

AN ORDER CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Colorado County, Texas (the *County*), hereby finds and determines that, as a result of its adoption of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter approval tax rate (*VATR*), the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the *Election*) as required by Sections 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County Elections Administrator of the County to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election will be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) as provided pursuant to an election services agreement, a joint election agreement, or a similar agreement between the District and any Participants, entered into according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions herein described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on November 8, 2022 (the *Election Day*) in the COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, which date the District has determined is a permissible date on which the Election can be held in compliance with applicable law, for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.0907 PER \$100 VALUATION IN THE COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 9.88 PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$1,272,959.24.

SECTION 2: One or more District election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places hereby designated for holding the Election in the District election precinct as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). In compliance with the Code, the County Elections Administrator will identify and formally approve the appointment

of the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election. The Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Trustees, or their designees can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the District, the County Elections Administrator, and the Participants, if any and as applicable, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

- A. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.
- B. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Elections Administrator/Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Elections Administrator/Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the members of the early voting ballot board and the presiding judges and alternate judges shall be authorized to approve necessary election clerks to assist in conducting the Elections.
- C. Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices shall be identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members

to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

SECTION 3: Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance, and when required by the Code, at least one accessible voting system per polling place will be provided. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail according to the Code.

SECTION 4: The District is authorized to utilize a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) as provided by the Code. The Election Administrator, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station, who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station according to the Code. The Board hereby authorizes the Election Administrator, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge of the Station, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer for the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Election Administrator will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station according to the Code.

SECTION 5: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to

vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The Election shall be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 6: The District shall provide notice of the election to its voters as prescribed by the Code. This notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Additionally, this notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not later than 21 days prior to Election Day. During the 21 days prior to Election Day, the District shall, in a prominent manner, maintain such notice on its Internet website.

SECTION 7: The Board authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, and/or similar contracts or agreements with the County,

acting by and through the Elections Administrator, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law, as permitted and in accordance with the Code. In addition, the Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein.

SECTION 8: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 9: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 10: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 11: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 12: If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 13: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final

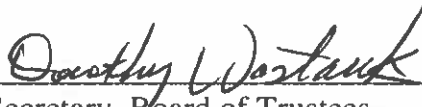
passage, and it is so ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 22nd day of August, 2022.



President, Board of Trustees
Columbus Independent School District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Columbus Independent School District

Exhibit A (Anexo A)

ELECTION DAY (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE/ CRONOGRAMA DEL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN

***Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Martes, 8 de noviembre de 2022 - Los lugares de votación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m.***

**ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS*
LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN PARA EL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN***

Colorado County Precinct 101 <i>Comisaría 101 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Columbus)	Colorado County Services Facility	305 Radio Lane, Columbus
Colorado County Precinct 102 <i>Comisaría 102 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Rock Island)	Full Gospel Church – Fellowship Hall	2304 Cushen, Rock Island
Colorado County Precinct 103 <i>Comisaría 103 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Garwood-Nada)	Nada Community Center – St. Mary's	7825 Hwy. 71, Nada
Colorado County Precinct 202 <i>Comisaría 202 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Sheridan)	Sheridan Community Center	5803 S. Logan Park Dr., Sheridan
Colorado County Precinct 302 <i>Comisaría 302 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Frelsburg) & Austin County Precinct 208 <i>Condado de Austin</i> (Brushy)	St. Peter & Paul Church Dining Hall	1031 Church Lane, Frelsburg
Colorado County Precinct 303 <i>Comisaría 303 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Mentz)	St. Roch's Parish Hall	1600 Frelsburg Rd., Mentz
Colorado County Precinct 304 <i>Comisaría 304 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Bernardo)	Bernardo Fire Station	2845 FM 949, Bernardo
Colorado County Precinct 305 <i>Comisaría 305 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Columbus)	Agriculture Bldg.	316 Spring St., Columbus
Colorado County Precinct 401 <i>Comisaría 401 del Condado de Colorado</i> (Altair)	Robert R. Wells Airport	1084 CR 102, Altair

* Subject to change. To verify, please go to the Colorado County Elections Administrator website, <http://www.co.colorado.tx.us/page/colorado.Elections>

* Sujeto a cambios. Para confirmar, vaya al sitio web de la Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Colorado, <http://www.co.colorado.tx.us/page/colorado.Elections>.

Exhibit B (Anexo B)

EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

**Colorado County Early Voting Schedule – November 8, 2022 Tax Ratification Election
Cronograma de votación anticipada del Condado de Colorado – 8 de noviembre de 2022
Elección general***

**Colorado County Annex (Main)	318 Spring St., Suite 101 Columbus, TX 78934
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Hours: 7:30 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
First Day of Early Voting: Monday, October 24, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting: Friday, November 4, 2022

Horarios: De 7:30 a. m. a 5:30 p. m. Lunes a viernes
Primer día de votación anticipada: Lunes, 24 de octubre de 2022
Último día de votación anticipada: Viernes, 4 de noviembre de 2022

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** Main Polling Location.

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** Lugar de votación principal.