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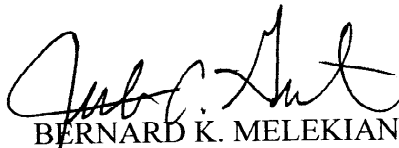
September 22, 2008

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PASADENA, ALTADENA, SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND

At the special meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee on September 17, 2008, an action item was on the agenda regarding a request from the Pasadena Unified School District for the City Council to formally endorse their November 4<sup>th</sup> Bond Measure. PUSD President Tom Selinske and Vice President Bob Harrison were both in attendance to provide an overview of the bond and respond to questions.

The Legislative Policy Committee agreed that a resolution should be brought forward to the City Council endorsing the measure.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution supporting Proposition TT.

  
for BERNARD K. MELEKIAN  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA IN SUPPORT OF THE PASADENA, ALTADENA, SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND (PROPOSITION TT ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT)**

WHEREAS, the Pasadena Board of Education ("the Board") has determined that certain properties and facilities within the Pasadena Unified School District ("the District") need to be constructed and improved to enable the District to enhance the educational opportunities of the students in the District; and

WHEREAS, most District schools are over 70 years old, and in 1997 the District had a total need of \$720 million in required facilities investments, when a similar proposition, Measure Y, which generated \$240 million was passed but a significant portion of the needed improvements were not funded, and in 2007 an independent assessment identified a remaining need for \$546-750 million in capital improvements throughout the District, and in the judgment of the Board, it is in the best interest of the District to provide the funding for such needs by means of various sources including general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board on July 1, 2008 passed and adopted Resolution No. 1963 ordering a school bond election and authorizing the necessary actions for inclusion of the proposition authorizing up to \$350 million of General Obligation Bonds, in the November 4, 2008 Statewide general election and establishing specifications of the Election order; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities to address safety, code & health issues; deteriorated infrastructure and utilities; necessary program upgrades and other modernizations which will ensure a) all district students have equal access to high quality learning facilities and recreation areas, b) all school campuses are safe, secure, fully compliant with state and local health code regulations, and fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, c) all students, teachers, and administrators have access to the technology and computer systems required to succeed and d) water and energy savings are generated throughout the District.

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to maintain appropriate supervision and accountability in the use of said proceeds and will utilize an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee and a professional construction project manager reporting directly to the Board to ensure bond proceeds are appropriately

managed and expensed, and the Board and public will be receive an annual report of activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed capital investments in the District schools and facilities should have a positive fiscal impact on the entire community including increased jobs and household incomes, stronger workforce, increased property values, improved energy and water efficiency across the District and an overall boost to the economy of the city; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, the date of the election, the voters in the District shall vote on the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for real property acquisition and improvements of school facilities to the extent permitted by such proposition named "Proposition TT".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby supports Proposition TT, and thereby encourages the residents of the City of Pasadena to demonstrate their support for Proposition TT on November 4, 2008, by voting YES.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 22th day of September, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

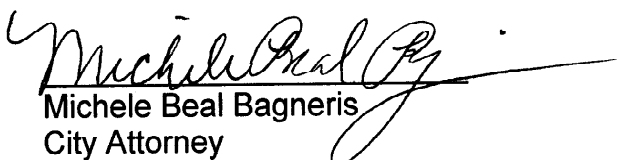
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Attorney



# Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education

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August 12, 2008

Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
City of Pasadena  
100 N. Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

I am writing to express our appreciation for the growing work and dialogue that is occurring between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Unified School District. I am aware that our staff members are meeting regularly and working on many areas of mutual interest. As you are aware, the Board of Education voted to place a bond initiative on the November 2008 ballot in support of addressing the many facility needs identified through the work of BCA Architects and the Facility Master Plan Committee process, where city representatives Lisa Fowler and Stephanie DeWolfe have added great value.

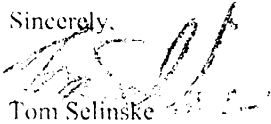
Several principles and reasons have risen regarding the urgency of the initiative:

1. Equity of resources for all students is a top priority to assure that students who need the greatest support receive it.
2. Pasadena Unified has passed only one initiative in the last 42 years to improve facilities, and most buildings are over 50 years old. Surrounding districts have passed two or more bonds and have newer facilities.
3. Upgrading of athletic fields will provide for greater student access and community use.

Noted above are just a few areas of opportunity for improvement; the larger list of projects can be provided to you upon request. While we already appreciate the support that several council members have provided individually, at this time we request the Pasadena City Council formally endorse this bond initiative. Please let me know what further information you may need to consider this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Selinske  
President

cc: Members, Pasadena City Council  
Manager, City of Pasadena