N	let Change		
REVENUES												
Program revenues												
Charges for services	\$ 649,990	\$	475,209	\$	174,781	\$	1,392,586 \$	415,913	\$	976,673		
Operating grants and contributions	13,124,407		12,653,269		471,138		-	-		-		
Capital grants and contributions	6		58		(52)		-	-		-		
General revenues												
Property taxes	24,019,795		23,459,931		559,864		-	-		-		
Unrestricted federal and state aid	32,933,139		30,797,181		2,135,958		-	-		-		
Other	 1,529,663		708,149		821,514		(18,168)	1,057		(19,225)		
Total Revenues	72,257,000		68,093,797		4,163,203		1,374,418	416,970		957,448		
EXPENSES												
Instruction	37,133,532		41,077,734		(3,944,202)		-	-		-		
Instruction-related services	6,287,304		5,833,083		454,221		-	-		-		
Pupil services	5,932,680		4,963,228		969,452		-	-		-		
General administration	4,097,428		3,892,661		204,767		-	-		-		
Plant services	7,394,829		8,690,095		(1,295,266)		-	-		-		
Ancillary and community services	1,183,876		480,920		702,956		-	-		-		
Debt service	4,840,664		4,735,071		105,593		-	-		-		
Other outgo	611,230		559,845		51,385		-	-		-		
Enterprise activities	 -		-				1,095,543	498,187		597,356		
Total Expenses	67,481,543		70,232,637		(2,751,094)		1,095,543	498,187		597,356		
Transfers & special items	 -		10,045,218		(10,045,218)		-	-		_		
Change in net position	 4,775,457		7,906,378		(3,130,921)		278,875	(81,217)		360,092		
Net Position - Beginning	 (2,995,315)		(10,901,693)		7,906,378		(1,443,801)	(1,362,584)		(81,217)		
Net Position - Ending	\$ 1,780,142	\$	(2,995,315)	\$	4,775,457	\$	(1,164,926) \$	(1,443,801)	\$	278,875		

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY AS A WHOLE (continued)

#### **Changes in Net Position (continued)**

In the table below, we have presented the net cost of each of the District's governmental functions. Net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions. Providing this information allows our citizens to consider the cost of each function in comparison to the benefits they believe are provided by that function.

	 Net Cost of	of Serv	rices			
	2022	2021				
Instruction	\$ 31,541,709	\$	31,977,711			
Instruction-related services	5,331,585		5,298,346			
Pupil services	2,010,436		2,980,133			
General administration	3,510,420		3,770,203			
Plant services	6,294,168		7,859,718			
Ancillary and community services	493,777		326,353			
Debt service	4,840,664		4,735,071			
Transfers to other agencies	(315,619)		156,566			
Total	\$ 53,707,140	\$	57,104,101			

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S MAJOR FUNDS

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed this year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$40,602,431, which is less than last year's ending fund balance of \$60,832,818. The District's General Fund had \$2,066,135 more in operating revenues than expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2022. The District's Building Fund had \$10,823,348 less in operating revenues than expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2022. The District's Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects had \$12,303,773 less in operating revenues than expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2022. The District's Bond Interest and Redemption Fund had \$580,635 less in operating revenues than expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2022.

#### **CURRENT YEAR BUDGET 2021-2022**

During the fiscal year, budget revisions and appropriation transfers are presented to the Board for their approval on a regular basis to reflect changes to both revenues and expenditures that become known during the year. In addition, the Board of Education approves financial projections included with the Adopted Budget, First Interim, and Second Interim financial reports. The Unaudited Actuals reflect the District's financial projections and current budget based on State and local financial information.

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

#### **Capital Assets**

By the end of 2021-2022 the District had invested \$130,698,683 in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization.

	Gov	vern	mental Activiti	ies	
	2022		2021		Net Change
CAPITAL ASSETS					_
Land	\$ 6,043,749	\$	6,043,749	\$	-
Construction in progress	45,222,517		36,458,236		8,764,281
Land improvements	5,983,397		5,983,397		-
Buildings & improvements	114,996,802		113,514,523		1,482,279
Furniture & equipment	1,937,412		1,908,230		29,182
Accumulated depreciation	(43,716,601)		(40,509,269)		(3,207,332)
Lease assets - furniture & equipment	334,134		-		334,134
Accumulated amortization for lease assets -					
furniture & equipment	(102,727)		-		(102,727)
Total Capital Assets	\$ 130,698,683	\$	123,398,866	\$	7,299,817

#### **Long-Term Liabilities**

At year-end, the District had \$157,151,822 in total long-term liabilities, a decrease of 16.64% from last year's balance – as shown in the table below. More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in footnotes to the financial statements.

	Go	veri	nmental Activit	ies		Business-Type Activities							
	2022		2021		Net Change		2022		2021		Net Change		
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES													
Total general obligation bonds	\$ 108,708,249	\$	113,276,443	\$	(4,568,194)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Leases payable	228,939		-		228,939		-		-		-		
Compensated absences	420,406		425,623		(5,217)		-		-		-		
Total OPEB liability	23,142,911		20,072,470		3,070,441		-		-		-		
Net pension liability	27,200,109		56,055,203		(28,855,094)		1,535,557		1,987,620		(452,063)		
Less: current portion of long-term liabilities	 (4,084,349)		(3,295,406)		(788,943)		-		-				
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$ 155,616,265	\$	186,534,333	\$	(30,918,068)	\$	1,535,557	\$	1,987,620	\$	(452,063)		

#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several circumstances that could affect its future financial health.

In its September 2022 quarterly report, the UCLA Anderson Forecast stated the U.S. economy was likely to muddle along with below-trend growth and continued high inflation over the next twelve months. No recession is forecast at this time; however, the possibility still exists that persistent inflation and aggressive interest rate policy will lead to a hard landing of the economy, potentially triggering a recession. In California, defense spending and technology demands will likely keep the economy growing.

#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET (continued)**

Fiscal policy for the funding of public education changes annually based on fluctuations in State revenues. The May 2022 Budget Revision includes total funding of \$128.3 billion (\$78.4 billion General Fund and \$49.9 billion other funds) for all K-12 education programs, additionally, the revised spending plan further accelerates the implementation of the "California for All Kids" plan, which is a whole-child support framework designed to target inequities in educational outcomes among students from different demographic backgrounds and empower parents and families with more options and services. The Proposition 98 Guarantee continues to be in Test 1 for 2021-22 and 2022-23. To accommodate enrollment increases related to the expansion of transitional kindergarten, the Governor's Budget proposed re-benching the Test 1 percentage to increase the percentage of General Fund revenues due to the Guarantee, from 38.03 percent to approximately 38.4 percent. The May Revision updates the increased Test 1 percentage from approximately 38.4 percent to approximately 38.3 percent. At May Revision, the 2022-23 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is updated to 6.56 percent, the largest COLA in the history of LCFF.

The District participates in state employee pensions plans, California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and both are underfunded. The District's proportionate share of the liability is reported in the Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2022. The amount of the liability is material to the financial position of the District. The CalSTRS projected employer contribution rate for 2022-23 is 19.10 percent. The CalPERS projected employer contribution rate for 2022-23 is 25.37 percent. The projected increased pension costs to school employers remain a significant fiscal factor.

Enrollment can fluctuate due to factors such as population growth, competition from private, parochial, inter-district transfers in or out, economic conditions and housing values. Losses in enrollment will cause a school district to lose operating revenues without necessarily permitting the district to make adjustments in fixed operating costs.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

#### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, students, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need any additional financial information, contact the District's Business Office at (626) 441-5810, ext. 1110.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

	vernmental Activities	siness-Type Activities	Total	Disc	July 31, 2021 retely Presented emponent Unit
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$ 42,683,678	\$ 451,711	\$ 43,135,389	\$	1,851,085
Accounts receivable	7,705,084	19,184	7,724,268		-
Inventory	20,377	-	20,377		-
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-		10,365
Lease receivable	335,564	-	335,564		-
Capital assets, not depreciated	51,266,266	-	51,266,266		-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	79,201,010	-	79,201,010		-
Lease assets, net of accumulated amortization	231,407	-	231,407		-
Total Assets	181,443,386	470,895	181,914,281		1,861,450
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred outflows related to pensions	9,122,287	377,915	9,500,202		-
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	4,933,046	-	4,933,046		-
Deferred amount on refunding	829,094	-	829,094		-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	14,884,427	377,915	15,262,342		-
LIABILITIES					
Accrued liabilities	5,727,693	94,711	5,822,404		525,840
Unearned revenue	3,327,141	· -	3,327,141		22,135
Long-term liabilities, current portion	4,084,349	-	4,084,349		· =
Long-term liabilities, non-current portion	155,616,265	1,535,557	157,151,822		-
Total Liabilities	 168,755,448	1,630,268	170,385,716		547,975
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred inflows related to pensions	23,723,927	383,468	24,107,395		-
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	1,732,732	-	1,732,732		-
Deferred inflows related to leases	335,564	-	335,564		-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	25,792,223	383,468	26,175,691		-
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	47,366,602	_	47,366,602		_
Restricted:	, ,		, ,		
Capital projects	1,686,514	-	1,686,514		-
Debt service	5,770,259	-	5,770,259		-
Educational programs	7,789,351	-	7,789,351		-
Food service	955,351	-	955,351		-
Associated student body	1,401,010	-	1,401,010		-
Unrestricted	(63,188,945)	(1,164,926)	(64,353,871)		1,313,475
Total Net Position	\$ 1,780,142	\$ (1,164,926)	\$ 615,216	\$	1,313,475

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

					Progr	ram Revenues					Re <sup>1</sup>	(Expenses) venues and hanges in et Position		Di	scretely
Function/Programs		Expenses		harges for Services	G	Dperating rants and ntributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		G	overnmental Activities	Business-Type Activities		Total	Pi	resented emponent Unit
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES															
Instruction	\$	37,133,532	\$	237,365	\$	5,354,452	\$	6	\$	(31,541,709)					
Instruction-related services		, ,		•		, ,				, , ,					
Instructional supervision and administration		1,795,882		18,171		755,010		_		(1,022,701)					
Instructional library, media, and technology		1,587,622		_		11,034		-		(1,576,588)					
School site administration		2,903,800		453		171,051		-		(2,732,296)					
Pupil services		,,-				,				(, - ,,					
Home-to-school transportation		404,465		13,944		161,011		_		(229,510)					
Food services		2,232,948		227,147		2,676,544		_		670,743					
All other pupil services		3,295,267		26,924		816,674		_		(2,451,669)					
General administration		-,,		,						(=, :: :,:::)					
Centralized data processing		89,215		-		-		_		(89,215)					
All other general administration		4,008,213		5,606		581,402		_		(3,421,205)					
Plant services		7,394,829		57,257		1,043,404		_		(6,294,168)					
Ancillary services		1,152,134		409		687,162		_		(464,563)					
Community services		31,742		162		2,366		_		(29,214)					
Interest on long-term debt		4,840,664		102		2,000		_		(4,840,664)					
Other outgo		611,230		62,552		864,297		_		315,619					
Total Governmental Activities	\$	67,481,543	\$	649,990	\$	13,124,407	\$	6		(53,707,140)	•				
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	Ψ	07,701,070	Ψ	040,000	Ψ	10, 124,401	Ψ			(55,767,140)					
Enterprise activities	•	1,095,543	\$	1,392,586	¢		\$				¢	297,043			
Total Business-Type Activities	Ψ	1,095,543	Ψ	1,392,586	Ψ		Ψ				Ψ	297,043			
Total School District	\$	68,577,086	\$	2,042,576	¢	13,124,407	¢	6				\$	(53,410,097)		
	Ф	00,377,000	φ	2,042,576	Ф	13,124,407	φ	0				Φ	(55,410,097)		
DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT	Φ.	050,000	•	074 400	•		•							•	004.470
Summer school program	\$	653,020	\$	874,496	\$		\$	-						\$	221,476
Grant to the district		452,004		-		436,519		-							(15,485)
Teacher direct grants		36,689		-		-		-							(36,689)
Administration		140,767		-		-		-							(140,767)
Fundraising	_	131,551	_	-	_	-	_								(131,551)
Total	\$	1,414,031	\$	874,496	\$	436,519	\$								(103,016)
		eral revenues													
		kes and subventi													
		roperty taxes, le			oses					13,156,587		-	13,156,587		-
		roperty taxes, le								8,277,980		-	8,277,980		-
		roperty taxes, le								2,585,228		-	2,585,228		-
		ederal and state			specif	fic purposes				32,933,139		-	32,933,139		-
		erest and investn	nent e	arnings						(1,712,724)		(18,168)	(1,730,892)		8,184
	Mis	scellaneous								3,242,387		-	3,242,387		97,095
		total, General R								58,482,597		(18,168)	58,464,429		105,279
	CHA	NGE IN NET PO	SITIO	N						4,775,457		278,875	5,054,332		2,263
	Net I	Position - Begir	nning							(2,995,315)		(1,443,801)	(4,439,116)		1,311,212
	Net I	Position - Endir	ng						\$	1,780,142	\$	(1,164,926) \$	615,216	\$	1,313,475

Net (Expenses)

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2022

	Ge	eneral Fund	Вι			Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects		Bond Interest and Redemption Fund		Non-Major Governmental Funds		Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS												
Cash and investments	\$	15,146,819	\$	13,724,267	\$	1,474,020	\$	6,805,747	\$	3,750,869	\$	40,901,722
Accounts receivable		7,010,263		42,907		6,748		-		639,760		7,699,678
Stores inventory		-		-		-		-		20,377		20,377
Lease receivable		-		-		335,564		-		-		335,564
Total Assets	\$	22,157,082	\$	13,767,174	\$	1,816,332	\$	6,805,747	\$	4,411,006	\$	48,957,341
LIABILITIES												
Accrued liabilities	\$	4,141,041	\$	251,541	\$	185,291	\$	-	\$	114,332	\$	4,692,205
Unearned revenue		3,219,930		-		-		-		107,211		3,327,141
Total Liabilities		7,360,971		251,541		185,291		-		221,543		8,019,346
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred inflows related to leases		-		-		335,564		-		-		335,564
Total Deferred Inflows		-		-		335,564		-		-		335,564
FUND BALANCES												
Nonspendable		15,250		-		_		_		22,322		37,572
Restricted		9,190,361		13,515,633		1,295,477		6,805,747		2,747,398		33,554,616
Committed		-		-		-		· · ·		1,419,743		1,419,743
Unassigned		5,590,500		-		-		_		<u> </u>		5,590,500
Total Fund Balances		14,796,111		13,515,633		1,295,477		6,805,747		4,189,463		40,602,431
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances	\$	22,157,082	\$	13,767,174	\$	1,816,332	\$	6,805,747	\$	4,411,006	\$	48,957,341

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

#### **Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds**

\$ 40,602,431

Amounts reported for assets and liabilities for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different from amounts reported in governmental funds because:

#### Capital assets:

In governmental funds, only current assets are reported. In the statement of net position, all assets are reported, including capital assets, lease assets, accumulated depreciation and accumulated amortization:

Capital assets	\$ 174,183,877
Lease assets	334,134
Accumulated depreciation	(43,716,601)
Accumulated amortization	(102,727) 130,698,683

#### Deferred amount on refunding:

In governmental funds, the net effect of refunding bonds is recognized when debt is issued, whereas this amount is deferred and amortized in the government-wide financial statements:

829.094

#### Unmatured interest on long-term debt:

In governmental funds, interest on long-term debt is not recognized until the period in which it matures and is paid. In the government-wide statement of activities, it is recognized in the period that it is incurred. The additional liability for unmatured interest owing at the end of the period was:

(1,035,488)

#### Long-term liabilities:

In governmental funds, only current liabilities are reported. In the statement of net position, all liabilities, including long-term liabilities, are reported. Long-term liabilities relating to governmental activities consist of:

Total general obligation bonds	\$ 108,708,249	
Leases payable	228,939	
Compensated absences	420,406	
Net pension liability	27,200,109	(136,557,703)

#### Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions:

In governmental funds, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions are not reported because they are applicable to future periods. In the statement of net position, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions are reported.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 9,122,287	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(23,723,927)	(14,601,640)

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# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, continued JUNE 30, 2022

#### Internal service funds:

Internal service funds are used to conduct certain activities for which costs are charged to other funds on a full cost-recovery basis. Because internal service funds are presumed to operate for the benefit of governmental activities, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of internal service funds are reported with governmental activities in the statement of net position. Net position for internal service funds is:

(18, 155, 235)

**Total Net Position - Governmental Activities** 

\$ 1,780,142

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Gene	ral Fund	Building Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	Bond Interest and Redemption Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			_				
LCFF sources	\$	44,674,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 45,074,338
Federal sources		4,408,828	-	-	-	2,526,429	6,935,257
Other state sources		8,488,473	-	-	35,697	146,169	8,670,339
Other local sources		7,353,787	(481,327)	370,050	7,989,248	908,313	16,140,071
Total Revenues		64,925,426	(481,327)	370,050	8,024,945	3,980,911	76,820,005
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
Instruction		40,511,419	-	-	-	-	40,511,419
Instruction-related services							
Instructional supervision and administration		2,077,075	-	-	-	-	2,077,075
Instructional library, media, and technology		1,609,062	-	-	-	-	1,609,062
School site administration		3,125,466	-	-	-	-	3,125,466
Pupil services							
Home-to-school transportation		390,968	-	-	-	-	390,968
Food services		40,470	-	-	-	2,231,740	2,272,210
All other pupil services		3,684,903	-	-	-	-	3,684,903
General administration							
Centralized data processing		86,093	-	-	-	-	86,093
All other general administration		4,287,470	-	-	-	55,082	4,342,552
Plant services		5,682,652	-	185,200	-	39,330	5,907,182
Facilities acquisition and construction		7,630	10,342,021	1,155,201	-	70,195	11,575,047
Ancillary services		516,713	-	-	-	610,358	1,127,071
Community services		29,488	-	-	-	-	29,488
Transfers to other agencies		646,243	-	-	-	-	646,243
Debt service							
Principal		105,195	-	11,000,000	3,060,037	-	14,165,232
Interest and other		58,444	-	333,422	5,545,543	-	5,937,409
Total Expenditures		62,859,291	10,342,021	12,673,823	8,605,580	3,006,705	97,487,420
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over Expenditures		2,066,135	(10,823,348)	(12,303,773)	(580,635)	974,206	(20,667,415)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Other sources		334,134	-	-	11,527,000	-	11,861,134
Other uses		-	-	-	(11,424,106)	-	(11,424,106)
Net Financing Sources (Uses)		334,134	-	-	102,894	-	437,028
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		2,400,269	(10,823,348)	(12,303,773)	(477,741)	974,206	(20,230,387)
Fund Balance - Beginning		12,395,842	24,338,981	13,599,250	7,283,488	3,215,257	60,832,818
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	14,796,111	\$ 13,515,633	\$ 1,295,477	\$ 6,805,747	\$ 4,189,463	\$ 40,602,431

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

#### **Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**

\$ (20,230,387)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different from amounts reported in governmental funds because:

#### Capital outlay:

In governmental funds, the costs of capital assets and lease assets are reported as expenditures in the period when the assets are acquired. In the statement of activities, costs of capital assets and lease assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense and amortization expense, respectively. The difference between capital outlay expenditures and depreciation expense and amortization expense for the period is:

Expenditures for capital outlay:	\$ 10,609,876	
Depreciation expense:	(3,207,332)	
Amortization expense:	(102,727)	

#### Debt service:

In governmental funds, repayments of long-term debt are reported as expenditures. In the government-wide statements, repayments of long-term debt are reported as reductions of liabilities. Expenditures for repayment of the principal portion of long-term debt were:

27,705,442

7,299,817

#### Debt proceeds:

in governmental funds, proceeds from debt are recognized as Other Financing Sources. In the government-wide statements, proceeds from debt are reported as increases to liabilities. Amounts recognized in governmental funds as proceeds from debt, net of issue premium or discount, were:

(11,861,134)

#### Deferred amounts on refunding:

In governmental funds, deferred amounts on refunding are recognized in the period they are incurred. In the government-wide statements, the deferred amounts on refunding are amortized over the life of the debt. The net effect of the deferred amounts on refunding during the period was:

(512,762)

#### Unmatured interest on long-term debt:

In governmental funds, interest on long-term debt is recognized in the period that it becomes due. In the government-wide statement of activities, it is recognized in the period it is incurred. Unmatured interest owing at the end of the period, less matured interest paid during the period but owing from the prior period, was:

33,469

#### Accreted interest on long-term debt:

In governmental funds, accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds is not recorded as an expenditure from current sources. In the government-wide statement of activities, however, this is recorded as interest expense for the period.

(1,283,823)

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# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

#### Compensated absences:

In governmental funds, compensated absences are measured by the amounts paid during the period. In the statement of activities, compensated absences are measured by the amount earned. The difference between compensated absences paid and compensated absences earned, was:

5,217

#### Pensions:

In governmental funds, pension costs are recognized when employer contributions are made. In the government-wide statement of activities, pension costs are recognized on the accrual basis. This year, the difference between accrual-basis pension costs and employer contributions was:

5,015,015

#### Amortization of debt issuance premium or discount:

In governmental funds, if debt is issued at a premium or at a discount, the premium or discount is recognized as an Other Financing Source or an Other Financing Use in the period it is incurred. In the government-wide statements, the premium or discount is amortized over the life of the debt. Amortization of premium or discount for the period is:

778,770

#### Internal Service Funds:

Internal service funds are used to conduct certain activities for which costs are charged to other funds on a full cost-recovery basis. Because internal service funds are presumed to benefit governmental activities, internal service activities are reported as governmental in the statement of activities. The net increase or decrease in internal service funds was:

(2,174,167)

#### **Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities**

\$ 4,775,457

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities Child Care Enterprise Fund		Governmental Activities Internal Service		
100570			1	Fund	
ASSETS					
Current assets		454 544	•	4 = 24 0 = 2	
Cash and investments	\$	451,711	\$	1,781,956	
Accounts receivable		19,184		5,406	
Total current assets		470,895		1,787,362	
Total Assets		470,895		1,787,362	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred outflows related to pensions		377,915		-	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB		-		4,933,046	
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		377,915		4,933,046	
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Accrued liabilities		94,711		_	
Total current liabilities		94,711			
Non-current liabilities		57,711			
Net pension liability		1,535,557		_	
Total OPEB liability		-		23,142,911	
Total non-current liabilities		1,535,557		23,142,911	
Total Liabilities	-	1,630,268	-	23,142,911	
Total Elabilities		1,000,200	-	20,142,011	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred inflows related to pensions		383,468		-	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB		-		1,732,732	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		383,468		1,732,732	
NET POSITION					
Restricted		<u>-</u>		(18,155,235)	
Unrestricted		(1,164,926)		(.0,.00,200)	
Total Net Position	\$	(1,164,926)	\$	(18,155,235)	

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities Child Care		Governmental Activities Internal Service		
ODED A TIMO DEL/FAILIEO	Enterprise Fund			Fund	
OPERATING REVENUES	_				
Charges for services	\$	1,392,586	\$	421,641	
Total operating revenues		1,392,586		421,641	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and benefits		982,327		1,993,780	
Supplies and materials		75,681		-	
Professional services		37,535		537,217	
Total operating expenses		1,095,543	-	2,530,997	
Operating income/(loss)		297,043		(2,109,356)	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)					
Interest income		(18,168)		(64,811)	
Total non-operating revenues/(expenses)		(18,168)		(64,811)	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		278,875		(2,174,167)	
Net Position - Beginning		(1,443,801)		(15,981,068)	
Net Position - Ending	\$	(1,164,926)	\$	(18,155,235)	

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

		siness-Type Activities		vernmental Activities
	-	child Care	Int	ernal Service
	Ente	erprise Fund		Fund
Cash flows from operating activities	_			
Cash received from user charges	\$	1,379,442	\$	-
Cash received (paid) from assessments made to				
(from) other funds		-		419,943
Cash payments for payroll, insurance, and operating costs		(1,161,802)		(537,217)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		217,640		(117,274)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Interest received		(18,168)		(64,811)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		(18,168)		(64,811)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		199,472		(182,085)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
Beginning of year		252,239		1,964,041
End of year	\$	451,711	\$	1,781,956
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to cash				
provided by (used for) operating activities				
Operating income/(loss)	\$	297,043	\$	(2,109,356)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash		·		,
provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivables		(13,144)		(1,698)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows related to pensions		34,616		-
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows related to OPEB		-		(834,623)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities		40,433		-
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability		(452,063)		_
Increase (decrease) in total OPEB liability		-		3,070,441
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows related to pensions		310,755		-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows related to OPEB		-		(242,038)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	217,640	\$	(117,274)

#### **NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

## A. Financial Reporting Entity

The South Pasadena Unified School District (the "District"), established in 1886, is located in a three square mile area between the cities of Los Angeles, San Marino, Alhambra and Pasadena in Los Angeles County, 10 miles northeast of the City of Los Angeles. The boundaries of the District are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of South Pasadena (the "City"). The District operates three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, a district office and a maintenance office. A fourth elementary school site is presently leased to the Institute for the Redesign of Learning.

The District operates under a locally elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services to grades K-12 as mandated by the State. A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities.

The District accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Department of Education's *California School Accounting Manual*. The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

# B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District, in that the District approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. In addition, component units are other legally separate organizations for which the District is not financially accountable but the nature and significance of the organization's relationship with the District is such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The South Pasadena Educational Foundation (the "component unit"), although a legally separate tax-exempt entity, is reported in the financial statements using the discrete presentation method as the economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the District, the District is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or help by the separate organization, and the economic resources received or held by an individual organization that the District is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to the District.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# C. Basis of Presentation

**Government-Wide Statements.** The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the District). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenue, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenue for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reserved for the statement of activities. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting of operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of program revenues and expenses identifies the extent to which each program or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

**Fund Financial Statements.** The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including its proprietary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for activities that are governmental in nature. Governmental activities are typically tax-supported and include education of pupils, operation of food service and child development programs, construction and maintenance of school facilities, and repayment of long-term debt.

Proprietary funds are used to account for activities that are more business-like than government-like in nature. Business-type activities include those for which a fee is charged to external users or to other organizational units of the District, normally on a full cost-recovery basis. Proprietary funds are generally intended to be self-supporting.

# **Major Governmental Funds**

**General Fund:** The General Fund is the main operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all activities except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. In keeping with the minimum number of funds principle, all of the District's activities are reported in the General Fund unless there is a compelling reason to account for an activity in another fund. A District may have only one General Fund.

**Building Fund:** This fund exists primarily to account separately for proceeds from the sale of bonds (*Education Code Section* 15146) and may not be used for any purposed other than those for which the bonds were issued. Other authorized revenues to the Building Fund are proceeds from the sale or lease-with-option-to-purchase of real property (*Education Code Section* 17462) and revenue from rentals and leases of real property specifically authorized for deposit into the fund by the governing board (*Education Code Sections* 41003).

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

# **Major Governmental Funds (continued)**

**Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects:** This fund exists primarily to provide for the accumulation of General Fund moneys for capital outlay purposes (*Education Code Section* 42840).

**Bond Interest and Redemption Fund:** This fund is used for the repayment of bonds issued for the District (*Education Code Sections* 15125–15262). The board of supervisors of the county issues the bonds. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are deposited in the county treasury to the Building Fund of the District. Any premiums or accrued interest received from the sale of the bonds must be deposited in the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund of the District. The county auditor maintains control over the District's Bond Interest and Redemption Fund. The principal and interest on the bonds must be paid by the county treasurer from taxes levied by the county auditor-controller.

### **Non-Major Governmental Funds**

**Special Revenue Funds:** Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District maintains the following special revenue funds:

**Student Activity Fund:** This fund may be used to account for student body activities that do not meet the fiduciary criteria established in GASB Statement No. 84.

**Cafeteria Fund:** This fund is used to account separately for federal, state, and local resources to operate the food service program (*Education Code Sections* 38090–38093). The Cafeteria Fund shall be used only for those expenditures authorized by the governing board as necessary for the operation of the District's food service program (*Education Code Sections* 38091 and 38100).

**Deferred Maintenance Fund:** This fund is used to account separately for state apportionments and the District's contributions for deferred maintenance purposes (*Education Code Sections* 17582–17587). In addition, whenever the state funds provided pursuant to *Education Code Sections* 17584 and 17585 (apportionments from the State Allocation Board) are insufficient to fully match the local funds deposited in this fund, the governing board of a school district may transfer the excess local funds deposited in this fund to any other expenditure classifications in other funds of the District (*Education Code Sections* 17582 and 17583).

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

# Non-Major Governmental Funds (continued)

Capital Project Funds: Capital project funds are established to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds).

**Capital Facilities Fund:** This fund is used primarily to account separately for moneys received from fees levied on developers or other agencies as a condition of approving a development (*Education Code Sections* 17620–17626). The authority for these levies may be county/city ordinances (*Government Code Sections* 65970–65981) or private agreements between the District and the developer. Interest earned in the Capital Facilities Fund is restricted to that fund (*Government Code Section* 66006).

**County School Facilities Fund:** This fund is established pursuant to *Education Code Section* 17070.43 to receive apportionments from the 1998 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 1A), the 2002 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 47), or the 2004 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 55) authorized by the State Allocation Board for new school facility construction, modernization projects, and facility hardship grants, as provided in the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (*Education Code Section* 17070 et seg.).

### **Proprietary Funds**

**Enterprise Funds:** Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

**Child Care Enterprise Fund:** This fund may be used to account for other business activities. The District maintains the childcare and preschool program in this fund.

**Internal Service Funds:** Internal service funds are created principally to render services to other organizational units of the District on a cost-reimbursement basis. These funds are designed to be self-supporting with the intent of full recovery of costs, including some measure of the cost of capital assets, through user fees and charges.

**Self-Insurance Fund:** Self-insurance funds are used to separate moneys received for self-insurance activities from other operating funds of the District. Separate funds may be established for each type of self-insurance activity, such as workers' compensation, health and welfare, and deductible property loss (*Education Code Section* 17566).

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# D. <u>Basis of Accounting - Measurement Focus</u>

## **Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Net Position equals assets and deferred outflows of resources minus liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. The net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on its use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The net position restricted for other activities results from special revenue funds and the restrictions on their use.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

#### **Governmental Funds**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

## Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded under the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. "Available" means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. Generally, "available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year-end. However, to achieve comparability of reporting among California school districts and so as not to distort normal revenue patterns, with specific respect to reimbursements grants and corrections to State-aid apportionments, the California Department of Education has defined available for school districts as collectible within one year.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, and entitlements. Under the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from the grants and entitlements is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. Under the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# D. Basis of Accounting - Measurement Focus (continued)

#### **Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue arises when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period or when resources are received by the District prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Certain grants received that have not met eligibility requirements are recorded as unearned revenue. On the governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period are also recorded as unearned revenue.

# **Expenses/Expenditures**

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time a liability is incurred. On the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, as under the accrual basis of accounting. However, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

# E. <u>Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, Fund Balance and Net Position</u>

# **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Cash equivalents also include cash with county treasury balances for purposes of the statement of cash flows.

# Lease Receivables

Lease receivables are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term, reduced by any provision for estimated uncollectable amounts. An associated deferred inflow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the lease in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivable, plus any prepayments at the beginning of the lease. The deferred inflow is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### **Investments**

Investments with original maturities greater than one year are stated at fair value. Fair value is estimated based on quoted market prices at year-end. All investments not required to be reported at fair value are stated at cost or amortized cost. Fair values of investments in county and State investment pools are determined by the program sponsor.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are recorded using the purchases method in that the cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time the individual inventory items are requisitioned. Inventories are valued at historical cost and consist of expendable supplies held for consumption.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# E. <u>Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, Fund Balance and Net Position (continued)</u>

# **Capital Assets**

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their acquisition value as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The District does not own any infrastructure as defined in GASB Statement No. 34. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. All reported capital assets, except for land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Included in capital assets are right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 87. The right to use lease assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

Depreciation/amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

## **Asset Class**

Buildings and Improvements
Furniture and Equipment
Vehicles
Lease Assets

## **Estimated Useful Life**

25-50 years 5-20 years 8 years 3-4 years

# **Compensated Absences**

Accumulated unpaid employee vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is recognized upon the occurrence of relevant events such as employee resignations and retirements that occur prior to year-end that have not yet been paid with expendable available financial resource. These amounts are recorded in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid.

Accumulated sick leave benefits are not recognized as liabilities of the District. The District's policy is to record sick leave as an operating expense in the period taken because such benefits do not vest, nor is payment probable; however, unused sick leave is added to the creditable service period for calculation of retirement benefits when the employee retires.

# **Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# E. <u>Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, Fund Balance and Net Position (continued)</u>

# **Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense have been determined by an independent actuary. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Generally accepted accounting principles require the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used:

Valuation Date June 30, 2021 Measurement Date June 30, 2021

Measurement Period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Gains and losses related to changes in total OPEB liability are recognized in OPEB expense systematically over time. The first amortized amounts are recognized in OPEB expense for the year the gain or loss occurs. The remaining amounts are categorized as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and are to be recognized in future OPEB expense. The amortization period differs depending on the source of gain or loss. The difference between projected and actual earnings is amortized on a straight-line basis over five years. All other amounts are amortized on a straight-line basis over the average expected remaining service lives of all members that are provided with benefits (active, inactive, and retired) at the beginning of the measurement period.

#### **Premiums and Discounts**

In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or proprietary fund statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

# **Deferred Outflows/Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the District will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the District will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the defined benefit pension plans (the Plans) of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and additions to/deductions from the Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# E. <u>Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, Fund Balance and Net Position (continued)</u>

#### **Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification reflects amounts that are not in spendable form. Examples include inventory, lease receivables (net of related deferred inflows), prepaid items, the long-term portion of loans receivable, and nonfinancial assets held for resale. This classification also reflects amounts that are in spendable form but that are legally or contractually required to remain intact, such as the principal of a permanent endowment.

Restricted - The restricted fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to externally imposed and legally enforceable constraints. Such constraints may be imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or may be imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to internal constraints self-imposed by formal action of the Governing Board. The constraints giving rise to committed fund balance must be imposed no later than the end of the reporting period. The actual amounts may be determined subsequent to that date but prior to the issuance of the financial statements. In contrast to restricted fund balance, committed fund balance may be redirected by the government to other purposes as long as the original constraints are removed or modified in the same manner in which they were imposed, that is, by the same formal action of the Governing Board.

Assigned - The assigned fund balance classification reflects amounts that the government *intends* to be used for specific purposes. Assignments may be established either by the Governing Board or by a designee of the governing body, and are subject to neither the restricted nor committed levels of constraint. In contrast to the constraints giving rise to committed fund balance, constraints giving rise to assigned fund balance are not required to be imposed, modified, or removed by formal action of the Governing Board. The action does not require the same level of formality and may be delegated to another body or official. Additionally, the assignment need not be made before the end of the reporting period, but rather may be made any time prior to the issuance of the financial statements.

Unassigned - In the General Fund only, the unassigned fund balance classification reflects the residual balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that is not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. However, deficits in any fund, including the General Fund that cannot be eliminated by reducing or eliminating amounts assigned to other purposes are reported as negative unassigned fund balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# F. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements. Interfund transfers are eliminated in the governmental activities columns of the statement of activities.

### G. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

# H. Budgetary Data

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the California Education Code and requires the governing board to hold a public hearing and adopt an operating budget no later than July 1 of each year. The District governing board satisfied these requirements. The adopted budget is subject to amendment throughout the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenue and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption with the legal restriction that expenditures cannot exceed appropriations by major object account.

The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts after all budget amendments have been accounted for. For purposes of the budget, on-behalf payments have not been included as revenue and expenditures as required under generally accepted accounting principles.

# I. Property Tax

Secured property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are payable in two installments on November 1 and February 1 and become delinquent on December 10 and April 10, respectively. Unsecured property taxes are payable in one installment on or before August 31. The County Auditor-Controller bills and collects the taxes on behalf of the District. Local property tax revenues are recorded when received.

### J. New Accounting Pronouncements

**GASB Statement No. 87** – In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. This standard's primary objective is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. The statement was postponed by GASB Statement No. 95 and is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The District has implemented this Statement as of June 30, 2022.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# J. New Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

**GASB Statement No. 91** – In May 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. This standard's primary objectives are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. The statement was postponed by GASB Statement No. 95 and is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2021. The District has not yet determined the impact on the financial statements.

**GASB Statement No. 92** – In January 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*. This standard's primary objectives are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. A portion of this statement was effective upon issuance, while the majority of this statement was postponed by GASB Statement No. 95 and is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The District has fully implemented this Statement as of June 30, 2022.

GASB Statement No. 97 – In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32. This standard's primary objectives are to increase consistency and comparability related to reporting fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; to mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and to enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. The statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The District has implemented this Statement as of June 30, 2022.

GASB Statement No. 99 - In April 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022. The objectives of this statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The statement addresses various practice issues, including: (a) clarification of provisions in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended, related to the determination of the lease term, classification of a lease as a short-term lease, recognition and measurement of a lease liability and a lease asset, and identification of lease incentives, (b) disclosures related to nonmonetary transactions; clarification of provisions in Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments, as amended, related to the focus of the government-wide financial statements, (c) terminology updates related to certain provisions of Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, and (d) terminology used in Statement 53 to refer to resource flows statements. A portion of this statement was effective upon issuance, while the remaining portions of this statement were effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022 and for periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The District has implemented the requirements that were effective upon issuance but has not yet determined the impact on the financial statements for the requirements of this statement that are not yet effective.

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# J. New Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

**GASB Statement No. 100** – In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. The primary objective of this statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The District has not yet determined the impact on the financial statements.

**GASB Statement No. 101** – In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The District has not yet determined the impact on the financial statements.

# **NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

# A. Summary of Cash and Investments

	Governmental			ternal Service	G	overnmental	Bus	iness-Type
		Funds		Fund		Activities	A	ctivities
Investment in county treasury	\$	40,883,333	\$	1,858,900	\$	42,742,233	\$	471,216
Fair market value adjustment		(1,692,254)		(76,944)		(1,769,198)		(19,505)
Cash on hand and in banks		1,693,448		-		1,693,448		-
Cash in revolving fund		17,195		_		17,195		
Total	\$	40,901,722	\$	1,781,956	\$	42,683,678	\$	451,711

### B. Policies and Practices

The District is authorized under California Government Code to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the state; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered state warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; collateralized mortgage obligations; and the County Investment Pool.

# NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

# B. Policies and Practices (continued)

Investment in County Treasury – The District maintains substantially all of its cash in the County Treasury in accordance with *Education Code Section* 41001. The Los Angeles County Treasurer's pooled investments are managed by the County Treasurer who reports on a monthly basis to the board of supervisors. In addition, the function of the County Treasury Oversight Committee is to review and monitor the County's investment policy. The committee membership includes the Treasurer and Tax Collector, the Auditor-Controller, Chief Administrative Officer, Superintendent of Schools Representative, and a public member. The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

### C. General Authorizations

Except for investments by trustees of debt proceeds, the authority to invest District funds deposited with the county treasury is delegated to the County Treasurer and Tax Collector. Additional information about the investment policy of the County Treasurer and Tax Collector may be obtained from its website. The table below identifies the investment types permitted by California Government Code.

	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum
	Remaining	Percentage of	Investment in
Authorized Investment Type	Maturity	Portfolio	One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U. S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U. S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

# NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

### D. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the County Treasury. The District maintains a pooled investment with the County Treasury with a fair value of approximately \$41,424,746 and an amortized book value of \$43,213,449. The average weighted maturity for this pool is 933 days.

### E. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The investments in the County Treasury are not required to be rated. As of June 30, 2022, the pooled investments in the County Treasury were not rated.

### F. Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

This is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. However, the California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law. The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110 percent of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105 percent of the secured deposits. As of June 30, 2022, the District's bank balance of \$1,236,844 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

### G. Fair Value

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs should be developed using the best information available under the circumstances, which might include the District's own data. The District should adjust that data if reasonable available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or certain circumstances specific to the District are not available to other market participants.

# NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

# G. Fair Value (continued)

Uncategorized - Investments in the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool are not measured using the input levels above because the District's transactions are based on a stable net asset value per share. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at \$1.00 net asset value per share.

The District's fair value measurements at June 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Un	categorized
Investment in county treasury	\$	41,424,746
Total	\$	41,424,746

# **NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

#### A. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

	Ge	neral Fund	Buile	ding Fund	Fu	pecial Reserve and for Capital atlay Projects	Non-Major Sovernmental Funds	Int	ternal Service Fund	G	Sovernmental Activities	В	Susiness-Type Activities
Federal Government													
Categorical aid	\$	5,107,141	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 592,352	\$	-	\$	5,699,493	\$	-
State Government													
Apportionment		284,813		-		-	-		-		284,813		-
Categorical aid		534,567		-		-	35,617		-		570,184		-
Lottery		215,481		-		-	-		-		215,481		-
Local Government													
Other local sources		868,261		42,907		6,748	11,791		5,406		935,113		19,184
Total	\$	7,010,263	\$	42,907	\$	6,748	\$ 639,760	\$	5,406	\$	7,705,084	\$	19,184

# B. <u>Lease Receivable</u>

On July 1, 2017, South Pasadena Unified School District entered into a 48-month lease as Lessor for the use of real property located at 1955 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA. On February 5, 2021, the lessee exercised its 24-month lease renewal option. An initial lease receivable was recorded in the amount of \$670,457. As of June 30, 2022, the value of the lease receivable is \$335,564. The lessee is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$28,000. An incremental borrowing rate of 0.24% was used for this lease. The value of the deferred inflow of resources as of June 30, 2022 was \$335,564, and the District recognized lease revenue of \$334,893 in the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects during the fiscal year.

# **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	Jı	Balance uly 01, 2021	Additions	Deletions	Jι	Balance ine 30, 2022
Governmental Activities		-				
Capital assets not being depreciated						
Land	\$	6,043,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$	6,043,749
Construction in progress		36,458,236	10,154,818	1,390,537		45,222,517
Total capital assets not being depreciated		42,501,985	10,154,818	1,390,537		51,266,266
Capital assets being depreciated						
Land improvements		5,983,397	-	-		5,983,397
Buildings & improvements		113,514,523	1,482,279	-		114,996,802
Furniture & equipment		1,908,230	29,182	-		1,937,412
Total capital assets being depreciated	-	121,406,150	1,511,461	-		122,917,611
Less: accumulated depreciation						
Land improvements		3,285,188	326,601	-		3,611,789
Buildings & improvements		35,936,788	2,764,090	-		38,700,878
Furniture & equipment		1,287,293	116,641	-		1,403,934
Total accumulated depreciation		40,509,269	3,207,332	-		43,716,601
Lease assets						
Furniture & equipment		-	334,134			334,134
Less: accumulated amortization for lease assets						
Furniture & equipment		-	102,727	-		102,727
Total lease assets, net		-	231,407	-		231,407
Governmental Activities						

Amortization expense is charged to the governmental function general administration, depreciation expense is allocated to governmental functions as follows:

# **Governmental Activities**

Instruction	\$ 2,108,296
Instructional supervision and administration	84,892
Instructional library, media, and technology	78,569
School site administration	182,460
Home-to-school transportation	13,497
Food services	97
All other pupil services	170,150
Centralized data processing	3,122
All other general administration	208,246
Plant services	321,561
Ancillary services	33,962
Community services	 2,480
Total	\$ 3,207,332

# **NOTE 5 – ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

Accrued liabilities at June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

	Ge	neral Fund	Bu	ilding Fund	Fu	pecial Reserve and for Capital utlay Projects	G	Non-Major Sovernmental Funds	ı	District-Wide	(	Governmental Activities	usiness-Type Activities
Payroll	\$	324,298	\$	9,302	\$	12,535	\$	40,115	\$	-	\$	386,250	\$ 73,147
Construction		-		242,239		-		-		-		242,239	-
Vendors payable		3,816,743		-		172,756		74,217		-		4,063,716	21,564
Unmatured interest		-		-		-		-		1,035,488		1,035,488	-
Total	\$	4,141,041	\$	251,541	\$	185,291	\$	114,332	\$	1,035,488	\$	5,727,693	\$ 94,711

# **NOTE 6 – UNEARNED REVENUE**

Unearned revenue at June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

			,	Non-Major	,	Savamanantal		
	Ge	neral Fund		Sovernmental Funds	Governmental Activities			
Federal sources	\$	2,851,464	\$	-	\$	2,851,464		
State categorical sources		368,466		-		368,466		
Local sources		-		107,211		107,211		
Total	\$	3,219,930	\$	107,211	\$	3,327,141		

# **NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

A schedule of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

	J	Balance uly 01, 2021	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2022	Balance Due In One Year
Governmental Activities						
General obligation bonds	\$	109,440,741	\$ 12,810,823	\$ 16,600,247	\$ 105,651,317	\$ 3,743,219
Unamortized premium		3,846,436	-	779,596	3,066,840	236,197
Unamortized discount		(10,734)	-	(826)	(9,908)	(826)
Total general obligation bonds	<u></u>	113,276,443	12,810,823	17,379,017	108,708,249	3,978,590
Direct placement certificates						
of participation		11,000,000	-	11,000,000	-	-
Leases payable		-	334,134	105,195	228,939	105,759
Compensated absences		425,623	-	5,217	420,406	-
Total OPEB liability		20,072,470	3,070,441	-	23,142,911	-
Net pension liability		56,055,203	-	28,855,094	27,200,109	-
Total	\$	200,829,739	\$ 16,215,398	\$ 57,344,523	\$ 159,700,614	\$ 4,084,349
		Balance			Balance	Balance Due
	J	uly 01, 2021	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2022	In One Year
Business-Type Activities						
Net pension liability	\$	1,987,620	\$ -	\$ 452,063	\$ 1,535,557	\$ -
Total	\$	1,987,620	\$ -	\$ 452,063	\$ 1,535,557	\$ -

# NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)

- Payments for general obligation bonds are made in the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund.
- Payments for certificates of participation are made in the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects.
- Payments for leases payable are made in the General Fund.
- Payments for compensated absences are typically liquidated in the General Fund and the Non-Major Governmental Funds.

### A. General Obligation Bonds

	Issue	Maturity	Interest	Original	c	Bonds Outstanding			Bonds Outstanding
Series	Date	Date	Rate	Issue	J	uly 01, 2021	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2022
Election 1995, Series B	February 1, 1998	November 1, 2022	3.60% - 5.20%	\$ 9,999,877	\$	1,420,514	\$ 55,476	\$ 745,000	\$ 730,990
Election 1995, Series C	August 1, 1999	May 1, 2024	3.65% - 5.65%	9,999,209		8,717,430	443,753	2,415,000	6,746,183
Election 1995, Series D	June 7, 2001	November 1, 2025	4.00% - 5.66%	2,200,890		4,493,024	269,259	40,247	4,722,036
Election 2002, Series B	April 7, 2010	August 1, 2034	2.00% - 6.72%	8,999,680		1,754,782	116,097	-	1,870,879
2012 Refunding	February 9, 2012	May 1, 2028	2.00% - 5.00%	19,025,000		13,870,000	-	12,480,000	1,390,000
Election 2016, Series A	March 21, 2017	August 1, 2046	2.00% - 5.00%	24,995,000		18,615,000	-	-	18,615,000
2018 Refunding	January 18, 2018	August 1, 2034	3.00% - 4.06%	9,480,617		10,574,991	399,238	55,000	10,919,229
Election 2016, Series B	November 19, 2019	August 1, 2049	3.00% - 5.00%	49,995,000		49,995,000	-	865,000	49,130,000
2022 Refunding	April 13, 2022	May 1, 2028	1.94%	11,527,000		-	11,527,000	-	11,527,000
					\$	109,440,741	\$ 12,810,823	\$ 16,600,247	\$ 105,651,317

#### Election 1995

In an election held November 7, 1995, the voters authorized the District to issue and sale \$28,700,000 of principal amount of general obligation bonds. These bonds were issued for the purpose of raising money to finance the acquisition, construction and modernization of school facilities and paying related costs. There were four issuances under this election:

- Series B, which was issued on February 1, 1998 for \$9,999,877 with interest rates ranging from 3.600% to 5.200%. The original issuance consisted of \$6,930,000 in current interest serial bonds and \$3,069,877 in capital appreciation serial bonds. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$730,990, including accreted interest.
- Series C, which was issued on August 1, 1999 for \$9,999,209 with interest rates ranging from 3.650% to 5.650%. The original issuance consisted of \$620,000 in current interest serial bonds and \$9,379,209 in capital appreciation serial bonds. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$6,746,183, including accreted interest.
- Series D, which was issued on June 7, 2001 for \$2,200,890 with interest rates ranging from 4.000% to 5.660%. The original issuance consisted of \$445,000 in current interest serial bonds, \$1,360,084 in capital appreciation serial bonds, and \$395,806 in capital appreciation term bonds. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$4,722,036 including accreted interest.

# NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)

# A. General Obligation Bonds (continued)

#### Election 2002

In an election held November 5, 2002, the voters authorized the District to issue and sale \$29,000,000 of principal amount of general obligation bonds. These bonds were issued for the purpose of raising money to finance the acquisition, construction and modernization of certain District property and facilities. There were two issuances under this election, Series A has been paid off:

Series B, which was issued on April 7, 2010 for \$8,999,680 with interest rates ranging from 2.000% to 6.720%. The original issuance consisted of \$3,075,000 in current interest serial bonds, \$1,120,000 in current interest term bonds, and \$4,804,680 in capital appreciation serial bonds. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$1,870,879, including accreted interest.

# 2012 Refunding Bonds

On February 9, 2012, the District issued \$19,025,000 of general obligation refunding bonds. The bonds were issued to advance refund a portion of the District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2002, Series A and pay the costs of issuing the bonds. The original issuance consisted entirely of current interest serial bonds. The net proceeds were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased, and the related liability for the bonds has been removed from the District's liabilities. Amounts paid to the refunded bond escrow agent in excess of the outstanding debt at the time of payment are recorded as deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position and are amortized to interest expense over the life of the liability. As of June 30, 2022, deferred outflow of resources of \$87,208 remain to be amortized. As of June 30, 2013, the principal balance outstanding on the defeased debt had been completely redeemed. The refunding decreased the District's total debt service payments by \$1,775,612. The transaction resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of debt service on the old and the new bonds) of \$380,284. A portion of the outstanding principal balance was refunded with the issuance for the 2022 Refunding Bonds. The remaining principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$1,390,000.

# **Election 2016**

In an election held on November 8, 2016, the voters authorized the District to issue and sale \$98,000,000 of principal amount of general obligation bonds. These bonds were issued for the purpose of raising money to finance improvements to and the acquisition of equipment for one or more schools within the District. There were two issuances under this election:

- Series A, which was issued on March 21, 2017 for \$24,995,000 with interest rates ranging from 2.000% to 5.000%. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$18,615,000.
- Series B, which was issued on November 19, 2019 for \$49,995,000 with interest rates ranging from 3.004% to 5.000%. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$49,130,000.

# NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)

# A. General Obligation Bonds (continued)

# 2018 Refunding Bonds

On January 18, 2018, the District issued \$9,480,617 of general obligation refunding bonds. The bonds were issued to advance refund a portion of the District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2002, Series B and pay the costs of issuing the bonds. The original issuance consisted of \$590,000 of current interest bonds and \$8,890,617 of capital appreciation bonds. The net proceeds were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased, and the related liability for the bonds has been removed from the District's liabilities. Amounts paid to the refunded bond escrow agent in excess of the outstanding debt at the time of payment are recorded as deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position and are amortized to interest expense over the life of the liability. As of June 30, 2022, deferred outflow of resources of \$675,138 remain to be amortized. As of June 30, 2019, the principal balance outstanding on the defeased debt had been completely redeemed. The refunding decreased the District's total debt service payments by \$2,595,842. The transaction resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of debt service on the old and the new bonds) of \$1,113,425. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$10,919,229, including accreted interest.

# 2022 Refunding Bonds

On April 13, 2022, the District issued \$11,527,000 of general obligation refunding bonds. The bonds were issued to advance refund a portion of the District's outstanding 2012 Refunding General Obligation Bonds, and pay the costs of issuing the bonds. The original issuance consisted entirely of current interest bonds. The net proceeds were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased, and the related liability for the bonds has been removed from the District's liabilities. Amounts paid to the refunded bond escrow agent in excess of the outstanding debt at the time of payment are recorded as deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position and are amortized to interest expense over the life of the liability. As of June 30, 2022, deferred outflow of resources of \$66,748 remain to be amortized. As of June 30, 2022, the principal balance outstanding on the defeased debt had not been redeemed. The refunding decreased the District's total debt service payments by \$49,856. The transaction resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of debt service on the old and the new bonds) of \$1,204,238. The principal balance outstanding on June 30, 2022 amounted to \$11,527,000.

# NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)

# B. <u>Debt Service Requirements to Maturity - Bonds</u>

The bonds mature through 2050 as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 3,743,219	\$ 5,671,472	\$ 9,414,691
2024	3,518,434	6,365,703	9,884,137
2025	3,071,672	4,457,302	7,528,974
2026	3,578,412	5,186,758	8,765,170
2027	2,874,000	2,610,781	5,484,781
2028 - 2032	10,950,952	16,701,720	27,652,672
2033 - 2037	12,974,248	15,565,545	28,539,793
2038 - 2042	14,380,000	8,525,359	22,905,359
2043 - 2047	22,840,000	5,009,790	27,849,790
2048 - 2050	16,460,000	868,360	17,328,360
Accretion	11,260,380	(11,260,380)	
Total	\$ 105,651,317	\$ 59,702,410	\$ 165,353,727

# C. Certificates of Participation

On January 11, 2021, the District issued \$11,000,000 of 2020 Certificates of Participation to fund the purchase of the new district office. The certificates have an interest rate of 2.48%. As of June 30, 2022, the certificates of participation had been paid in full.

### D. Leases Payable

The District entered into various agreements to lease certain equipment. The lease agreements qualify as other than short-term leases under GASB No. 87 and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception. The agreements were executed on July 1, 2021, to lease copier equipment. The first agreement requires 36 monthly payments of \$2,370, the second agreement requires 36 monthly payments of \$2,119 and the fourth agreement requires 48 monthly payments of \$2,119. There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liabilities were measured at incremental borrowing rates of 0.50% - 0.64%. As a result, the District has recorded right to use lease assets with a net book value of \$231,407 on June 30, 2022.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2022, were as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Leas	se Payment
2023	\$	106,887
2024		98,413
2025		25,425
Total minimum lease payments		230,725
Less amount representing interest		(1,786)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$	228,939

# NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)

# E. Compensated Absences

Total unpaid employee compensated absences as of June 30, 2022 amounted to \$420,406. This amount is included as part of long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements.

# F. Other Postemployment Benefits

The District's beginning total OPEB liability was \$20,072,470 and increased by \$3,070,441 during the year ended June 30, 2022. The ending total OPEB liability at June 30, 2022 was \$23,142,911. See Note 9 for additional information regarding the total OPEB liability.

# G. Net Pension Liability

The District's beginning net pension liability was \$58,042,823 and decreased by \$29,307,157 during the year ended June 30, 2022. The ending net pension liability at June 30, 2022 was \$28,735,666. See Note 10 for additional information regarding the net pension liability.

#### **NOTE 8 – FUND BALANCES**

Fund balances were composed of the following elements at June 30, 2022:

					•	ecial Reserve	Bone	d Interest and	G	Non-Major Sovernmental	G	Total overnmental
	Gen	eral Fund	Buildi	ng Fund		tlay Projects	Rede	emption Fund		Funds		Funds
Non-spendable												
Revolving cash	\$	15,250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,945	\$	17,195
Stores inventory		-		-		-		-		20,377		20,377
Total non-spendable		15,250		-		-		-		22,322		37,572
Restricted												
Educational programs		9,190,361		-		-		-		-		9,190,361
Food service		-		-		-		-		955,351		955,351
Associated student body		-		-		-		-		1,401,010		1,401,010
Capital projects		-		13,515,633		1,295,477		-		391,037		15,202,147
Debt service		-		-		-		6,805,747		-		6,805,747
Total restricted		9,190,361		13,515,633		1,295,477		6,805,747		2,747,398		33,554,616
Committed												
Deferred maintenance		-		-		-		-		1,419,743		1,419,743
Total committed		-		-		-		-		1,419,743		1,419,743
Unassigned		5,590,500		-		-	,	-		-		5,590,500
Total Fund Balance	\$	14,796,111	\$	13,515,633	\$	1,295,477	\$	6,805,747	\$	4,189,463	\$	40,602,431

The District is committed to maintaining a prudent level of financial resources to protect against the need to reduce service levels because of temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted expenditures. The District's Minimum Fund Balance Policy requires a Reserve for Economic Uncertainties, consisting of unassigned amounts, equal to no less than three percent of General Fund expenditures and other financing uses.

# NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

# A. Plan Description

The South Pasadena Unified School District's OPEB plan, South Pasadena Unified School District Retiree Benefit Plan (the Plan) is described below. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit plan administered by the District. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

# B. Benefits Provided

The eligibility requirements and benefits provided by the Plan are described below.

	All Participants
Benefit types provided	Medical only
<b>Duration of Benefits</b>	To age 65
Required Service	10 years
Minimum Age	55
Dependent Coverage	One only
District Contribution %	100% to cap
District Cap	Kaiser two party rate

# C. Contributions

For the measurement period, the District contributed \$646,490 to the Plan, all of which was used for current premiums.

# D. Plan Membership

Membership of the Plan consisted of the following:

	Number of participants
Inactive employees receiving benefits	123
Inactive employees entitled to but not receiving benefits*	-
Participating active employees	417
Total number of participants**	540

<sup>\*</sup>Information not provided

<sup>\*\*</sup>As of the June 30, 2021 valuation date

# NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (continued)

# E. Total OPEB Liability

The South Pasadena Unified School District's total OPEB liability of \$23,142,911 was measured as of June 30, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

# F. Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

# **Economic assumptions:**

Inflation2.50%Salary increases2.75%Investment rate of return2.16%Healthcare cost trend rates4.00%

### Non-economic assumptions:

Mortality:

Certificated 2020 CalSTRS Mortality Table

Classified 2017 CalPERS Mortality for Miscellaneous and Schools Employees

Table

Retirement rates:

Certificated Hired 2012 and earlier: 2020 CalSTRS 2.0%@60 Rates Hired 2013 and later: 2020 CalSTRS 2.0%@62 Rates

Classified Hired 2012 and earlier: 2017 CalPERS 2.0%@55 Rates for

Schools Employees

Hired 2013 and later: 2017 CalPERS 2.0%@62 Rates for Schools

**Employees** 

Management Hired 2012 and earlier: 2017 CalPERS 2.0%@55 Rates for

Schools Employees

Hired 2013 and later: 2017 CalPERS 2.0%@62 Rates for Schools

**Employees** 

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on a review of plan experience during the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer 20 Bond Index. The actuary assumed contributions would be sufficient to fully fund the obligation over a period not to exceed thirty years.

# NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (continued)

# G. Changes in Total OPEB Liability

	Ju	ne 30, 2022
Total OPEB Liability		_
Service cost	\$	1,672,388
Interest on total OPEB liability		459,991
Difference between expected and actual experience		581,031
Changes of assumptions		1,003,521
Benefits payments		(646,490)
Net change in total OPEB liability		3,070,441
Total OPEB liability - beginning		20,072,470
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$	23,142,911
Covered-employee payroll	\$	32,698,091
District's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		70.78%

# H. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the South Pasadena Unified School District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

			,	Valuation			
	1% Decrease		Di	Discount Rate (2.16%)		1% Increase	
		(1.16%)				(3.16%)	
Total OPEB liability	\$	26,974,230	\$	23,142,911	\$	20,044,238	

# NOTE 9 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (continued)

# I. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the South Pasadena Unified School District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

			Val	uation Trend			
	19	% Decrease		Rate	1	% Increase	
		(3.00%)	(4.00%)		(5.00%)		
Total OPEB liability	\$	19.096.809	\$	23.142.911	\$	28.440.310	

# J. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the South Pasadena Unified School District recognized OPEB expense of \$2,415,421. At June 30, 2022, the South Pasadena Unified School District reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	593.842	\$	1,351,638	
Changes in assumptions	Ψ	3,917,563	Ψ	381,094	
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date		421,641		_	
Total	\$	4,933,046	\$	1,732,732	

The \$421,641 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<b>Deferred Outflows</b>		Defe	erred Inflows		
Year Ended June 30,	of Resources		of Resources		of	Resources
2023	\$	525,080	\$	242,038		
2024		525,080		242,038		
2025		525,080		242,038		
2026		525,080		242,038		
2027		525,080		242,038		
Thereafter		1,886,005	-	522,542		
Total	\$	4,511,405	\$	1,732,732		

#### **NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS**

Qualified employees are covered under multiple-employer contributory retirement plans maintained by agencies of the State of California. Certificated employees are members of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), and classified employees are members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The District reported its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities, pension expense, deferred outflow of resources, and deferred inflow of resources for each of the above plans as follows:

				Deferred	Def	erred inflows		
	No	et pension	outf	lows related		related to		
		liability	to	pensions		pensions	Pensi	on expense
STRS Pension	\$	19,640,748	\$	7,634,973	\$	19,265,464	\$	276,459
PERS Pension		9,094,918		1,865,229		4,841,931		298,815
Total	\$	28,735,666	\$	9,500,202	\$	24,107,395	\$	575,274

# A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)

# **Plan Description**

The District contributes to the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS); a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan administered by CalSTRS. The plan provides retirement and disability benefits and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by state statutes, as legislatively amended, within the State Teachers' Retirement Law. CalSTRS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. Copies of the CalSTRS annual financial report may be obtained from CalSTRS, 7919 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95826.

# **Benefits Provided**

The CalSTRS defined benefit plan has two benefit formulas:

- 1. CalSTRS 2% at 60: Members first hired on or before December 31, 2012, to perform service that could be creditable to CalSTRS. CalSTRS 2% at 60 members are eligible for normal retirement at age 60, with a minimum of five years of credited service. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 2.0 percent of final compensation for each year of credited service. Early retirement options are available at age 55 with five years of credited service or as early as age 50 with 30 years of credited service. The age factor for retirements after age 60 increases with each quarter year of age to 2.4 percent at age 63 or older. Members who have 30 years or more of credited service receive an additional increase of up to 0.2 percent to the age factor, known as the career factor. The maximum benefit with the career factor is 2.4 percent of final compensation.
- 2. CalSTRS 2% at 62: Members first hired on or after January 1, 2013, to perform service that could be creditable to CalSTRS. CalSTRS 2% at 62 members are eligible for normal retirement at age 62, with a minimum of five years of credited service. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 2.0 percent of final compensation for each year of credited service. An early retirement option is available at age 55. The age factor for retirement after age 62 increases with each quarter year of age to 2.4 percent at age 65 or older.

# **NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)**

# A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (continued)

#### Contributions

Active plan CalSTRS 2% at 60 and 2% at 62 members are required to contribute 10.25% and 10.205% of their salary for fiscal year 2022, respectively, and the District is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The actuarial methods and assumptions used for determining the rate are those adopted by CalSTRS Teachers' Retirement Board. The required employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2022 was 16.92% of annual payroll. The contribution requirements of the plan members are established by state statute. Contributions to the plan from the District were \$4,103,276 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

# **On-Behalf Payments**

The District was the recipient of on-behalf payments made by the State of California to CalSTRS for K-12 education. These payments consist of state general fund contributions of approximately \$2,775,655 to CalSTRS.

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the	
net pension liability	\$ 19,640,748
State's proportionate share of the net	
pension liability associated with the District	9,882,669
Total	\$ 29,523,417

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by applying update procedures to an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020 and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2021. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the District's proportion was 0.043 percent, which was a decrease of 0.001 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

# **NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)**

# A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (continued)

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$276,459. In addition, the District recognized pension expense and revenue of \$(1,722,539) for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	 Deferred Outflows of Resources		erred Inflows Resources
Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	\$ -	\$	15,536,338
Differences between expected and actual experience	49,201		2,090,186
Changes in assumptions Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and	2,782,885		-
proportionate share of contributions  District contributions subsequent	699,611		1,638,940
to the measurement date	4,103,276		-
Total	\$ 7,634,973	\$	19,265,464

The \$4,103,276 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows			
Year Ended June 30,	of Resources		of	Resources		
2023	\$	1,461,450	\$	4,859,360		
2024		1,462,744		4,431,805		
2025		204,663		4,292,042		
2026		204,664		4,840,770		
2027		198,176		442,448		
2028				399,039		
Total	\$	3,531,697	\$	19,265,464		

# NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)

# A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (continued)

# **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined by applying update procedures to an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Consumer Price Inflation	2.75%
Investment Rate of Return*	7.10%
Wage Inflation	3.50%

<sup>\*</sup> Net of investment expenses, but gross of administrative expenses.

CalSTRS uses custom mortality tables to best fit the patterns of mortality among its members. These custom tables are based on MP-2016 series tables adjusted to fit CalSTRS experience.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. The best-estimate ranges were developed using capital market assumptions from CalSTRS general investment consultant (Pension Consulting Alliance–PCA) as an input to the process. The actuarial investment rate of return assumption was adopted by the board in January 2020 in conjunction with the most recent experience study. For each current and future valuation, CalSTRS' independent consulting actuary (Milliman) reviews the return assumption for reasonableness based on the most current capital market assumptions. Best estimates of expected 20-year geometrically linked real rates of return and the assumed asset allocation for each major asset class as of June 30, 2021, are summarized in the following table:

	Assumed Asset	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return*
Public Equity	42%	4.80%
Real Estate	15%	3.60%
Private Equity	13%	6.30%
Fixed Income	12%	1.30%
Risk Mitigating Strategies	10%	1.80%
Inflation Sensitive	6%	3.30%
Cash/Liquidity	2%	-0.40%
	100%	

<sup>\*20-</sup>year geometric average

# NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)

# A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (continued)

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.10 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at statutory contribution rates in accordance with the rate increases per AB 1469. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.10 percent) and assuming that contributions, benefit payments, and administrative expense occur midyear. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term assumed investment rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.10 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.10 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.10 percent) than the current rate:

		1% Decrease (6.10%)		Current Discount Rate (7.10%)		1% Increase (8.10%)	
District's proportionate share of			_				
the net pension liability	\$	39,981,534	\$	19,640,748	\$	2,758,285	

# **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalSTRS financial report.

# **NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)**

# B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)

#### **Plan Description**

The District contributes to the School Employer Pool under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS); a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS. The plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by state statutes, as legislatively amended, within the Public Employees' Retirement Laws. CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. Copies of the CalPERS annual financial report may be obtained from the CalPERS Executive Office, 400 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

### **Benefits Provided**

The benefits for the defined benefit plan are based on members' years of service, age, final compensation, and benefit formula. Benefits are provided for disability, death, and survivors of eligible members or beneficiaries. Members become fully vested in their retirement benefits earned to date after five years of credited service.

# **Contributions**

Active plan members who entered into the plan prior to January 1, 2013, are required to contribute 7.0% of their salary. The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) specifies that new members entering into the plan on or after January 1, 2013, shall pay the higher of fifty percent of normal costs or 7.0% of their salary. Additionally, for new members entering the plan on or after January 1, 2013, the employer is prohibited from paying any of the employee contribution to CalPERS unless the employer payment of the member's contribution is specified in an employment agreement or collective bargaining agreement that expires after January 1, 2013.

The District is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The actuarial methods and assumptions used for determining the rate are those adopted by the CalPERS Board of Administration. The required employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2022 22.91% of annual payroll. Contributions to the plan from the District were \$1,593,705 or the year ended June 30, 2022.

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$9,094,918 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by applying update procedures to an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020 and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2021. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the District's proportion was 0.045 percent, which was a decrease of 0.004 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

# **NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)**

# B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (continued)

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$298,815. At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	 Deferred Outflows of Resources		erred Inflows Resources
Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	\$ -	\$	3,490,359
Differences between expected and actual experience	271,507		21,440
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and			
proportionate share of contributions  District contributions subsequent	17		1,330,132
to the measurement date	1,593,705		-
Total	\$ 1,865,229	\$	4,841,931

The \$1,593,705 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Deferi	Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows		
of I	of Resources		Resources		
\$	202,172	\$	1,408,033		
	64,416		1,318,259		
	4,936		1,144,902		
	-		970,737		
\$	271,524	\$	4,841,931		
	of I	of Resources \$ 202,172 64,416 4,936	of Resources of \$ 202,172 \$ 64,416 4,936		

# NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)

# B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (continued)

# **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined by applying update procedures to an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50% Discount Rate 7.15%

Salary Increases Varies by Entry Age and Service

CalPERS uses custom mortality tables to best fit the patterns of mortality among its members. These custom tables are derived using CalPERS' membership data for all funds. The table includes 15 years of mortality improvements using the Society of Actuaries Scale 90% of scale MP 2016.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from 1997 through 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. In determining the long-term expected rate of return, both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows were taken into account. Such cash flows were developed assuming that both members and employers will make their required contributions on time and as scheduled in all future years. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11+years) using a building block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above and adjusted to account for assumed administrative expenses.

# NOTE 10 – PENSION PLANS (continued)

# B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (continued)

# **Actuarial Assumptions (continued)**

The table below reflects long-term expected real rate of return by asset class. The rate of return was calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate and asset allocation. These geometric rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

Asset Class	Assumed Asset Allocation	Real Return Years 1 – 10*	Real Return Years 11+**
Global Equity	50.0%	4.80%	5.98%
Fixed Income	28.0%	1.00%	2.62%
Inflation Assets	0.0%	0.77%	1.81%
Private Equity	8.0%	6.30%	7.23%
Real Assets	13.0%	3.75%	4.93%
Liquidity	1.0%	0.0%	-0.92%
	100.0%		

<sup>\*</sup>An expected inflation of 2.00% used for this period.

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.15 percent. A projection of the expected benefit payments and contributions was performed to determine if assets would run out. The test revealed the assets would not run out. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability for the Schools Pool. The results of the crossover testing for the Schools Pool are presented in a detailed report that can be obtained at CalPERS' website

# Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.15 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.15 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.15 percent) than the current rate:

		1%		Current		1%	
	Decrease (6.15%)		Discount Rate (7.15%)		Increase (8.15%)		
District's proportionate share of	· <u></u>						
the net pension liability	\$	15,335,309	\$	9,094,918	\$	3,914,055	

# **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial report.

<sup>\*\*</sup>An expected inflation of 2.92% used for this period.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued JUNE 30, 2022

### **NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

### A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2022.

### B. Litigation

The District is involved in various litigation arising from the normal course of business. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the disposition of all litigation pending is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2022.

### C. Construction Commitments

As of June 30, 2022, the District had commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects, as follows:

	Co	Remaining Instruction Instruction
Capital Projects		
South Pasadena Middle - Old Gym	\$	100,000
Arroyo Vista Elementary - Modulars		124,033
Marengo Elementary - Modulars		81,224
Monterey Hills Elementary - Modulars		388,858
Elementary Classroom Additions		436,356
Elementary Playground Coating		64,449
Total	\$	1,194,920

#### **NOTE 12 – PARTICIPATION IN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES**

The District participates in three joint powers agreement (JPA) entities, the Schools' Excess Liability Fund (SELF), the Alliance for Schools Collective Insurance Purchasing (ASCIP) and the California Statewide Delinquent Tax Finance Authority (the Authority). The Alliance for Schools Collective Insurance provides property, liability and workers compensation insurance for member districts. The Schools' Excess Liability Fund arranges for and provides excess property and liability insurance for its member school districts. The relationship between the District and the JPAs are such that neither JPA is a component unit of the District for financial reporting purposes.

These entities have budgeting and financial reporting requirements independent of member units and their financial statements are not presented in these financial statements; however, fund transactions between the entities and the District are included in these financial statements. Audited financial statements are available from the respective entities.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued JUNE 30, 2022

### NOTE 13 - DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

### A. Refunded Debt

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position and GASB Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities, the District recognized deferred outflows or inflows of resources in the District-wide financial statements. The deferred outflow of resources pertains to the difference in the carrying value of the refunded debt and its reacquisition price (deferred amount on refunding). Previous financial reporting standards require this to be presented as part of the District's long-term debt. This deferred outflow of resources is recognized as a component of interest expense in a systematic and rational manner over the remaining life of the old debt or the new debt, whichever is shorter. At June 30, 2022, the deferred amount on refunding was \$829,094.

### B. Pension Plans

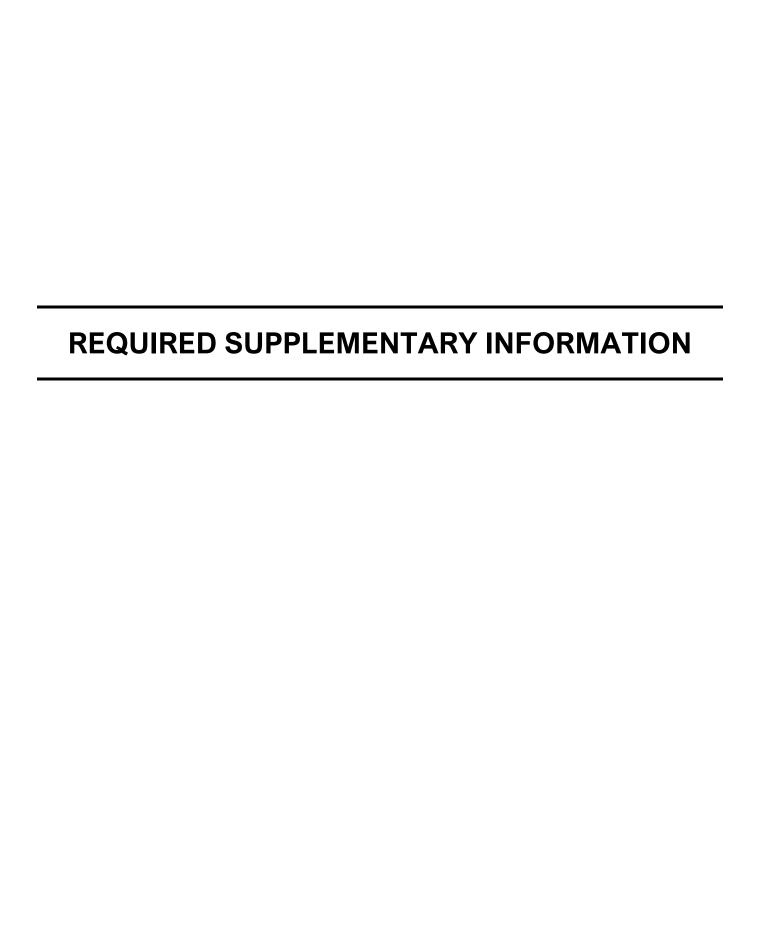
Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, the District recognized deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions in the District-wide financial statements. Further information regarding the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources can be found at Note 10. At June 30, 2022, total deferred outflows related to pensions was \$9,500,202 and total deferred inflows related to pensions was \$24,107,395.

### C. Other Postemployment Benefits

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, the District recognized deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits in the District-wide financial statements. Further information regarding the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources can be found at Note 9. At June 30, 2022, total deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits was \$4,933,046 and total deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits was \$1,732,732.

#### D. Leases

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the District recognized deferred inflows of resources related to leases in the District-wide financial statements. Further information regarding the deferred inflows of resources can be found at Note 3. At June 30, 2022, total deferred inflows related to leases was \$335,564.



# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND – BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budgeted Amo			unts	Actual*		Va	riances -
		Original		Final	(Bud	dgetary Basis)	Fina	I to Actual
REVENUES								
LCFF sources	\$	44,772,887	\$	44,737,805	\$	44,674,338	\$	(63,467)
Federal sources		2,478,911		5,923,608		4,408,828		(1,514,780)
Other state sources		1,691,860		3,980,575		5,712,818		1,732,243
Other local sources		6,708,667		7,302,463		8,007,162		704,699
Total Revenues		55,652,325		61,944,451		62,803,146		858,695
EXPENDITURES								
Certificated salaries		24,149,211		25,764,198		25,474,799		289,399
Classified salaries		6,784,863		7,713,051		7,311,712		401,339
Employee benefits		12,559,733		12,646,179		12,518,057		128,122
Books and supplies		1,904,695		6,525,661		3,775,752		2,749,909
Services and other operating expenditures		8,483,847		10,958,320		10,078,021		880,299
Capital outlay		25,365		-		-		-
Other outgo								
Excluding transfers of indirect costs		561,283		564,648		646,243		(81,595)
Transfers of indirect costs		(62,500)		(62,500)		(55,082)		(7,418)
Total Expenditures		54,406,497		64,109,557		59,749,502		4,360,055
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over Expenditures		1,245,828		(2,165,106)		3,053,644		5,218,750
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers out		(150,000)		(150,000)		-		150,000
Net Financing Sources (Uses)		(150,000)		(150,000)		-		150,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		1,095,828		(2,315,106)		3,053,644		5,368,750
Fund Balance - Beginning		13,711,914		12,395,842		12,395,842		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	14,807,742	\$	10,080,736	\$	15,449,486	\$	5,368,750

<sup>\*</sup> The actual amounts reported on this schedule do not agree with the amounts reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for the following reasons:

- On-behalf payments of \$2,775,655 are not included in the actual revenues and expenditures reported in this schedule.
- Audit adjustment of \$653,375 is not included in the actual local revenues reported in this schedule.
- Expenditures and other financing sources related to the GASB Statement No. 87 are not reported in this schedule.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Jι	ıne 30, 2022	Jι	ıne 30, 2021	Jι	ine 30, 2020	Ju	ne 30, 2019	Ju	ne 30, 2018
Total OPEB Liability										
Service cost	\$	1,672,388	\$	1,228,184	\$	1,225,503	\$	1,192,704	\$	1,160,782
Interest on total OPEB liability		459,991		554,426		599,167		570,962		482,348
Difference between expected and actual experience		581,031		83,287		(1,907,109)		-		-
Changes of assumptions		1,003,521		3,242,860		556,838		(608,618)		-
Benefits payments		(646,490)		(442,609)		(445,782)		(412,617)		(449,606)
Net change in total OPEB liability		3,070,441		4,666,148		28,617		742,431		1,193,524
Total OPEB liability - beginning		20,072,470		15,406,322		15,377,705		14,635,274		13,441,750
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$	23,142,911	\$	20,072,470	\$	15,406,322	\$	15,377,705	\$	14,635,274
Covered-employee payroll	\$	32,698,091	\$	30,972,435	\$	30,843,376	\$	29,997,293	\$	31,166,361
District's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		70.78%		64.81%		49.95%		51.26%		46.96%

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - CALSTRS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Ju	ne 30, 2022	Jı	une 30, 2021	 June 30, 2020	Jı	une 30, 2019	Jı	une 30, 2018	Ju	ne 30, 2017	J	June 30, 2016	Ju	ne 30, 2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability		0.043%		0.044%	0.043%		0.043%		0.043%		0.045%		0.046%		0.045%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	19,640,748	\$	42,914,418	\$ 38,875,961	\$	39,520,072	\$	40,010,982	\$	36,716,369	\$	30,683,567	\$	26,133,360
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District <b>Total</b>	\$	9,882,669 29,523,417	\$	22,122,208 65,036,626	\$ 21,209,603 60,085,564	\$	22,627,200 62,147,272	\$	23,670,351 63,681,333	\$	20,905,052 57,621,421	\$	16,228,181 46,911,748	\$	15,780,451 41,913,811
District's covered payroll	\$	23,784,398	\$	23,985,014	\$ 23,397,989	\$	23,029,700	\$	23,208,673	\$	22,746,645	\$	20,682,593	\$	19,918,667
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		82.578%		178.922%	166.151%		171.605%		172.397%		161.414%		148.355%		131.200%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		87.200%		71.800%	72.600%		71.000%		69.455%		70.043%		74.021%		76.523%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the year-end that occurred one year prior.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - CALPERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Ju	ne 30, 2022	Jı	une 30, 2021	June 30, 2020		Jı	ıne 30, 2019	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016		Ju	ne 30, 2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability		0.045%		0.049%		0.052%		0.052%		0.055%		0.057%		0.056%		0.052%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	9,094,918	\$	15,128,405	\$	15,122,422	\$	13,914,307	\$	13,088,924	\$	11,339,056	\$	8,231,759	\$	5,923,607
District's covered payroll	\$	7,188,037	\$	7,129,714	\$	7,857,169	\$	6,979,500	\$	7,070,215	\$	7,354,334	\$	6,151,744	\$	5,477,513
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		126.529%		212.188%		192.467%		199.360%		185.128%		154.182%		133.812%		108.144%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		81.000%		70.000%		70.000%		70.800%		71.872%		73.897%		79.428%		83.377%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the year-end that occurred one year prior.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - CALSTRS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Jι	une 30, 2022	Ju	ine 30, 2021	Ju	June 30, 2020 June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018 June		ne 30, 2018 June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016		June 30, 2015		
Contractually required contribution	\$	4,103,276	\$	3,747,574	\$	4,066,764	\$	3,775,803	\$	3,297,125	\$	2,896,598	\$	2,436,682	\$	1,835,014
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution*		(4,103,276)		(3,747,574)		(4,066,764)		(3,775,803)		(3,297,125)		(2,896,598)		(2,436,682)		(1,835,014)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
District's covered payroll	\$	25,164,073	\$	23,784,398	\$	23,985,014	\$	23,397,989	\$	23,029,700	\$	23,208,673	\$	22,746,645	\$	20,682,593
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		16.306%		15.756%		16.955%		16.137%		14.317%		12.481%		10.712%		8.872%

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts do not include on-behalf contributions

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - CALPERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Ju	ne 30, 2022	Ju	ne 30, 2021	Ju	ne 30, 2020	Ju	ine 30, 2019	Ju	ne 30, 2018	Ju	ne 30, 2017	Ju	ne 30, 2016	Ju	ne 30, 2015
Contractually required contribution	\$	1,593,705	\$	1,335,589	\$	1,313,878	\$	1,199,674	\$	997,493	\$	890,894	\$	752,266	\$	761,711
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution*		(1,593,705)		(1,335,589)		(1,313,878)		(1,199,674)		(997,493)		(890,894)		(752,266)		(761,711)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	_	\$		\$	
District's covered payroll	\$	7,534,018	\$	7,188,037	\$	7,129,714	\$	7,857,169	\$	6,979,500	\$	7,070,215	\$	7,354,334	\$	6,151,744
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		21.153%		18.581%		18.428%		15.269%		14.292%		12.601%		10.229%		12.382%

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts do not include on-behalf contributions

### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

#### **NOTE 1 – PURPOSE OF SCHEDULES**

### **Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

This schedule is required by GASB Statement No. 34 as required supplementary information (RSI) for the General Fund and for each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. The budgetary comparison schedule presents both (a) the original and (b) the final appropriated budgets for the reporting period as well as (c) actual inflows, outflows, and balances, stated on the District's budgetary basis. A separate column to report the variance between the final budget and actual amounts is also presented, although not required.

### **Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**

This 10-year schedule is required by GASB Statement No. 75 for all sole and agent employers that provide other postemployment benefits (OPEB). Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will only show those years under which GASB Statement No. 75 was applicable. The schedule presents the sources of change in the total OPEB liability, and the components of the total OPEB liability and related ratios, including the total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.

### **Changes in Benefit Terms**

There were no changes in benefit terms since the previous valuation for OPEB.

### **Changes in Assumptions**

The interest assumption changed from 2.20% to 2.16% since the previous valuation for OPEB.

### Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

This 10-year schedule is required by GASB Statement No. 68 for each cost-sharing pension plan. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will only show those years under which GASB Statement No. 68 was applicable. The schedule presents the District's proportion (percentage) of the collective net pension liability, the District's proportionate share (amount) of the collective net pension liability, the District's covered payroll, the District's proportionate share (amount) of the collective net pension liability as a percentage of the employer's covered payroll, and the pension plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability.

### **Changes in Benefit Terms**

There were no changes in benefit terms since the previous valuations for CalSTRS and CalPERS.

### **Changes in Assumptions**

There were no changes in economic assumptions since the previous valuations for CalSTRS and CalPERS.

### **Schedule of District Contributions**

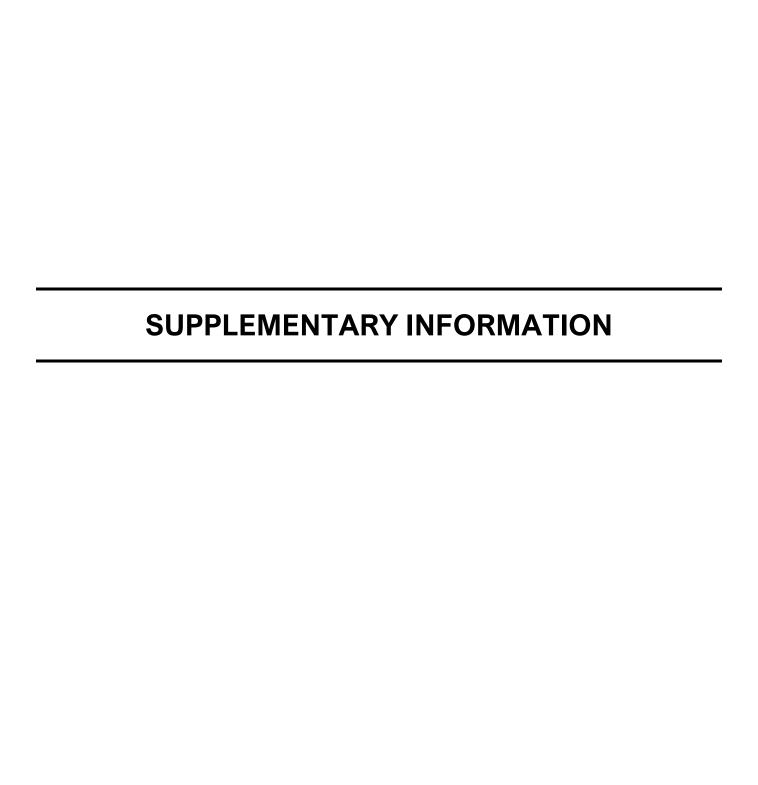
This 10-year schedule is required by GASB Statement No. 68 for each cost-sharing pension plan. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will only show those years under which GASB Statement No. 68 was applicable. The schedule presents the District's statutorily or contractually required employer contribution, the amount of contributions recognized by the pension plan in relation to the statutorily or contractually required employer contribution and the amount of contributions recognized by the pension plan in relation to the statutorily or contractually required employer contribution, the District's covered payroll, and the amount of contributions recognized by the pension plan in relation to the statutorily or contractually required employer contributions recognized by the pension plan in relation to the statutorily or contractually required employer contributions as a percentage of the District's covered payroll.

### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

### NOTE 2 - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District incurred an excess of expenditures over appropriations in individual major funds presented in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule by major object code as follows:

	Expe	nditu	ures and Other	Use	S
	 Budget		Actual		Excess
General Fund					
Other outgo					
Excluding transfers of indirect costs	\$ 564,648	\$	646,243	\$	81,595
Transfers of indirect costs	\$ (62,500)	\$	(55,082)	\$	7,418



# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster	AL Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:			·
Passed through California Department of Education:			
Title I, Part A, Basic Grants Low-Income and Neglected	84.010	14329	\$ 314,495
Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction Local Grants	84.367	14341	51,808
Title III			
Title III, English Learner Student Program	84.365	14346	71,517
Title III, Immigrant Education Program	84.365	15146	18,033
Subtotal Title III			89,550
Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants	84.424	15396	47,457
Special Education Cluster			
IDEA Basic Local Assistance Entitlement, Part B, Sec 611	84.027	13379	1,185,152
ARP IDEA Part B, Sec 611, Local Assistance Entitlement	84.027	15638	262,280
IDEA Mental Health Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Allocation, Part B, Sec 611	84.027A	15197	54,016
ARP IDEA Part B, Sec 619, Preschool Grants	84.173	15639	4,490
IDEA Preschool Grants, Part B, Section 619 (Age 3-4-5)	84.173	13430	5,583
IDEA Preschool Staff Development, Part B, Sec 619	84.173A	13431	119
Subtotal Special Education Cluster			1,511,640
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century (Perkins V)	84.048	14894	17,979
COVID-19 Emergency Acts Funding/Education Stabilization Fund Discretionary Grants:			
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund	84.425	15536	21
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) Fund	84.425	15547	290,299
Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant ESSER II State Reserve	84.425	15618	438,396
Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant GEER II	84.425	15619	100,616
Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant: ESSER III State Reserve, Emergency Needs	84.425	15620	285,783
Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant: ESSER III State Reserve, Learning Loss	84.425	15621	492,641
Subtotal Education Stabilization Fund Discretionary Grants			1,607,756
Total U. S. Department of Education			3,640,685
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:			
Passed through California Department of Education:			
COVID-19 Emergency Acts Funding/Extending Summer Food Service Program and SSO:			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program - Basic	10.553	13525	117,263
School Breakfast Program - Needy	10.553	13526	189,322
National School Lunch Program	10.555	13391	2,060,037
USDA Commodities	10.555	*	159,193
Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster	10.010	45044	2,525,815
Pandemic EBT Local Administrative Grant	10.649	15644	614
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			2,526,429
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:			
Passed through Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:			
CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Grant	93.323	*	768,143
Total U. S. Department of Health & Human Services			768,143
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ 6,935,257

<sup>\* -</sup> Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number not available or not applicable

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE (ADA) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Second Period Report	Annual Report
SCHOOL DISTRICT		
TK/K through Third		
Regular ADA	1,297.17	1,298.59
Extended Year Special Education	0.58	0.58
Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	1.00	1.00
Total TK/K through Third	1,298.75	1,300.17
Fourth through Sixth		_
Regular ADA	1,019.36	1,018.68
Extended Year Special Education	1.95	1.95
Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	5.29	5.00
Extended Year Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	0.18	0.18
Total Fourth through Sixth	1,026.78	1,025.81
Seventh through Eighth		
Regular ADA	752.94	758.66
Extended Year Special Education	0.95	0.95
Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	8.07	8.47
Extended Year Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	0.40	0.40
Total Seventh through Eighth	762.36	768.48
Ninth through Twelfth		
Regular ADA	1,394.00	1,387.18
Extended Year Special Education	1.73	1.73
Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	10.35	14.26
Extended Year Special Education - Nonpublic Schools	0.90	0.90
Total Ninth through Twelfth	1,406.98	1,404.07
TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	4,494.87	4,498.53

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

		2021-22		
	Minutes	Actual	Number	
Grade Level	Requirement	Minutes	of Days	Status
Kindergarten	36,000	36,785	180	Complied
Grade 1	50,400	50,905	180	Complied
Grade 2	50,400	50,905	180	Complied
Grade 3	50,400	53,525	180	Complied
Grade 4	54,000	55,200	180	Complied
Grade 5	54,000	55,200	180	Complied
Grade 6	54,000	61,365	180	Complied
Grade 7	54,000	61,365	180	Complied
Grade 8	54,000	61,365	180	Complied
Grade 9	64,800	65,975	180	Complied
Grade 10	64,800	65,975	180	Complied
Grade 11	64,800	65,975	180	Complied
Grade 12	64,800	65,975	180	Complied

### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL TRENDS AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	20	023 (Budget)	2022	2021	2020
General Fund - Budgetary Basis**					_
Revenues And Other Financing Sources	\$	63,153,429	\$ 62,803,146	\$ 58,365,661	\$ 53,114,917
Expenditures And Other Financing Uses		62,911,932	59,749,502	53,220,361	52,624,445
Net change in Fund Balance	\$	241,497	\$ 3,053,644	\$ 5,145,300	\$ 490,472
Ending Fund Balance	\$	15,690,983	\$ 15,449,486	\$ 13,711,915	\$ 8,566,615
Available Reserves*	\$	6,110,138	\$ 5,590,500	\$ 5,335,005	\$ 3,986,049
Available Reserves As A					
Percentage Of Outgo		9.71%	9.36%	10.02%	7.57%
Long-term Liabilities	\$	155,616,265	\$ 159,700,614	\$ 200,829,739	\$ 186,184,559
Average Daily Attendance At P-2***		4,495	4,495	4,743	4,743

The General Fund ending fund balance has increased by \$6,882,871 over the past two years. The fiscal year 2022-23 budget projects a further increase of \$241,497. For a District this size, the State recommends available reserves of at least 3% of General Fund expenditures, transfers out, and other uses (total outgo).

The District has incurred operating surpluses in each of the past three years and anticipates incurring an operating surplus during the 2022-23 fiscal year. Total long-term obligations have decreased by \$26,483,945 over the past two years.

Average daily attendance has decreased by 248 ADA over the past two years. No change in ADA is anticipated during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

<sup>\*</sup>Available reserves consist of all unassigned fund balance within the General Fund.

<sup>\*\*</sup>On-behalf payments of \$2,775,655, an audit adjustment of \$653,375, and amounts related to the implementation of GASB 87 are not included in the actual revenues and expenditures reported in this schedule.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Average Daily Attendance at P-2 was not reported in 2021. Funding was based on Average Daily Attendance at P-2 as reported in 2020.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORT WITH AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Cafeteria Fund	M	Deferred aintenance Fund	Building Fund	Cap	pital Facilities Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	an	Bond Interest ad Redemption Fund	Child Care Enterprise Fund	nal Service Fund
June 30, 2022, annual financial and budget report fund balance	\$ 15,449,486 \$	986,884	\$	1,480,915	\$ 14,108,241	\$	407,908	\$ 1,359,125	5 \$	7,099,616 \$	395,689	\$ 1,864,306
Adjustments and reclassifications:												
Increase (decrease) in total fund balances:												
Cash in county treasury - fair market value adjustment	(653,375)	(10,711)		(61,172)	(592,608)		(16,871)	(63,648	3)	(293,869)	(19,505)	(76,944)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	377,915	-
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	-	4,933,046
Net pension liability	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	(1,535,557)	-
Total OPEB liability	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	-	(23,142,911)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	(383,468)	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	-	(1,732,732)
Net adjustments and reclassifications	(653,375)	(10,711)		(61,172)	(592,608)		(16,871)	(63,648	3)	(293,869)	(1,560,615)	(20,019,541)
June 30, 2022, audited financial statement fund balance	\$ 14,796,111 \$	976,173	\$	1,419,743	\$ 13,515,633	\$	391,037	\$ 1,295,477	\$	6,805,747 \$	(1,164,926)	\$ (18,155,235)

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2022

	Stu	dent Activity			N	Deferred Maintenance	Ca	pital Facilities	County School	(	Non-Major Governmental
		Fund	С	Cafeteria Fund		Fund		Fund	Facilities Fund	Funds	
ASSETS											
Cash and investments	\$	1,402,895	\$	540,556	\$	1,416,692	\$	390,726	\$ -	\$	3,750,869
Accounts receivable		-		633,366		3,051		3,343	-		639,760
Stores inventory		-		20,377		-		-	-		20,377
Total Assets	\$	1,402,895	\$	1,194,299	\$	1,419,743	\$	394,069	\$	\$	4,411,006
LIABILITIES											
Accrued liabilities	\$	385	\$	110,915	\$	-	\$	3,032	\$ -	\$	114,332
Unearned revenue		-		107,211		-		-	-		107,211
Total Liabilities		385		218,126		-		3,032	-		221,543
FUND BALANCES											
Non-spendable		1,500		20,822		-		-	-		22,322
Restricted		1,401,010		955,351		-		391,037	-		2,747,398
Committed		-		-		1,419,743		-	-		1,419,743
Total Fund Balances		1,402,510		976,173		1,419,743		391,037			4,189,463
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	\$	1,402,895	\$	1,194,299	\$	1,419,743	\$	394,069	\$ -	\$	4,411,006

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Stu	dent Activity Fund	Cafeteria Fund	Deferred Maintenanc Fund	e (	Capital Facilities Fund	County School Facilities Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds
REVENUES								
LCFF sources	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 400,	000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000
Federal sources		-	2,526,429		-	-	-	2,526,429
Other state sources		-	146,169		-	-	-	146,169
Other local sources		687,103	225,574	(54,	381)	50,010	7	908,313
Total Revenues		687,103	2,898,172	345,	319	50,010	7	3,980,911
EXPENDITURES								
Current								
Pupil services								
Food services		-	2,231,740		-	-	-	2,231,740
General administration								
All other general administration		-	55,082		-	-	-	55,082
Plant services		-	-	39,	330	-	-	39,330
Facilities acquisition and construction		-	-		-	63,560	6,635	70,195
Ancillary services		610,358	-		-	-	-	610,358
Total Expenditures		610,358	2,286,822	39,	330	63,560	6,635	3,006,705
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		76,745	611,350	306,	289	(13,550)	(6,628)	974,206
Fund Balance - Beginning		1,325,765	364,823	1,113,	154	404,587	6,628	3,215,257
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	1,402,510	\$ 976,173	\$ 1,419,	<b>7</b> 43 \$			\$ 4,189,463

### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE JUNE 30, 2022

The elementary and high school systems in South Pasadena were established in 1886. The District was restructured in 1952 when San Marino seceded from the high school and formed its own unified school district. South Pasadena, located in the central section of Los Angeles County, encompasses an area of approximately 3.47 square miles and serves an estimated population of 24,000. The District provides educational facilities for kindergarten through twelfth grade in five schools, consisting of three elementary schools, one middle school, and one senior high school. There were no boundary changes during the year.

### **GOVERNING BOARD**

Member	Office	Term Expires
Zahir Robb	President	November 2022
Dr. Patricia Martinez-Miller	Clerk	November 2024
Dr. Ruby Kalra	Member	November 2022
Karissa Adams	Member	November 2022
Dr. Michele Kipke	Member	November 2022

### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

Dr. Geoff Yantz Superintendent

David Lubs
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Linda Junge
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Christiane Gervais
Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2022

### **NOTE 1 – PURPOSE OF SCHEDULES**

### **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the Federal grant activity of the District and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

The District did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate.

### Schedule of Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

Average daily attendance (ADA) is a measurement of the number of pupils attending classes of the District. The purpose of attendance accounting from a fiscal standpoint is to provide the basis on which apportionments of state funds are made to school districts. This schedule provides information regarding the attendance of students at various grade levels and in different programs.

### **Schedule of Instructional Time**

This schedule presents information on the amount of instructional time offered by the District and whether the District complied with article 8 (commencing with section 46200) of chapter 2 of part 26 of the *Education Code*.

### **Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis**

This schedule discloses the District's financial trends by displaying past years' data along with current year budget information. These financial trend disclosures are used to evaluate the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

### Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report with Audited Financial Statements

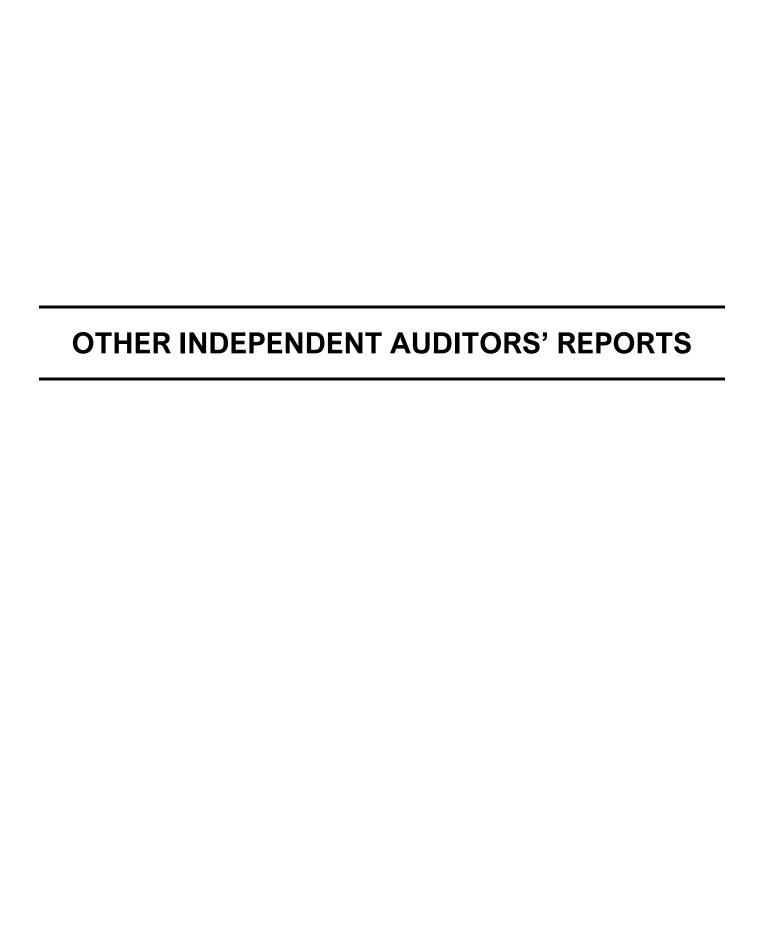
This schedule provides the information necessary to reconcile the fund balance of all funds reported on the Annual Financial and Budget Report Unaudited Actuals to the audited financial statements.

#### <u>Combining Statements – Non-Major Funds</u>

These statements provide information on the District's non-major funds.

### **Local Education Agency Organization Structure**

This schedule provides information about the District's boundaries and schools operated, members of the governing board, and members of the administration.



# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Independent Auditors' Report

Governing Board South Pasadena Unified School District South Pasadena, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, the discretely presented component unit, and the aggregate remaining fund information of South Pasadena Unified School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the South Pasadena Unified School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2022.

Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the South Pasadena Educational Foundation (the discretely presented component unit), as described in our report on South Pasadena Unified School District's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. The financial statements of the South Pasadena Educational Foundation were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance associated with this entity.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

Chistylehete, Inc

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether South Pasadena Unified School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

San Diego, California December 14, 2022

# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Independent Auditors' Report

Governing Board South Pasadena Unified School District South Pasadena, California

### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of South Pasadena Unified School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. South Pasadena Unified School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, South Pasadena Unified School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of South Pasadena Unified School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of the laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to South Pasadena Unified School District's federal programs.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit for Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect a material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis,
  evidence regarding South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with compliance requirements
  referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (continued)**

Chistylehete, Inc

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

San Diego, California

December 14, 2022

#### REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE

**Independent Auditors' Report** 

Governing Board South Pasadena Unified School District South Pasadena, California

### **Report on State Compliance**

### **Opinion on State Compliance**

We have audited South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the 2021-2022 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, prescribed by Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 19810, that could have a direct and material effect on each of South Pasadena Unified School District's state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, as identified below.

In our opinion, South Pasadena Unified School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the applicable state programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

### Basis for Opinion on State Compliance

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *2021-2022 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, prescribed by Title 5, *California Code of Regulations*, section 19810 as regulations (the K-12 Audit Guide). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of State Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of South Pasadena Unified School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on state compliance. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of the laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to South Pasadena Unified School District's state programs.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of State Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the state compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the K-12 Audit Guide will always detect a material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the requirements of the applicable state programs as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, and the K-12 Audit Guide, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis,
  evidence regarding South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with compliance requirements
  referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the K-12 Audit Guide, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Pasadena Unified School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Select and test transactions and records to determine South Pasadena Unified School District's compliance with the state laws and regulations related to the following items:

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PROGRAM NAME	PROCEDURES PERFORMED
Local Education Agencies Other Than Charter Schools	PERFORMED
Attendance	Yes
Teacher Certification and Misassignments	Yes
Kindergarten Continuance	Yes
Independent Study	Not Applicable
Continuation Education	Not Applicable
Instructional Time	Yes
Instructional Materials	Yes
Ratio of Administrative Employees to Teachers	Yes
Classroom Teacher Salaries	Yes
Early Retirement Incentive	Not Applicable
Gann Limit Calculation	Yes
School Accountability Report Card	Yes
Juvenile Court Schools	Not Applicable
Middle or Early College High Schools	Not Applicable
K-3 Grade Span Adjustment	Yes
Transportation Maintenance of Effort	Yes
Apprenticeship: Related and Supplemental Instruction	Not Applicable
Comprehensive School Safety Plan	Yes
District of Choice	Not Applicable

	PROCEDURES
PROGRAM NAME	PERFORMED
School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Charter Schools	
California Clean Energy Jobs Act	Yes
After/Before School Education and Safety Program	Not Applicable
Proper Expenditure of Education Protection Account Funds	Yes
Unduplicated Local Control Funding Formula Pupil Counts	Yes
Local Control and Accountability Plan	Yes
Independent Study-Course Based	Not Applicable
Immunizations	Yes
Educator Effectiveness	Yes
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO-G)	Yes
Career Technical Education Incentive Grant	Yes
In-Person Instruction Grant	Yes
Charter Schools	
Attendance; for charter schools	Not Applicable
Mode of Instruction; for charter schools	Not Applicable
Nonclassroom-Based Instruction/Independent Study;	
for charter schools	Not Applicable
Determination of Funding for Nonclassroom-Based	
Instruction; for charter schools	Not Applicable
Annual Instructional Minutes - Classroom Based	Not Applicable
Charter School Facility Grant Program	Not Applicable

The term "Not Applicable" is used above to mean either the District did not offer the program during the current fiscal year or the program applies to a different type of local education agency

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of State Compliance section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (continued)

Chistylehete, Inc

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the K-12 Audit Guide. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

San Diego, California

December 14, 2022



# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	N.
Material weakness(es) identified?	None Reported
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?  Non-compliance material to financial statements noted?	None Reported No
Non-compliance material to illiancial statements noted:	
FEDERAL AWARDS	
Internal control over major program:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None Reported
Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance	
with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major programs:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
AL Number(s) Name of Federal Program or Clust	<u>ter</u>
84.027, 84.027A, 84.173, 84.173A Special Education Cluster	
Education Stabilization Fund	
84.425 Discretionary Grants	
CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory	<i>'</i>
Capacity for Infectious Diseases	
93.323 <u>Grant</u>	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$ 750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes
STATE AWARDS	
Internal control over state programs:  Material weaknesses identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None Reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance	
with 2021-22 Guide for Annual Audits of California K-12 Local Education Age	encies ? No
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for state programs:	Unmodified

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

**FIVE DIGIT CODE** 

20000 30000 **AB 3627 FINDING TYPE** 

Inventory of Equipment Internal Control

There were no financial statement findings for the year ended June 30, 2022.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

FIVE DIGIT CODE 50000

**AB 3627 FINDING TYPE** 

Federal Compliance

There were no federal award findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

FIVE DIGIT CODE	AB 3627 FINDING TYPE
10000	Attendance
40000	State Compliance
42000	Charter School Facilities Programs
43000	Apprenticeship: Related and Supplemental Instruction
60000	Miscellaneous
61000	Classroom Teacher Salaries
62000	Local Control Accountability Plan
70000	Instructional Materials
71000	Teacher Misassignments
72000	School Accountability Report Card

There were no state award findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

#### SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

There were no findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2021.



#### APPENDIX C

#### FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate"), dated December 7, 2023, is executed and delivered by the South Pasadena Unified School District (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of the \$23,010,000 South Pasadena Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution of the Issuer adopted on October 10, 2023 (the "Resolution") and a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County on November 7, 2023. The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

- SECTION 1. <u>Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate</u>. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Owners and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule.
- SECTION 2. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:
- "Annual Report" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.
- "Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which has or shares the power, directly or indirectly, to make investment decisions concerning ownership of the Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries).
- "Disclosure Representative" shall mean either of the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services of the Issuer, or either of their designees, or such other officer or employee as the Issuer shall designate in writing from time to time.
- "Dissemination Agent" shall mean, initially, Keygent LLC, acting in its capacity as Dissemination Agent hereunder, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has been filed with the then current Dissemination Agent a written acceptance of such designation.
  - "EMMA" shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access system of the MSRB.
- "Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) and (b) of this Disclosure Certificate.
- "MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and any successor entity designated under the Rule as the repository for filings made pursuant to the Rule.
  - "Official Statement" shall mean the Official Statement for the Bonds dated November 15, 2023.
- "Participating Underwriter" shall mean Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as the original underwriter of the Bonds.
- "Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

#### SECTION 3. <u>Provision of Annual Reports.</u>

(a) The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent upon written direction to, not later than the March 31 after the end of the Issuer's fiscal year, commencing with the report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, provide to the MSRB an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. The Annual Report shall be provided to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may include by reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from and later than the balance of the Annual Report if they are not available by the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report.

The Annual Report shall be provided at least annually notwithstanding any fiscal year longer than 12 calendar months. The Issuer's fiscal year is currently effective from July 1 to the immediately succeeding June 30 of the following year. The Issuer will promptly notify the MSRB and the Dissemination Agent of a change in the fiscal year dates. The Issuer shall provide a written certification with each Annual Report furnished to the Dissemination Agent to the effect that such Annual Report constitutes the Annual Report required to be furnished by it hereunder. The Dissemination Agent may conclusively rely upon such certification of the Issuer and shall have no duty or obligation to review such Annual Report.

- (b) If the Dissemination Agent is other than the Issuer, not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date specified in subsection (a) for providing the Annual Report to the MSRB, the Issuer shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent. If by fifteen (15) days prior to such date the Dissemination Agent has not received a copy of the Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall contact the Issuer to determine if the Issuer is in compliance with subsection (a).
- (c) If the Dissemination Agent is unable to verify that an Annual Report has been provided to the MSRB by the date required in subsection (a), the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice in a timely manner to the MSRB substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.
  - (d) The Dissemination Agent shall:
    - (i) confirm the electronic filing requirements of the MSRB for the Annual Reports; and
  - (ii) promptly after receipt of the Annual Report, file a report with the Issuer certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, stating the date it was provided the MSRB. The Dissemination Agent's duties under this clause (ii) shall exist only if the Issuer provides the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent for filing.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, all filings shall be made in accordance with the MSRB's EMMA system or in another manner approved under the Rule.
- SECTION 4. <u>Content of Annual Reports</u>. The Issuer's Annual Report shall contain or include by reference the following:
- (a) (i) The audited financial statements of the Issuer for the most recent fiscal year of the Issuer then ended; (ii) the most recently adopted budget of the Issuer and, if required to be prepared and filed, the First Interim Report for the current fiscal year; and (iii) an update of the information contained in Tables 1 through 4 and 13 contained under the headings "TAX BASE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE SERIES C BONDS" and "DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS" in the Official Statement for the Bonds. If the audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed, the Annual Report shall contain any unaudited financial statements of the Issuer in a format similar to the financial statements,

and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available. Audited financial statements, if any, of the Issuer shall be audited by such auditor as shall then be required or permitted by State law. Audited financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed for governmental units by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; provided, however, that the Issuer may from time to time, if required by federal or state legal requirements, modify the basis upon which its financial statements are prepared. In the event that the Issuer shall modify the basis upon which its financial statements are prepared, the Issuer shall provide a notice of such modification to the MSRB in the manner provided in Section 5(g), including a reference to the specific federal or state law or regulation specifically describing the legal requirements for the change in accounting basis.

(b) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which have been submitted to the MSRB or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

#### SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds in a timely manner not more than ten (10) business days after the event:
  - (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (2) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (3) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (4) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (5) adverse tax opinions or issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability or of the Notice of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB);
  - (6) tender offers;
  - (7) defeasances;
  - (8) ratings changes;
  - (9) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceedings; and

Note: for the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (9), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governmental body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

- (10) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.
- (b) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material:
  - (1) unless described in Section 5(a)(5), notices or determinations by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
  - (2) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms;
  - (3) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of the name of a trustee;
  - (4) nonpayment related defaults;
  - (5) modifications to the rights of Owners of the Bonds;
  - (6) bond calls;
  - (7) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; and
  - (8) incurrence of a financial obligation of the obligated person, or agreement to covenant, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect Owners of the Bonds.
- (c) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event described in Section 5(b), the Issuer shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws.
- (d) If the Issuer determines that knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event under Section 5(b) would be material under applicable federal securities laws, the Issuer shall file a notice of such occurrence with EMMA in a timely manner not more than ten (10) business days after the event.
- (e) The Issuer hereby agrees that the undertaking set forth in this Disclosure Certificate is the responsibility of the Issuer and that the Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible for determining whether the Issuer's instructions to the Dissemination Agent under this Section 5 comply with the requirements of the Rule.
- (f) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Issuer to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Event described in Section 5(b)(6) need not be given under Sections 5(d) or (f) any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to Owners of affected Bonds pursuant to the Resolution. In each case of the Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall not be obligated to file a notice as required in this subsection (f) prior to the occurrence of such Listed Event.

- (g) Any of the filings required to be made under this Section 5 shall be made in accordance with the MSRB's EMMA system or in another manner approved under the Rule.
- (h) For purposes of the events identified in subparagraphs (a)(10) and (b)(8) under this Section 5, the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.
- SECTION 6. <u>Termination of Reporting Obligation</u>. The obligations of the Issuer and the Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5.
- SECTION 7. <u>Dissemination Agent</u>. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under the Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be Keygent LLC. The Dissemination Agent may resign by providing thirty days written notice to the Issuer and the Paying Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible for the content of any report or notice prepared by the Issuer. The Dissemination Agent shall have no duty to prepare any information report nor shall the Dissemination Agent be responsible for filing any report not provided to it by the Issuer in a timely manner and in a form suitable for filing.

#### SECTION 8. Amendment.

- (a) This Disclosure Certificate may be amended, in writing, without the consent of the Owners, if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) such amendment is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal (including regulatory) requirements, a change in law (including rules or regulations) or in interpretations thereof, or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or the type of business conducted thereby, (2) this Disclosure Certificate as so amended would have complied with the requirements of the Rule as of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances, (3) there shall have been delivered to the Issuer an opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel or counsel expert in federal securities laws, addressed to the Issuer, to the same effect as set forth in clause (2) above, (4) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Issuer) an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel or counsel expert in federal securities laws, addressed to the Issuer, to the effect that the amendment does not materially impair the interests of the Owners, and (5) the Issuer shall have delivered copies of such opinion and amendment to the MSRB.
- (b) This Disclosure Certificate may be amended in writing with respect to the Bonds, upon obtaining consent of Owners at least 25% in aggregate principal of the Bonds then outstanding; provided that the conditions set forth in Section 8(a)(1), (2) and (3) have been satisfied; and provided, further, that the Dissemination Agent shall not be obligated to enter into any such amendment that modifies or increases its duties or obligations hereunder.
- (c) To the extent any amendment to this Disclosure Certificate results in a change in the type of financial information or operating data provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, the first Annual Report provided thereafter shall include a narrative explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change.
- (d) If an amendment is made to the basis on which financial statements are prepared, the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or

information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles. Such comparison shall include a quantitative and, to the extent reasonably feasible, qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice if occurrence of a Listed Event.

The Issuer acknowledges and understands that other state and federal laws, including but not limited to the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, may apply to the Issuer, and that under some circumstances compliance with this Disclosure Certificate, without additional disclosures or other action, may not fully discharge all duties and obligations of the Issuer under such laws.

SECTION 10. <u>Default</u>. In the event the Issuer fails to comply with any provision in this Disclosure Certificate, the Dissemination Agent may (or shall upon direction of the Owners of 25% in aggregate principal of the Bonds then outstanding or the Underwriter) take all action necessary to cause the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any Owner or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the Issuer for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as amended from time to time and all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder. The Dissemination Agent shall have no duty or obligation to review any information provided to it hereunder and shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the Issuer, the Bond Owner's, or any other party. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds. No person shall have any right to commence any action against the Dissemination Agent hereunder, seeking any remedy other than to compel specific performance of this Disclosure Certificate. The Dissemination Agent shall not be liable under any circumstances for monetary damages to any person for any breach under this Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 12. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter, Owners and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. <u>Notices</u>. Notices should be sent in writing to the following addresses. The following information may be conclusively relied upon until changed in writing.

Disclosure Representative:	Superintendent South Pasadena Unified School District 1020 El Centro Street South Pasadena, California 91030
	SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
	By: Its: Superintendent

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### NOTICE TO MSRB OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Obligor:	South Pasadena Unified School District
Names of Issue:	South Pasadena Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C
Date of Issuance:	December 7, 2023
above-named Issues	HEREBY GIVEN that the Obligor has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the as required by the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated December 7, 2023, furnished nuection with the Issue. The Obligor anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by
	, Dissemination Agent
	Ву
	Authorized Officer

#### APPENDIX D

### CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL AND ECONOMIC DATA

The following information concerning the City of South Pasadena (the "City"), the County of Los Angeles (the "County") and the State of California (the "State") are presented as general background information. The Series C Bonds are not an obligation of the City, the County or the State and the taxing the power of the City, the County and the State are not pledged to the payment of the Series C Bonds.

The COVID-19 outbreak is ongoing, and the duration and severity of the outbreak, and the economic and other impacts of actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain the outbreak or to treat its impact, are developing and uncertain. Some of the information set forth in this Appendix D predates the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and should not be relied upon as representative of the current economic and demographic information within the District.

The District has not independently verified the information set forth in this Appendix D and while this information is believed to be reliable, it is not guaranteed as to accuracy by the District.

#### General - South Pasadena

The City encompasses approximately 3.4 square miles and is located in the western end of the San Gabriel Valley with the neighboring cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena San Marino and Alhambra. The City was incorporated in 1888 and operates in the council-manager form of government. Each of the five (5) City Council members is elected in an at-large election for alternating four year terms.

#### **Population**

The following table offers population figures for the City, the County and the State for January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2023.

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
South Pasadena	25,458	25,668	26,766	26,428	26,273
Los Angeles County	10,163,139	10,014,009	9,942,011	9,834,503	9,761,210
State of California	39,605,361	39,538,223	39,286,510	39,078,674	38,940,231

Source: State of California, Department of Finance E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and State, 2019 and 2020, with 2010 Benchmark, Sacramento, California, released May 7, 2023 and 2021-2023, with 2020 Benchmark, released May 1, 2023.

#### **Construction Activity**

The following table shows building permit valuations and new housing units in the City for 2018 through 2022.

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
Building Permit Valuation and New Housing Units

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Residential Single Family Multi-Family Alteration/Additions Total	\$ 1,248,000 0 10,238,556 <u>\$ 11,486,556</u>	\$ 1,087,000 0 8,683,333 \$ 9,770,333	\$ 1,145,000 0 1,898,700 \$ 3,043,700	\$ 2,512,728 0 0 \$ 2,512,728	\$ 2,195,517 0 7,072,810 <u>\$ 11,781,055</u>
Non-Residential New Commercial New Industry Other <sup>(1)</sup> Alteration/Additions Total	\$ 0 0 1,643,400 469,850 \$ 2,113,250	\$ 0 250,000 1,695,550 \$ 1,945,550	\$ 0 0 274,000 <u>65,000</u> <u>\$ 339,000</u>	\$ 0 0 0 0 0 \$ 0	\$ 0 0 0 495,000 \$ 495,000
Total All Industry <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>\$ 13,599,806</u>	\$ 11,715,883	\$ 3,382,700	\$ 2,512,728	<u>\$ 12,276,055</u>
New Housing Units Single Family Units Multi-Family Units Total	5 0 5	5 0 5	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 0 \\ \hline 3 \end{array} $	17 0 17	10 0 10

Includes churches and religious building, hospitals and institutional buildings, schools and educational buildings, residential garages and public works and utilities buildings.

Source: Construction Industry Research Board.

#### **Employment**

The following table sets forth the top ten major employers located in the City during 2022.

#### CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA MAJOR EMPLOYERS (2022)

Name	<b>Employees</b>	Type of business or entity
South Pasadena Care Center, LLC	151	Assisted Living/Rehabilitation Facility
Trader Joe's # 18	93	Grocery Stores
Ralph's Grocery Co. #21	92	Grocery Stores
The Vons Companies Inc. Pavillions #2228	92	Grocery Stores
Bristol Farms	88	Grocery Stores
VCA TLC Pasadena Veterinary Specialty	73	Veterinary Services
City of Hope South Pasadena	62	Treatment Center
The Vons Companies Inc. #3075	61	Grocery Stores
Whittier Trust Company	54	Bank
McDonald's South Pasadena	49	Restaurant

Source: City of South Pasadena, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – Year Ending June 30, 2022.

<sup>(2)</sup> May not add up due to rounding.

#### **Employment and Industry**

Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Division civilian labor force and wage and salary employment figures for calendar years 2018 through 2022 are shown in the following table.

## Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Division Industry Employment & Labor Force - by Annual Average

Title	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Civilian Labor Force	5,119,800	5,151,500	4,960,300	4,993,500	4,984,800
Civilian Employment	4,882,300	4,920,800	4,350,500	4,547,600	4,739,900
Civilian Unemployment	237,500	230,700	609,800	445,900	244,900
Civilian Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.5%	12.3%	8.9%	4.9%
Total Farm	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,600	4,900
Mining and Logging	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,600	1,600
Manufacturing	343,000	341,200	315,400	313,100	321,800
Wholesale Trade	224,500	221,900	201,100	202,600	204,800
Retail Trade	421,000	413,600	375,700	396,100	407,300
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	203,800	213,100	207,900	215,200	225,300
Information	215,000	215,600	191,100	208,800	235,200
Financial Activities	223,800	224,300	213,200	213,200	215,900
Professional and Business Services	632,800	647,600	600,200	630,100	668,900
Educational and Health Services	818,000	840,100	821,700	844,400	873,600
Leisure and Hospitality	536,600	547,300	393,700	434,200	511,300
Other Services	158,900	158,400	128,800	135,700	153,500
Government	590,600	<u>586,900</u>	570,200	560,200	568,500
Total, All Industries	4,520,900	4,566,200	4,171,700	4,308,900	4,543,400

Note: The "Total, All Industries" data is not directly comparable to the employment data found herein.

Source: State of California, Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Division, Industry Employment & Labor Force - by Annual Average, March 2022 Benchmark.

The following table summarizes the labor force, employment and unemployment figures for the years 2018 through 2022 for the City, the County, the State and the nation as a whole.

#### CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES Average Annual Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Year and Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
<u>2018</u>				
City of South Pasadena Los Angeles County State of California	15,000 5,119,800 19,289,500	14,400 4,882,300 18,469,900	600 237,500 819,600	4.9% 4.6 4.2
2019	15 000	14 400	600	2.00/
City of South Pasadena Los Angeles County State of California	15,000 5,151,500 19,413,200	14,400 4,920,800 18,617,900	230,700 795,300	3.8% 4.5 4.1
<u>2020</u>				
City of South Pasadena Los Angeles County State of California	14,000 4,960,300 18,971,600	12,700 4,350,500 17,047,600	1,300 609,800 1,924,000	9.5% 12.3 10.1
<u>2021</u>	, ,	, ,	, ,	
City of South Pasadena Los Angeles County State of California	14,200 4,993,500 18,973,400	13,300 4,547,600 17,586,300	1,000 445,900 1,387,100	6.7% 8.9 7.3
2022 City of South Pasadena	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Los Angeles County State of California	4,984,800 19,252,000	4,739,900 18,440,900	244,900 811,100	4.9 4.2

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes persons involved in labor-management trade disputes.

Source: California Employment Development Department, March 2022 Benchmark and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes all persons without jobs who are actively seeking work.

<sup>(3)</sup> The unemployment rate is computed from unrounded data; therefore, it may differ from rates computed from rounded figures in this table.

<sup>(4)</sup> Not strictly comparable with data for prior years.

<sup>(5)</sup> Not Available.

#### **Retail Sales**

The table below presents the City's retail permits and transactions for calendar years 2018 through 2022.

## CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA Taxable Transactions For Years 2018 through 2022 (Dollars in Thousands)

Year	Retail Permits	Retail Stores Taxable Transactions	Total Permits	Total Taxable Transactions
2018	227	\$14,336,345	790	\$196,612,637
2019	237	22,723,826	810	191,313,646
2020	248	11,386,110	895	160,701,598
2021	205	12,547,526	794	200,060,471
2022	206	14,683,840	798	237,276,696

Source: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Taxable Sales - Cities by Type of Business, last updated September 22, 2023.



#### APPENDIX E

#### **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry only system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy thereof. The following description of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Series E Bonds, payment of principal, premium, if any, accreted value and interest on the Series E Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners, confirmation and transfers of beneficial ownership interests in the Series E Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, the DTC Participants and the Beneficial Owners is based solely on information provided by DTC.

- 1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Series E Bonds (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Securities in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.
- DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.
- 3. Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.

- 4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.
- 5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.
- 6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.
- 7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).
- 8. Principal, redemption price and interest payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or the Paying Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, redemption price and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.
- 9. If applicable, a Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Securities purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to tender/remarketing agent, and shall effect delivery of such Securities by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Securities, on DTC's records, to tender/remarketing agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Securities are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Securities to tender/remarketing agent's DTC account.
- 10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

11. The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

THE TRUSTEE, AS LONG AS A BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM IS USED FOR THE SERIES E BONDS, WILL SEND ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION OR OTHER NOTICES TO OWNERS ONLY TO DTC. ANY FAILURE OF DTC TO ADVISE ANY DTC PARTICIPANT, OR OF ANY DTC PARTICIPANT TO NOTIFY ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER, OF ANY NOTICE AND ITS CONTENT OR EFFECT WILL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SUFFICIENCY OF THE PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE REDEMPTION OF THE SERIES E BONDS CALLED FOR REDEMPTION OR OF ANY OTHER ACTION PREMISED ON SUCH NOTICE.



#### APPENDIX F

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY





## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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March 21, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

## **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 March 21, 2023

CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO INVEST AND ANNUAL ADOPTION OF THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR INVESTMENT POLICY (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Delegation of authority to invest and reinvest County funds and funds of other depositors in the County Treasury to the Treasurer, and adoption of the Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Delegate the authority to the Treasurer to invest and reinvest County funds and funds of other depositors in the County Treasury.
- 2. Adopt the attached Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy (Investment Policy).

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The requested actions allow the Treasurer to continue to invest County funds and funds of other depositors in the County Treasury pursuant to the Investment Policy. On March 1, 2022, pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 27000.1, and subject to GC Section 53607, your Board delegated to the Treasurer the annual authority to invest and reinvest funds of the County and funds of other depositors in the County Treasury. GC Section 27000.1 states that subsequent to your Board's delegation, the County Treasurer shall thereafter assume full responsibility for those transactions until your Board either revokes its delegation of authority, by ordinance, or decides not to renew the annual delegation, as provided in GC Section 53607. This action requests renewal of the annual

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delegation.

GC Section 53646 permits your Board to annually approve the Investment Policy. The primary objectives of the Investment Policy, in priority order, are to maintain the safety of principal, to provide liquidity, and to achieve a return on funds invested. These objectives align with those in State law. Each year, my office reviews the Investment Policy to incorporate changes deemed necessary to meet our primary objectives and to ensure that it aligns with any changes in the GC.

Based on our analysis and in consideration of current market conditions, we recommend no changes to the Investment Policy for 2023. However, we have provided the annual update to the limitation calculation for intermediate-term, medium-term, and long-term holdings (Attachment III).

Update on Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG)

On March 9, 2021, your Board approved changes to the Investment Policy in areas related to the consideration of Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG). Consistent with the 2021 Investment Policy, we incorporated Sustainalytics ESG scores as part of our analysis of investment issuers and have taken action to reduce investments if an issuer's composite ESG score is weaker than the median score for its industry. The consideration of ESG scores in determining our issuers' investment limits has not impacted the Treasury Pool's return on investments. The percentage of our approved issuers with ESG scores has slightly decreased from 48% to 46%. Our purchase volume from issuers with ESG scores has continued to increase, from \$25.7 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 to \$32.1 billion in FY 2021-22.

Also, as referenced in our March 1, 2022 Investment Policy Board letter, we continue to evaluate the functionality of ESG reporting in our new investment accounting system. Currently, there is no such functionality; however, we will monitor for new developments as the ESG market continues to evolve.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action supports County Strategic Plan Strategy III.3 - Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The investment of surplus County funds and funds of other depositors allows these funds to earn a return which is credited to the depositor, net of administrative expenses.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to GC Section 27000.1, your Board may delegate by ordinance the authority to invest and reinvest funds of the County and funds of other depositors in the County Treasury to the Treasurer. On January 23, 1996, your Board adopted Ordinance 96-0007 adding Los Angeles County Code Section 2.52.025, which delegated such authority to the Treasurer, subject to annual renewal pursuant to GC Section 53607. GC 53646 permits the Treasurer to render annually to your Board a statement of Investment Policy, to be reviewed and approved at a public meeting. This GC Section also requires that any change in the Investment Policy be submitted to your Board for review and approval at a public meeting.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

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There is no impact on current services.

Respectfully submitted,

**KEITH KNOX** 

Treasurer and Tax Collector

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#### **Enclosures**

Chief Executive Officer
 Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
 Auditor-Controller
 County Counsel
 Los Angeles County Office of Education
 Los Angeles Community College District

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR INVESTMENT POLICY

#### **Authority to Invest**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 27000.1 and Los Angeles County Code 2.52.025, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has delegated to the Treasurer the authority to invest and reinvest the funds of the County and the funds of other depositors in the County Treasury.

#### **Fundamental Investment Policy**

The Treasurer, a trustee, is inherently a fiduciary and subject to the prudent investor standard. Accordingly, when investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, and managing investments, the investment decisions SHALL be made with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity would use with like aims.

All investments SHALL be governed by the Government Code and comply with the specific limitations set forth within this Investment Policy. Periodically, it may be necessary and prudent to make investment decisions beyond the limitations set forth in the Investment Policy that are otherwise permissible by California Government Code. In these special circumstances, ONLY the Treasurer is permitted to give written approval to operate outside the limitations set forth within this Investment Policy.

#### **Pooled Surplus Investment Portfolio**

The Treasurer SHALL establish and maintain a Pooled Surplus Investment (PSI) portfolio. The PSI portfolio SHALL be used to provide safe, liquid investment opportunities for pooled surplus funds deposited into the County Treasury.

The investment policies of the PSI portfolio SHALL be directed by and based on three prioritized objectives. The primary objective SHALL be to ensure the safety of principal. The secondary objective SHALL be to meet the liquidity needs of the PSI participants, which might be reasonably anticipated. The third objective SHALL be to achieve a return on funds invested, without undue compromise of the first two objectives.

PSI revenue/loss distribution SHALL be shared on a pro-rata basis with the PSI participants. PSI revenue/loss distribution will be performed monthly, net of administrative costs authorized by Government Code Section 27013 which includes employee salaries and benefits and services and supplies, for investing, depositing or handling funds, and the distribution of interest income, based on the PSI participants' average daily fund balance as recorded on the Auditor-Controller's accounting records. Administrative costs SHALL be deducted from the monthly PSI revenue/loss distribution on the basis of one-twelfth of the budgeted costs and adjusted periodically to actual costs.

Investments purchased with the intent to be held to maturity SHALL be accounted for in the Non-Trading partition of the PSI portfolio. Investments purchased with the intent to be sold prior to maturity SHALL be accounted for in the Trading partition of the PSI portfolio. The investments in the Trading partition SHALL NOT exceed \$500 million without specific written approval of the Treasurer.

In the event that a decision is made to transfer a given security from one partition to another, it MAY be transferred at cost; however, the difference between the market value, exclusive of accrued interest, at the time of transfer and the purchase price, exclusive of accrued interest, SHALL be computed and disclosed as unrealized profit or loss.

All PSI investments SHALL be categorized according to the period of time from settlement date to maturity date as follows:

- SHORT-TERM investments are for periods of up to ONE YEAR.
- INTERMEDIATE-TERM investments are for periods of ONE YEAR to THREE YEARS.
- MEDIUM-TERM investments are for periods of over THREE YEARS to FIVE YEARS.
- LONG-TERM investments are for periods of over FIVE YEARS.

PSI investments SHALL be limited to the short-term category except that the Investment Office of the Treasurer's Office MAY make PSI investments in accordance with the limitations imposed in Attachments I, II, III, and IV (all of which are attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.)

The weighted average maturity target of the PSI portfolio is a range between 1.0 and 4.0 years. For purposes of maturity classification, the maturity date SHALL be the nominal maturity date or the unconditional put option date, if one exists.

The total PSI portfolio investments with maturities in excess of one year SHALL NOT exceed 75% of the last 36 months' average total cash and investments, after adjustments, as indicated in Attachment III.

#### **Business Continuity Plan**

The Treasurer's Business Continuity Plan (BCP) serves to sustain the performance of mission-critical Treasury functions in the event of a local or widespread emergency.

The BCP includes written guidelines to perform critical Treasury functions, contact information for key personnel, authorized bank representatives and broker/dealers. The Treasurer's Office implemented its BCP in 2007.

#### **Liquidity of PSI Investments**

Short-term liquidity SHALL further be maintained and adjusted monthly so that sufficient anticipated cash is available to fully meet unanticipated withdrawals of discretionary deposits, adjusted for longer-term commitments, within 90 days.

Such liquidity SHALL be monitored where, at the beginning of each month, the par value for maturities in the next 90 days plus projected PSI deposits for 90 days, divided by the projected PSI withdrawals for 90 days plus discretionary PSI deposits, is equal to or greater than one.

The liquidation of investments is <u>not</u> required solely because the discretionary liquidity withdrawal ratio is less than one; however, investments SHALL be limited to a maximum maturity of 30 days until such time as the discretionary liquidity withdrawal ratio is equal to or greater than one.

The sale of any PSI instrument purchased in accordance with established policies is not required solely because an institution's credit rating is lowered after the purchase of the instrument.

#### Specific Purpose Investment Portfolio

The Treasurer SHALL maintain a Specific Purpose Investment (SPI) portfolio to manage specific investment objectives of the SPI participants. Specific investments may be made with the approval of the requesting entity's governing body and the approval of the Treasurer. Revenue/loss distribution of the SPI portfolio SHALL be credited to the specific entity for which the investment was made. The Treasurer reserves the right to establish and charge the requesting entity fees for maintaining the entity's SPI portfolio.

Investments SHALL be limited to the short-term category, as defined above in the previous section for PSI investments, except when requested by a depositing entity and with the approval of the Treasurer, a longer term investment MAY be specifically made and held in the SPI portfolio.

The sale of any SPI instrument purchased in accordance with established policies is not required solely because an institution's credit rating is lowered after the purchase of the instrument.

#### **Execution, Delivery, and Monitoring of Investments**

The Treasurer SHALL designate, in writing, personnel authorized to execute investment transactions.

All transactions SHALL be executed on a delivery versus payment basis.

The Treasurer or his authorized designees, in purchasing or obtaining any securities in a negotiable, bearer, registered, or nonregistered format, requires delivery of the securities to the Treasurer or designated custodial institution, by book entry, physical delivery, or by third party custodial agreement.

All investment transactions made by the Investment Office SHALL be reviewed by the Internal Controls Branch to assure compliance with this Investment Policy.

#### **Reporting Requirements**

The Treasurer SHALL provide the Board of Supervisors with a monthly report consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

- All investments detailing each by type, issuer, date of maturity, par value, historical cost, market value and the source of the market valuation.
- Month-end bank balances for accounts under the control of the Treasurer.
- A description of funds, investments, or programs that are under the management of contracted parties, including lending programs for the Treasurer.
- A description of all investment exceptions, if any, to the Investment Policy.
- A statement denoting the ability of the PSI portfolio to meet the anticipated cash requirements for the participants for the next six months.

#### **Discretionary Treasury Deposits and Withdrawal of Funds**

At the sole discretion of the Treasurer, PSI deposits may be accepted from local agencies not required to deposit their funds with the Los Angeles County Treasurer, pursuant to Government Code Section 53684.

At the time such deposits are made, the Treasurer may require the depositing entity to provide annual cash flow projections or an anticipated withdrawal schedule for deposits in excess of \$1 million. Such projections may be adjusted periodically as prescribed by the Treasurer but in no event less than semi-annually.

In accordance with Government Code Section 27136, all requests for withdrawal of such funds, for the purpose of investing or depositing these funds elsewhere SHALL be evaluated, prior to approving or disapproving the request, to ensure that the proposed withdrawal will not adversely affect the principal deposits of the other PSI participants.

If it is determined that the proposed withdrawal will negatively impact the principal deposits of the other PSI participants, the Treasurer may delay such withdrawals until the impact can be mitigated.

#### **Broker/Dealers Section**

Broker/Dealers SHALL be limited to primary government dealers as designated by the Federal Reserve Bank or institutions meeting one of the following:

- A. Broker/Dealers with minimum capitalization of \$500 million and who meet all five of the below listed criteria:
  - Be licensed by the State as a Broker/Dealer, as defined in Section 25004 of the Corporations Code, or a member of a Federally regulated securities exchange and;
  - 2. Be a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and;
  - 3. Be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and;
  - 4. Have been in operation for more than five years; and
  - 5. Have a minimum annual trading volume of \$100 billion in money market instruments or \$500 billion in United States (U.S.) Treasuries and Agencies.
- B. Emerging firms that meet all of the following:
  - Be licensed by the State as a Broker/Dealer, as defined in Section 25004 of the Corporations Code, or a member of a Federally regulated securities exchange and;
  - 2. Maintain office(s) in California and;
  - 3. Maintain a minimum capitalization of \$250,000 and, at the time of application, have a maximum capitalization of no more than \$10 million.

Commercial Paper and Negotiable Certificates of Deposit may be purchased directly from issuers approved by the Treasurer.

An approved Treasurer Broker/Dealer list SHALL be maintained. Firms SHALL be removed from the approved Broker/Dealer list and trading suspended with firms failing to accurately and timely provide the following information:

- A. Confirmation of daily trade transactions and all open trades in effect at month-end.
- B. Response to auditor requests for confirmation of investment transactions.
- C. Response to the Internal Controls Branch requests for needed information.

#### **Honoraria, Gifts, and Gratuities Limitations**

The Treasurer, Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector and designated Treasurer and Tax Collector employees SHALL be governed by the provision of the State's Political Reform Act, the Los Angeles County Code relating to Lobbyists, and the Los Angeles County Code relating to post government employment of County officials.

#### **Investment Limitations**

The Investment Office SHALL NOT invest in inverse floating rate notes, range notes, or interest only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages.

The Investment Office SHALL NOT invest in any security that could result in zero interest if held to maturity.

For investment transactions in the PSI portfolio, the Investment Office SHALL obtain approval of the Treasurer before recognizing any loss exceeding \$100,000 per transaction, calculated using amortized cost.

Proceeds from the sale of notes or funds set aside for the repayment of notes SHALL NOT be invested for a term that exceeds the term of the notes. Funds from bond proceeds may be invested in accordance with Government Code Section 53601(m), which permits investment according to the statutory provisions governing the issuance of those bonds, or in lieu of any statutory provisions to the contrary, in accordance with the approved financing documents for the issuance.

#### Consideration of Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) Scores

The Treasurer considers that environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors may financially impact the safety, liquidity and yield of investment opportunities. The Treasurer therefore may pursue pragmatic and cost-effective means to consider such factors to fulfill the objectives set forth for the PSI Portfolio.

The Treasurer may also seek to further the County's sustainability goals and enhance the transition to a green economy, consistent with the County's Sustainability Plan, OurCounty, in its investment decisions, as long as such investments achieve substantially equivalent safety, liquidity and yield compared to other investment opportunities.

#### **Permitted Investments**

Permitted Investments SHALL be limited to the following:

#### A. Obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities

- 1. Maximum maturity: None.
- 2. Maximum total par value: None.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: None.
- 4. Federal agencies: Additional limits in Section G apply if investments are Floating Rate Instruments.

## **B.** Municipal Obligations from the approved list of municipalities (Attachment IV)

- 1. Maximum maturity: As limited in Attachment IV.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 10% of the PSI portfolio.

#### C. Asset-Backed Securities

- 1. Maximum maturity: Five years.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 20% of the PSI portfolio.

- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.
- 4. All Asset-Backed securities must be rated in a rating category of "AA" or its equivalent or better rating and the issuer's corporate debt rating must be in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or better by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO).

#### D. Bankers' Acceptance Domestic and Foreign

- 1. Maximum maturity: 180 days and limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 40% of the PSI portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 4. The aggregate total of Bankers' Acceptances and Negotiable Certificates of Deposits SHALL NOT exceed:
  - a) The total shareholders' equity of depository bank.
  - b) The total net worth of depository bank.

#### E. Negotiable Certificates of Deposit (CD)

- 1. Maximum maturity: Three years and limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.
- 2. Maximum total par value: Aggregate total of Domestic and Euro CD's are limited to 30% of the PSI portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 4. Must be issued by:
  - a) National or State-chartered bank, or
  - b) Savings association or Federal association, or

- c) Federal or State credit union, or
- d) Federally licensed or State-licensed branch of a foreign bank.

#### 5. Euro CD's:

- a) Maximum maturity: One year and limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.
- b) Maximum total par value: 10% of the PSI portfolio.
- c) Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.
- d) Limited to London branch of National or State-chartered banks.
- 6. The aggregate total of Bankers Acceptances and Negotiable Certificates of Deposits SHALL NOT exceed:
  - a) The total shareholders' equity of depository bank.
  - b) The total net worth of the depository bank.

#### F. Corporate and Depository Notes

- 1. Maximum maturity: Three years and limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 30% of the PSI portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 4. Notes MUST be issued by:
  - a) Corporations organized and operating within the U.S.
  - b) Depository institutions licensed by the U.S or any State and operating within the U.S.
- 5. Additional limits in Section G apply if note is a Floating Rate Note Instrument.

#### G. Floating Rate Notes

Floating Rate Notes included in this category are defined as any instrument that has a coupon or interest rate that is adjusted periodically due to changes in a base or benchmark rate.

- 1. Maximum maturity: Seven years, provided that Board of Supervisors' authorization to exceed maturities in excess of five years is in effect, of which a maximum of \$100 million par value may be greater than five years to maturity.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 10% of the PSI portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 4. Benchmarks SHALL be limited to commercially available U.S. dollar denominated indexes.
- 5. The Investment Office SHALL obtain the prospectus or the issuer term sheet prior to purchase for all Floating Rate Notes and SHALL include the following on the trade ticket:
  - a) Specific basis for the benchmark rate.
  - b) Specific computation for the benchmark rate.
  - c) Specific reset period.
  - d) Notation of any put or call provisions.

#### H. Commercial Paper

- 1. Maximum maturity: 270 days and limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 40% of the PSI portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: The lesser of 10% of the PSI portfolio or the limits outlined in Attachment I for the issuer's current credit rating.
- 4. Credit: Issuing Corporation Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the

highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a NRSRO. The entity that issues the commercial paper shall meet all of the following conditions in either paragraph (a) or paragraph (b):

- a) The entity meets the following criteria:
  - 1) Is organized and operating in the U.S. as a general corporation.
  - 2) Has total assets in excess of \$500 million.
  - 3) Has debt other than commercial paper, if any, that is rated in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or higher by a NRSRO.
- b) The entity meets the following criteria:
  - 1) Is organized in the U.S. as a Limited Liability Company or Special Purpose Corporation.
  - 2) Has program-wide credit enhancements including, but not limited to, over collateralization, letters of credit, or surety bond.
  - 3) Has commercial paper that is rated "A-1" or higher, or the equivalent, by a NRSRO.

#### I. Shares of Beneficial Interest

- 1. Money Market Fund (MMF) Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies known as money market mutual funds, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with Section 270.2a-7 of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulation. The company SHALL have met either of the following criteria:
  - a) Attained the highest possible rating by not less than two NRSROs.
  - b) Retained an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five years' experience investing in the securities and obligations authorized in Government Code Section 53601 and with assets under management in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).

Maximum total par value: 15% of the PSI portfolio. However, no more than 10% of the PSI may be invested in any one fund.

- 2. State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) pursuant to Government Code Section 16429.1.
- 3. Trust Investments Shares of beneficial interest issued by a joint powers authority organized pursuant to Section 6509.7 that invests in securities and obligations authorized in Section 53601 (a) to (o) of the Government Code. To be eligible, the joint powers authority issuing the shares shall have retained an investment adviser that meets all of the following criteria:
  - a) The adviser is registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
  - b) The adviser has not less than five years of experience investing in the securities and obligations authorized in Section 53601 (a) to (o) of the Government Code.
  - c) The adviser has assets under management in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).

### J. Repurchase Agreement

- 1. Maximum maturity: 30 days.
- 2. Maximum total par value: \$1 billion.
- 3. Maximum par value per dealer: \$500 million.
- 4. Agreements must be in accordance with approved written master repurchase agreement.
- 5. Agreements must be fully secured by obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities. The market value of these obligations that underlie a repurchase agreement shall be valued at 102% or greater of the funds borrowed against those securities and the value shall be adjusted no less than monthly. Since the market value of the underlying securities is subject to daily market fluctuations, the investments in repurchase agreements shall be in compliance if the value of the underlying securities is brought back up to 102% no later than the next business day. If a repurchase agreement matures the next business day after purchase, the repurchase agreement is not out of compliance with this collateralization requirement if the value of the collateral falls below the 102% requirement at the close of business on settlement date.

### K. Reverse Repurchase Agreement

- 1. Maximum term: One year.
- 2. Maximum total par value: \$500 million. Maximum par value is limited to a combined total of reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements of 20% of the base value of the portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per broker: \$250 million.
- 4. Dealers limited to those primary dealers or those Nationally or State chartered banks that have a significant banking relationship with the County as defined in Government Code Section 53601(j)(4)(B) approved specifically by the Treasurer.
- 5. Agreements SHALL only be made for the purpose of enhancing investment revenue.
- 6. Agreements must be in accordance with approved written master repurchase agreement.
- 7. Securities eligible to be sold with a simultaneous agreement to repurchase SHALL be limited to obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities.
- 8. The security to be sold on a reverse repurchase agreement SHALL have been owned and fully paid for by the Treasurer for a minimum of 30 days prior to sale.
- The proceeds of the reverse repurchase agreement SHALL be invested in authorized instruments with a maturity less than 92 days unless the agreement includes a codicil guaranteeing a minimum earning or spread to maturity.
- 10. The proceeds of the reverse repurchase agreement SHALL be invested in instruments with maturities occurring at or before the maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement.
- 11. In no instance SHALL the investment from the proceeds of a reverse repurchase agreement be sold as part of a subsequent reverse repurchase agreement.

### L. Forwards, Futures and Options

Forward contracts are customized contracts traded in the Over The Counter Market where the holder of the contract is OBLIGATED to buy or sell a specific amount of an underlying asset at a specific price on a specific future date.

Future contracts are standardized contracts traded on recognized exchanges where the holder of the contract is OBLIGATED to buy or sell a specific amount of an underlying asset at a specific price on a specific future date.

Option contracts are those traded in either the Over The Counter Market or recognized exchanges where the purchaser has the RIGHT but not the obligation to buy or sell a specific amount of an underlying asset at a specific price within a specific time period.

- 1. Maximum maturity: 90 days.
- 2. Maximum aggregate par value: \$100 million.
- 3. Maximum par value per counterparty: \$50 million. Counterparties for Forward and Option Contracts limited to those on the approved Treasurer and Tax Collector list and must be rated "A" or better from at least one nationally recognized rating agency.
- 4. The underlying securities SHALL be an obligation of the U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities.
- 5. Premiums paid to an option seller SHALL be recognized as an option loss at the time the premium is paid and SHALL not exceed \$100,000 for each occurrence or exceed a total of \$250,000 in any one quarter. Premiums received from an option purchase SHALL be recognized as an option gain at the time the premium is received.
- 6. Complex or hybrid forwards, futures or options defined as agreements combining two or more categories are prohibited unless specific written approval of the Treasurer is obtained PRIOR to entering into the agreement.
- 7. Open forward, future, and option contracts SHALL be marked to market weekly and a report SHALL be prepared by the Internal Controls Branch.
- 8. In conjunction with the sale of bonds, the Treasurer MAY authorize

exceptions to maturity and par value limits for forwards, futures and options.

### M. Interest Rate Swaps

Interest Rate Swaps SHALL be used only in conjunction with the sale of bonds approved by the Board of Supervisors. In accordance with Government Code Section 53534, these agreements SHALL be made only if all bonds are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by two nationally recognized rating agencies and only upon receipt, from any rating agency rating the bonds, of written evidence that the agreement will not adversely affect the rating.

Further, the counterparty to such an agreement SHALL be rated "A" or better from at least one nationally recognized rating agency selected by the Treasurer, or the counterparty SHALL provide an irrevocable letter of credit from an institution rated "A" or better from at least one nationally recognized rating agency acceptable to the Treasurer.

### N. Securities Lending Agreement

Securities lending agreements are agreements under which the Treasurer agrees to transfer securities to a borrower who, in turn agrees to provide collateral to the Treasurer. During the term of the agreement, both the securities and the collateral are held by a third party. At the conclusion of the agreement, the securities are transferred back to the Treasurer in return for the collateral.

- 1. Maximum term: 180 days.
- 2. Maximum par value: Maximum par value is limited to a combined total of reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements of 20% of the base value of the portfolio.
- Dealers limited to those primary dealers or those Nationally or State chartered banks that have a significant banking relationship with the County as defined in Government Code Section 53601(j)(4)(B) approved specifically by the Treasurer.
- 4. Agreements SHALL only be made for the purpose of enhancing investment revenue.
- 5. Securities eligible to be sold with a simultaneous agreement to repurchase SHALL be limited to obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities.

- 6. The security to be sold on securities lending agreement SHALL have been owned and fully paid for by the Treasurer for a minimum of 30 days prior to sale.
- 7. The proceeds of the securities lending agreement SHALL be invested in authorized instruments with a maturity less than 92 days unless the agreement includes a codicil guaranteeing a minimum earning or spread to maturity.
- 8. In no instance SHALL the investment from the proceeds of a securities lending agreement be sold as part of a subsequent reverse repurchase agreement or securities lending agreement.

#### O. Supranationals

Supranationals are multilateral lending institutions that provide development financing, advisory services and other financial services to their member countries to promote improved living standards through sustainable economic growth.

Supranational investments are U.S. dollar denominated senior unsecured unsubordinated obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by any of the supranational institutions identified in Government Code Section 53601(q), with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, and which are eligible for purchase and sale within the United States. Supranational investments shall be rated in a rating category of "AA" or its equivalent or better by a NRSRO and shall not exceed 30% of the PSI portfolio.

- 1. Maximum maturity: Five years and limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.
- 2. Maximum total par value: 30% of the PSI portfolio.
- 3. Maximum par value per issuer: Per limits outlined in Attachment I for issuer's current credit rating.

Permitted Investments are also subject to limitation based on the ESG score of individual issuers in comparison to the ESG score of the issuer's business sector, as rated by Sustainalytics. The limitation methodology is shown in Attachment II.

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy ATTACHMENT I-a.

# MINIMUM CREDIT RATING DOMESTIC ISSUERS

		lss	uer Rating	(1)	
Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	S&P Global	Moody's Analytics	Fitch Ratings	Investment Limit
		A-1/AAA	P-1/Aaa	F1/AAA	\$750MM
Pankara' Assentance	100 daya	A-1/AA	P-1/Aa	F1/AA	\$600MM
Bankers' Acceptance	180 days	A-1/A	P-1/A	F1/A	\$450MM, of which 50% may be over 90 days to a maximum of 180 days
	3 years	A-1/AAA	P-1/Aaa	F1/AAA	\$750MM, of which 50% may be over 180
Cartificates of Danasit		A-1/AA	P-1/Aa	F1/AA	\$600MM, of which 50% may be over 180
Certificates of Deposit		A-1/A	P-1/A	F1/A	\$450MM, of which 50% may be over 90 days to a maximum of 180 days
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Corporate Notes, Asset Backed Securities (ABS) and Floating Rate Notes (FRN)	Corporate: 3 years	A-1/AAA	P-1/Aaa	F1/AAA	\$750MM, of which 50% may be over 180
		A-1/AA	P-1/Aa	F1/AA	\$600MM, of which 50% may be over 180
	FRN: 5 years (2)	A-1/A	P-1/A	F1/A	\$450MM, of which 50% may be over 90 days to a maximum of 180 days

- (1) All issuers must attain the required ratings from at least two of the three Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (S&P Global, Moody's Analytics, and Fitch Ratings).
- (2) Seven years, if Board of Supervisors' authorization to exceed maturities in excess of five years is in effect, of which a maximum of \$100 MM (million) par value may be greater than five years to maturity.

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy ATTACHMENT I-b.

# MINIMUM CREDIT RATING FOREIGN ISSUERS

	Maximum Maturity	Issuer Rating (1)				
Investment Type		S&P Global	Moody's Analytics	Fitch Ratings	Investment Limit	
		A-1/AAA	P-1/Aaa	F1/AAA	\$600MM	
Pankara' Assentance	100 daya	A-1/AA	P-1/Aa	F1/AA	\$450MM	
Bankers' Acceptance	180 days	A-1/A	P-1/A	F1/A	\$300MM, of which 50% may be over 90 days to a maximum of 180 days.	
	2	A-1/AAA	P-1/Aaa	F1/AAA	\$600MM, of which 50% may be over 180	
Contification of Deposit		A-1/AA	P-1/Aa	F1/AA	\$450MM, of which 50% may be over 180	
Certificates of Deposit	3 years	A-1/A	P-1/A	F1/A	\$300MM, of which 50% may be over 90	
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Corporate Notes, Asset	Corporato: 2 voore	A-1/AAA	P-1/Aaa	F1/AAA	\$600MM, of which 50% may be over 180	
	Corporate: 3 years ABS: 5 years FRN: 5 years (2)	A-1/AA	P-1/Aa	F1/AA	\$450MM, of which 50% may be over 180	
Backed Securities (ABS) and Floating Rate Notes (FRN)		A-1/A	P-1/A	F1/A	\$300MM, of which 50% may be over 90 days to a maximum of 180 days	

- (1) All issuers must attain the required ratings from at least two of the three Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (S&P Global, Moody's Analytics, and Fitch Ratings).
- (2) Seven years, if Board of Supervisors' authorization to exceed maturities in excess of five years is in effect, of which a maximum of \$100 MM (million) par value may be greater than five years to maturity.

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy ATTACHMENT I-c.

# MINIMUM CREDIT RATING SUPRANATIONAL ISSUERS

	Issuer Rating (1)	Investment Limit (2)	
S&P Global	Moody's Analytics	Fitch Ratings	Investment Limit (2)
AAA	Aaa	aaa	30% of PSI Portfolio, of which 20% of the PSI Portfolio may be between 2 and 5 years.
AA	Aa	aa	20% of PSI Portfolio, of which 10% of the PSI Portfolio may be between 2 and 5 years.

- (1) The issuer must attain the required ratings from at least two of the three Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (S&P Global, Moody's Analytics, and Fitch Ratings).
- (2) Maximum combined par value for all issuers is limited to 30% of the PSI portfolio.

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# MINIMUM CREDIT RATING COMMERCIAL PAPER

Maximum Maturity		Investment Limit (3)			
Waxiiiuiii Waturity	S&P Global	S&P Global Moody's Analytics Fitch Ratings		investment Limit (3)	
270 days	A-1	P-1	F1	\$1.5 Billion	

- (1) The issuer must attain the required ratings from at least two of the three Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (S&P Global, Moody's Analytics, and Fitch Ratings).
- (2) If an issuer has a long-term rating, it must be rated in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or higher.
- (3) Maximum combined par value for all issuers is limited to 40% of the PSI portfolio.

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy ATTACHMENT II

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (ESG) SCORE IMPACT ON INVESTMENT LIMITS

If an issuer's Sustainalytics ESG score is weaker than the median Sustainalytics ESG score of its business sector, investment limits will be subject to the following investment limit reductions:

Score Differential	Percentage Reduction of Investment Limit
≤ 5 points weaker	0%
5 ≤ 10 points weaker	15%
10 ≤ 20 points weaker	30%
> 20 points weaker	50%

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy ATTACHMENT III

# LIMITATION CALCULATION FOR INTERMEDIATE-TERM, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM HOLDINGS (Actual \$)

Average Investment Balance and Available Cash (1)	\$39,372,244,965
Less:	
■ 50% of Discretionary Deposits (1)	(\$1,811,102,005)
Average Available Balance	\$37,561,122,960
Multiplied by the Percent Available for Investment Over One Year	75%
Equals the Available Balance for Investment Over One Year	\$28,170,842,220
Intermediate-Term (From 1 to 3 Years)  • One-third of the Available Balance for Investment	\$9,390,280,740
Medium-Term and Long-Term (Greater Than 3 Years)  Two-thirds of Available Balance for Investment (2)	\$18,780,561,480

- (1) 36 Month Average from December 2019 to November 2022.
- (2) Any unused portion of the Medium-Term and Long-Term available balance may be used for Intermediate-Term investments.

County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector Investment Policy ATTACHMENT IV

#### APPROVED LIST OF MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS

- 1. Any obligation issued or caused to be issued by the County of Los Angeles on its behalf or on behalf of other Los Angeles County affiliates. If on behalf of other Los Angeles County affiliates, the affiliate must have a minimum rating of "A3" (Moody's Analytics) or "A-" (S&P Global or Fitch Ratings). The maximum maturity is limited to 30 years.
- 2. Any short- or medium-term obligation issued by the State of California or a California local agency with a minimum Moody's Analytics rating of "MIG-1" or "A2" or a minimum S&P Global rating of "SP-1" or "A." Maximum maturity limited to five years.

### APPENDIX G

## COUNTY INVESTMENT POOL MONTHLY REPORT



#### THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POOLED SURPLUS INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer and Tax Collector (the Treasurer) of Los Angeles County has the delegated authority to invest funds on deposit in the County Treasury (Treasury Pool). As of September 30, 2023, investments in the Treasury Pool were held for local agencies including school districts, community college districts, special districts and discretionary depositors such as cities and independent districts in the following amounts:

	Invested Funds
<u>Local Agency</u>	(in billions)
County of Los Angeles and Special Districts	\$19.913
Schools and Community Colleges	26.749
Discretionary Participants	3.159
Total	\$49.821

The Treasury Pool participation composition is as follows:

Non-discretionary Participants	93.66%
Discretionary Participants:	
Independent Public Agencies	6.19%
County Bond Proceeds and Repayment Funds	0.15%
Total	100.00%

Decisions on the investment of funds in the Treasury Pool are made by the County Investment Officer in accordance with established policy, with certain transactions requiring the Treasurer's prior approval. In Los Angeles County, investment decisions are governed by Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 53600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, which governs legal investments by local agencies in the State of California, and by a more restrictive Investment Policy developed by the Treasurer and adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on an annual basis. The Investment Policy adopted on March 21, 2023, reaffirmed the following criteria and order of priority for selecting investments:

- 1. Safety of Principal
- 2. Liquidity
- 3. Return on Investment

The Treasurer prepares a monthly Report of Investments (the Investment Report) summarizing the status of the Treasury Pool, including the current market value of all investments. This report is submitted monthly to the Board of Supervisors. According to

the Investment Report dated October 31, 2023, the September 30, 2023 book value of the Treasury Pool was approximately \$49.821 billion, and the corresponding market value was approximately \$46.825 billion.

An internal controls system for monitoring cash accounting and investment practices is in place. The Treasurer's Compliance Auditor, who operates independently from the Investment Officer, reconciles cash and investments to fund balances daily. The Compliance Auditor's staff also reviews each investment trade for accuracy and compliance with the Board adopted Investment Policy. On a quarterly basis, the County's outside independent auditor (External Auditor) reviews the cash and investment reconciliations for completeness and accuracy. Additionally, the External Auditor reviews investment transactions on a quarterly basis for conformance with the approved Investment Policy and annually accounts for all investments.

The following table identifies the types of securities held by the Treasury Pool as of September 30, 2023:

Type of Investment	% of Pool
Certificates of Deposit U.S. Government and Agency Obligations Bank Acceptances Commercial Paper Municipal Obligations Corporate Notes & Deposit Notes Repurchase Agreements	4.62 72.10 0.00 23.20 0.06 0.02 0.00
Asset Backed Instruments	0.00
Other	0.00
	100.00

The Treasury Pool is highly liquid. As of September 30, 2023, approximately 33.04% of the investments mature within 60 days, with an average of 805 days to maturity for the entire portfolio.

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