ORDER CALLING SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS
PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Pasadena Independent School District (the "District") has, among others, the power to issue bonds for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and improvement thereof) and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and convenient to call and conduct an election to obtain voter authorization for the issuance of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.092, Texas Election Code, as amended, the District intends to contract with Harris County, Texas ("Harris County") to conduct the Election and to perform certain election services for the District in connection with the Election, including all of the supervisory and administrative duties relating to the conduct of the Election, pursuant to an election services contract between the District and Harris County (the "Election Services Contract");

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors. An election (the "Election") shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 ("Election Day"), which is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the "Election Order"), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest.

Section 2. Conduct of the Election. The Election shall be conducted by the Harris County Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") pursuant to the terms of the Election Services Contract and in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Election Code"), the Texas Education Code, the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 3. Voting Precincts; Polling Places; Hours; Election Officers. The boundaries and territory of the Harris County election precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of the District are hereby designated as the voting precincts of

the District for the Election. The precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall be the corresponding Harris County precinct number of each precinct.

Voting on Election Day shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the polling place for each precinct as designated by the Administrator and set forth on <u>Exhibit</u> A hereto.

The presiding judges and alternate presiding judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Election Code.

In the event that the Superintendent shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District's best interests to relocate such polling place, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

Section 4. <u>Proposition.</u> At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,550,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF **SCHOOL** BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF) AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE: AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN ANTICIPATION OF, RELATED TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS, ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY (BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION) SUBCHAPTER A OF CHAPTER 45, TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, AND CHAPTER 1371, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TOGETHER WITH ALL AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS THERETO, AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

Section 5. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

<u>PROPOSITION</u>

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,550,000 SCHOOL BUILDING

BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF) AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LEVENING OF THE TAX. IN

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[] AGAINST PAYMENT THEREOF

Section 6. Mandatory Statement of Information. Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 5 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, as set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over not to exceed 40 years from their date of issuance and bearing interest at the rate or rates (not to exceed 15%), as authorized by law and determined by the Board, (vi) as of the beginning of the District's current fiscal year, the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations was \$590,315,000, and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations was \$389,545,507.65, and (vii) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.28 per \$100 of taxable property.

Based upon market conditions as of the date of this Election Order, if the bonds are authorized, the estimated total tax rate of the District is expected to be approximately \$1.35 per \$100 of taxable assessed value, based on current State law, which is subject to change. The estimated total tax rate represents the sum of (i) the most recently adopted tax rate for operations and maintenance, which is \$1.07 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, plus (ii) the estimated tax rate for voted debt obligations of the District, including the bonds, which is expected to remain at \$0.28 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

If approved by voters, the bonds will be secured by an ad valorem tax that is sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements. Actual tax rates, interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate outstanding indebtedness and interest on such debt, will only be established and known at the time that bonds are issued. In addition, actual tax rates will depend upon, among other factors, the assessed

valuation of taxable property, prevailing interest rates, the market for the District's bonds and general market conditions at the time that bonds are issued.

The estimated tax rates and other statements contained in this section are (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.009, Texas Election Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition submitted by this Election Order.

Section 7.. <u>Voting.</u> Voting in the Election, including early voting, shall be by the voting system adopted by the Commissioner's Court of Harris County. Each voter desiring to vote in favor of the Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "FOR" the Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against the Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "AGAINST" the Proposition. Voting shall be in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 8. Early Voting. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations, on the dates and at the times designated by Harris County and the Administrator as set forth on Exhibit B.

The Administrator is appointed as the early voting clerk. Applications for ballots for voting by mail should be addressed to:

Early Voting Clerk Stan Stanart Attn: Elections Division P.O. Box 1148 Houston, Texas 77251-1148

For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the early voting clerk shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the Proposition.

The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

<u>Section 9.</u> <u>Multilingual Election Materials</u>. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese and persons capable of acting as translators for Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese shall be made available to assist Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese language speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

Section 10. <u>Training of Election Officials.</u> Pursuant to the Election Code, a public school of instruction for all election officers and clerks may be held as arranged or contracted by the County.

<u>Section 11.</u> <u>Delivery of Voted Ballots; Counting; Tabulation; Canvassing of Returns; Declaring Results.</u> The ballots shall be counted by one or more teams of election officers assigned by the presiding judges, each team to consist of two or more election officers. After completion of his responsibilities under the Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with the Election Code. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Proposition, then the issuance and sale of the bonds described therein shall be authorized in the maximum amount contained therein, and the bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and in such denominations determined by the Board to be in the District's best interest.

Section 12. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election, stating in substance the contents of this Election Order, shall be given by: (i) publishing one time a substantial copy of this Election Order in the English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese languages, in a newspaper published within the District's territory or, if none is published in the District's territory, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District's territory at least ten (10) days and no more than thirty (30) days prior to the Election Day; (ii) by posting, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the Election Day, a substantial copy of this Election Order, in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board and in three (3) public places within the boundaries of the District not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election; (iii) posting a copy of this Election Order on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and (iv) posting this Election Order, together with the Notice of Election and the contents of the Proposition, on the District's website, in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese, during the 21 days before the Election.

Section 13. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Election Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District's administrative offices for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that notice of such meeting was also given by telephone, facsimile transmission or electronic mail to all news media who requested such notice and agreed to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Election Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 14. Authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions

reasonable and necessary to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 15. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election, including the execution and delivery of Election Services Contract, other agreements and other instruments determined to be necessary or appropriate in connection with election services provided by Harris County and the Administrator.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Election Order shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this July 29, 2014.

President, Board of Trustees
Pasadena Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Pasadena Independent School District

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EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

To be determined by Harris County at a later date.

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION November 4, 2014 Election - Tentative Early Voting Locations

TO BE DETERMINED BY HARRIS COUNTY AT A LATER DATE

Dates and Times of Early Voting November 4, 2014 Election