

NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HILL §
COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

TO ALL THE DULY QUALIFIED, RESIDENT ELECTORS OF COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and throughout the COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “District”) on November 5, 2019, pursuant and in accordance with the following excerpts from the Order Calling School Building Bond Election passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Covington Independent School District (the “Board”) on August 12, 2019:

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

Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. An election (the “Election”) shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 (“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. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voting Precincts; Polling Places; Election Officers. Except as otherwise provided herein, the boundaries and territory of the 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 county precinct number of each precinct. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in Exhibit A to this Election Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the “Election Code”).

In the event that the Superintendent, or his designee, 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, or his designee, is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

Proposition. At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the “Proposition”):

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Covington Independent School District (the “District”) be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series or installments, in the amount of \$5,750,000 for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and improvement thereof) and the purchase of new school buses, 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, and the costs of any credit agreements (including credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds), all as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America?

Ballots. The ballots shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

- [] FOR) The issuance of \$5,750,000 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
[] AGAINST) new school buses and levying of the tax in payment thereof

Voting. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail.

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.

Early Voting. The Board hereby appoints the Hill County Elections Administrator as the regular early voting clerk for the District. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will 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 as shown in Exhibit B. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, October 21, 2019 and end on Friday, November 1, 2019.

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. Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent to the addresses below.

Hill County Elections Administrator
Attention: Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 725
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

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.

Conduct of Election. The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the precinct judges and alternate judges or clerks appointed by the Board, in accordance with the Election Agreements, the Education Code, the Election Code and the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States of America. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver one or more Election Agreements, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code, and such other agreements, notices and other instruments as are deemed necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Election Order. The terms and provisions of each Election Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Election Order. To the extent of any conflict between this Election Order and an Election Agreement, the terms and provisions of the Election Agreement shall prevail, and the President of the Board, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to make such corrections, changes, revisions and modifications to this Election Order, including the exhibits hereto, as are deemed necessary or appropriate to conform to the Election Agreement, to comply with applicable state and federal law and to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced by this Election Order. The Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in the Election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station.

Mandatory Statement of Information.

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 3 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 3 of this Election Order, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature not more than 40 years from their date 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 \$545,000.00, and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District’s debt obligations was \$37,860.90, and (vii) the District’s ad valorem debt

service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.1303 per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

(b) Based upon market conditions as of the date of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.00%. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. In addition, the estimate contained in this subsection (b) is (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 and does not 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED August 12, 2019.

/s/ Andy Lopez
President, Board of Trustees
Covington Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Georgia Whittington
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Covington Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS (Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

<u>County</u>	<u>Precinct No.</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
	5	Woodbury Community Center 1515 HCR 1313 Hillsboro, Texas 76645
	10	Itasca Community Center 101 W. Main Street Itasca, Texas 76055
	19	Covington Community Center 402 Gathings Covington, Texas 76636
	20	Blum Community Center 105 S. Ave. C Blum, Texas 76627
	27	New Life Baptist Church 1084 HCR 1414 Covington, Texas 76636

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES

<u>Polling Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>
Hill County Courthouse Basement 80 N. Waco Street Hillsboro, Texas 76645	October 21 – October 25, 2019 October 28 – November 1, 2019	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.