

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET

**Somerton Elementary School District No. 11
of Yuma County, Arizona**

SPECIAL ELECTION
November 5, 2024

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Yuma County Superintendent of Schools



FOLLETO INFORMATIVO

**Distrito Escolar de Enseñanza Primaria Núm. 11
del Condado de Yuma, Arizona**

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL
5 de noviembre de 2024

Recopilado y emitido por
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Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Yuma

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TO THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT:

This informational report has been published by the Office of the County School Superintendent in conjunction with Somerton Elementary School District No. 11 to provide voters with factual information regarding the Special Election. The County School Superintendent shall review all factual statements contained in the written arguments and correct any inaccurate statements of fact. The superintendent shall not review and correct any portion of the written arguments identified as statements of the author's opinion. The Office of the County School Superintendent strongly believes that District voters should be fully informed before casting their votes. You are urged to carefully read and consider the information contained in this pamphlet and exercise your right to vote on Election Day.

Sincerely,

Tom Hurt
Superintendent, Yuma County Schools]

**SOMERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**A STATEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT AS TO WHY
THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED**

The Governing Board has called this special bond election to continue responding to requests from the community, parents, and business partners to assist in the continual growth and implementation of the Somerton Elementary Capital Plan and Equity Plan to meet the academic needs of all of our students in well-maintained facilities and state-of-the-art infrastructure.

The Governing Board is asking voters to authorize bonds to finance capital improvements throughout the District. Bond proceeds will fund:

- Building new construction, expansion, renovation, improvements repair and replacement for safe, secure, well-maintained and efficient learning environments
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment

The continuous growth of our district presents a need for expansion. The cost of which well exceeds the funding provided by the State. With the lack of funding from the State to support these needs, the only realistic mechanism to obtain funding to make the necessary expansions, repairs, and purchase through the bond election process.

Bonds provide necessary funding for the district to make building improvements and large purchases. Specifically, the 2024 bond will help improve safety and security at each campus; allow for critical repairs to facilities; fund a new school campus.

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Estimated Debt Service Requirements and Projected Impact on Secondary Tax Rate

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value (a)	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	Tax Rate (c)	Principal	Estimated Interest	Debt Service	Tax Rate (c)	Combined Debt Service	Tax Rate (c)
2024/25	\$116,449,407	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00						
2025/26	125,250,531					\$360,000	\$625,000	\$985,000	\$0.79	\$985,000	\$0.79
2026/27	134,714,185					430,000	632,000	1,062,000	0.79	1,062,000	0.79
2027/28	144,890,019					480,000	660,500	1,140,500	0.79	1,140,500	0.79
2028/29	156,531,629					515,000	636,500	1,151,500	0.74	1,151,500	0.74
2029/30	169,108,619					540,000	610,750	1,150,750	0.68	1,150,750	0.68
2030/31	171,826,124					565,000	583,750	1,148,750	0.67	1,148,750	0.67
2031/32	174,587,298					595,000	555,500	1,150,500	0.66	1,150,500	0.66
2032/33	177,392,842					625,000	525,750	1,150,750	0.65	1,150,750	0.65
2033/34	180,243,471					655,000	494,500	1,149,500	0.64	1,149,500	0.64
2034/35	183,139,908					685,000	461,750	1,146,750	0.63	1,146,750	0.63
2035/36	186,082,890					725,000	427,500	1,152,500	0.62	1,152,500	0.62
2036/37	189,073,165					760,000	391,250	1,151,250	0.61	1,151,250	0.61
2037/38	192,111,491					795,000	353,250	1,148,250	0.60	1,148,250	0.60
2038/39	195,198,643					835,000	313,500	1,148,500	0.59	1,148,500	0.59
2039/40	198,335,403					875,000	271,750	1,146,750	0.58	1,146,750	0.58
2040/41	201,522,570					920,000	228,000	1,148,000	0.57	1,148,000	0.57
2041/42	204,760,954					970,000	182,000	1,152,000	0.56	1,152,000	0.56
2042/43	208,051,377					1,015,000	133,500	1,148,500	0.55	1,148,500	0.55
2043/44	211,394,675					1,065,000	82,750	1,147,750	0.54	1,147,750	0.54
2044/45	214,791,699					290,000	29,500	319,500	0.15	319,500	0.15
2045/46	218,243,312					300,000	15,000	315,000	0.14	315,000	0.14
		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$14,000,000	\$8,214,000	\$22,214,000		\$22,214,000	

Projected Average Additional Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value: \$0.5967

- (a) Fiscal year 2024/25 is preliminary as provided by the County and includes 6.77% growth. Fiscal years 2025/26 through and including 2029/30 assume 8.03% growth. Following fiscal years assume 1.61% growth.
- (b) Assumes bond sale phases conducted through 2026, or as needed for capital improvements, and average annual interest of 5.00% for each series.
- (c) Tax rates stated per \$100 of net limited assessed property value and exclude earnings and rebate.

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ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

The following tables illustrate the estimated annual and monthly cost to taxpayers, including principal and interest, based on varying types of property, property values and assessed values. To determine your estimated tax increase, refer to your property tax statement which identifies the specific assessed value of your property.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL BOND TAX RATE PER \$100
OF ASSESSED VALUATION: \$0.5967

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
(Assessed at 10% of value)

<i>Value for Tax Purposes (a)</i>	<i>Assessed Value</i>	<i>Estimated Average Annual Cost (b)</i>	<i>Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)</i>
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$59.67	\$4.97
126,517 (c)	12,652 (c)	75.49	6.29

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on an owner-occupied residence valued by the County Assessor at \$250,000 is estimated to be \$169.43 per year for twenty-one (21) years, or \$3,558.03 total cost. (d)

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
(Assessed at 16.5% of value) (e)

<i>Value for Tax Purposes (a)</i>	<i>Assessed Value</i>	<i>Estimated Average Annual Cost (b)</i>	<i>Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)</i>
\$365,285 (c)	\$60,272 (c)	\$359.64	\$29.27
1,000,000	165,000	984.56	82.05

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on commercial property valued by the County Assessor at \$1,000,000 is estimated to be \$1,022.27 per year for twenty-one (21) years, or \$21,467.67 total cost. (d)

AGRICULTURAL OR OTHER VACANT PROPERTY
(Assessed at 15% of value)

<i>Value for Tax Purposes (a)</i>	<i>Assessed Value</i>	<i>Estimated Average Annual Cost (b)</i>	<i>Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)</i>
\$35,533 (c)	\$5,330 (c)	\$31.80	\$2.65
100,000	15,000	89.51	7.46

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on agricultural or other vacant property valued by the County Assessor at \$100,000 is estimated to be \$101.66 per year for twenty-one (21) years, or \$2,134.86 total cost. (d)

- (a) Value for tax purposes is the limited value of your property as it appears on your tax bill and does not necessarily represent the market value. This value cannot increase by more than 5% from the prior year if the property has not changed. For commercial property, only locally assessed property is subject to this limit.
- (b) Cost based on the estimated average bond tax rate over the life of the bond issue and other financing assumptions which are subject to change.
- (c) Estimated average value of owner-occupied residential properties, commercial properties or agricultural or vacant properties, as applicable, within the District as provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue.
- (d) Assumes the net assessed valuation of the property changes at the lesser of 5% or half the rate of the District's total net assessed value shown on the projected debt service schedule.
- (e) Assessment ratio will phase down to 16% in tax year 2025 and will be further reduced to 15% for tax year 2027 and thereafter.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somerton Elementary School District No. 11 (the "District") is requesting a bond authorization of \$14,000,000. The District has a 2024/2025 constitutional debt limit of approximately \$25,858,306 and has approximately \$-0- aggregate principal amount of general obligation debt outstanding.

ESTIMATED BOND ISSUE COST TO TAXPAYERS

If the November 5, 2024 bond election is successful, the District expects to sell bonds by a phased bonding program through 2026. The estimated cost of issuance associated with each sale of bonds is approximately \$60,000. The interest rate borne by the bonds would be determined by market conditions that exist at the time of sale, but in no event would the maximum interest rate on the bonds exceed 12% per annum. For purposes of estimating tax impact herein, the average interest rate is estimated at 5.00%. Repayment of both principal and interest on the bonds would occur over a period of not to exceed twenty (20) years from their issuance. **The estimated total cost of the proposed bond authorization, including principal and interest, is \$22,214,000.**

The bonds will be repaid from a levy of ad valorem property tax on all taxable property within the District.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF DISTRICT'S CAPITAL PLAN



**STATE OF ARIZONA
School Facilities Oversight Board
Capital Plan Executive Summary**

District:	Somerton Elementary School District
CTD:	140411

A.R.S. 15-481 and 15-491 provide that the informational report prepared by the county school superintendent pursuant to an election to exceed district additional assistance for capital purposes or to issue class B bonds or Impact Aid Revenue bonds for a school district contain an executive summary of the district's most recent capital plan as submitted to the School Facilities Oversight Board. The following executive summary contains the district's New Construction request as submitted in its September 1, 2023 Capital Plan, the district revision of that plan (if applicable), and the New Construction projects approved or held for consideration for the district by the School Facilities Oversight Board as of June 1, 2024.

September, 2023 District Submittal

Districts were required to submit a 2024 capital plan to the School Facilities Oversight Board by September 1, 2023 if the district believed that additional square footage would be required for schools (exclusive of district administrative space) by the fall of 2027, or additional land for new school facilities would be required by the fall of 2033. The required information included a description of the additional square footage requested and enrollment projections for the district. Following is a summary of the additional square footage requested by the district. The additional square footage is shown in the year in which the district requested the additional square footage to open.

FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
	K-6 space with capacity for 563 students (010N)	K-6 space with capacity for 281 students						

New Construction Projects Approved or Held for Consideration by the School Facilities Oversight Board as of June 1, 2024

Identified below are the new facilities approved or held for consideration by the School Facilities Oversight Board as of June 1, 2024. **Projects held for consideration are not committed for funding** but demonstrate the projected need for new facilities based on current demographic projections for the district. The additional square footage is shown in the year in which the School Facilities Oversight Board projects that the district will exceed capacity. Funding for new facilities becomes available in the fiscal year following the award, subject to legislative appropriation.

FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
			K-6 space with capacity for 563 students (010N)*			K-6 space with capacity for 281 students*		

* Held for consideration for possible future funding per A.R.S. 41-5741 D. (2).

Reviewed and Approved by:

Date:

Callie Kozlak Tyler

July 2, 2024

Callie Kozlak Tyler, M.Ed.

Assistant Director, School Facilities Division
Arizona Department of Administration

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PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following table presents the capital improvements expected to be paid from bond proceeds, the estimated cost of each capital improvement, the estimated average annual tax rate associated with each capital improvement and the estimated cost associated with each capital improvement for the owner of a single-family home that is valued at \$100,000:

Proposed Capital Improvements	Estimated Costs (a)	Estimated Average Annual Tax Rate (b)	Estimated Annual Cost to Owner of a Home Valued at \$100,000 (b)
Non-Administrative Purposes			
New construction and improvements for existing schools (includes construction of new full-sized school and expansion of existing elementary school)*	\$13,000,000	\$0.5541	\$55.41
Security and safety improvements (includes improvements and replacement for safe, secure, well-maintained and efficient learning environments)*	1,000,000	0.0426	4.26
Subtotal of Non-Administrative Capital Improvements	\$14,000,000	\$0.5967	\$59.67
Administrative Purposes			
None	\$0	\$0.0000	\$0.00
Subtotal of Administrative Capital Improvements	\$0		
TOTAL	\$14,000,000	\$0.5967	\$59.67

* Includes furniture, technology and equipment.

- (a) Reflects estimates for construction or acquisition of such improvements, together with all necessary incidental costs related thereto.
- (b) The estimated average annual tax rate and estimated annual cost are based on the average annual tax rate over the life of the proposed bond issue and other financing assumptions which are subject to change.

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SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE BONDS

ARGUMENTS FOR

Investing in our community schools yields an economic return of \$14 for every dollar invested in our public schools.

That's why I urge you to vote YES on November 5th, YES for Somerton Community Schools Bond.

I grew up in Somerton and am extremely proud of the quality public education I received. Our school district fought for resources to recruit amazing educators and build safe school facilities. A YES vote is a commitment to continue this legacy.

A YES vote for the Somerton Community Schools Bond will:

1. Reduce class sizes for every grade level - This allows teachers to pay attention to individual students.
2. Prepare for new growth and expanding subdivisions - Resources to plan for growth and welcome new students to the district.
3. Restore existing buildings for safety- Funds will be used to maintain buildings and keep facilities safe.

The Somerton community has a strong tradition. of standing together, especially for public schools. It is important you VOTE YES and share this message with your family and neighbors.

Vote the YES for Community Schools Bond on November 5th.

Luis A. Heredia
Former Somerton Elementary School District Governing Board
President and Board Member

Somerton Elementary School District needs our support and YES vote to address increased growth and improve its facilities. Every child deserves to go to school and achieve the American dream, a dream of being educated, going to college, becoming something great, and hopefully giving back to their communities.

There is nothing I want more than knowing the children in my community are receiving a great education in safe environments, that are exposed to state-of-the-art technology and that they are college and career ready. Our children do not have a fighting chance if we don't step up and support our local schools.

I urge you to continue to support our children, our future leaders, by voting YES for the Somerton Elementary School District Bond.

Marco "Tony" Reyes
Yuma County Supervisor, District 4

As a current Governing Board member for the Somerton School District, I am in full support of encouraging the educational endeavors of our local children. Our students all deserve to be educated in quality classrooms

with state-of-the-art technology. We can do our part as citizens by supporting the Somerton School District.

Somerton School District is asking the community to approve a bond. With the passage of this bond election, SSD#11 will continue its effort to build and maintain the state-of-the-art learning facilities in Yuma County. Bond funds will be used to increase safety and security, add new technology, purchase buses to transport students, and continue to address deferred maintenance and renovations. Our local school district needs our help to continue providing the outstanding educational programs in safe, secure, and updated facilities environment.

Please support our invitation and vote YES for the Somerton School District's bond election. Our students need and depend on us so they can learn, succeed, and thrive within our educational establishments and beyond!

Cristina Clark
Governing Board Member Somerton School District #11

As a member and long time resident of the city of Somerton I strongly support this bond effort. Just as we expect to receive high quality development, recreational, utility, and health services, I believe our community has additional priorities which include making sure our public school system continues to excel. That is why I support the Somerton Elementary School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

Bond funds will be used for new school construction, improvements and for security and safety upgrades (including improvements and replacements for safe, secure, well-maintained and efficient learning environments).

Taxpayers have plenty of reasons to be proud of our community schools and students. Students continue to exceed expectations - even after the school district, year after year, works on a reduced budget, the district always seems to make things work with their limited funds.

As a community members and leaders, I urge you to vote YES. Bond funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address critical facility needs. One of the best investments we all can make in our community is in our schools. Please vote YES to approve the Somerton Elementary School District bond. Let's help Somerton's growth!

Martha Gonzalez
City of Somerton Community Member

Throughout my life, I have been involved in education and supported our local public schools. Now, I am pleased to serve my community as a Governing Board member in the Somerton School District and as a City Councilmember for Somerton.

Somerton School District ensures students achieve academic success and are prepared for high school, college and/or career, and the 21st century workforce and beyond.

The Somerton School District #11 also takes great pride in its facilities and ensures students have the necessary technology to learn; however, the Arizona Legislature has failed to fully fund education and the district needs your support. The district is asking voters to pass a bond election. Funds from the bond will be used to replace equipment, build, maintain

and/or renovate facilities, and improve the learning environment for all students.

Please join me in voting YES for the Somerton School District's bond election. Your support will enable the district to make much needed improvements to school facilities and grounds.

Best Regards,
Juan F. Castillo
Governing Board President, Somerton School District
Councilmember, City of Somerton

Being the City Manager for the City of Somerton, I personally acknowledge and support the importance of quality education in our community. Local schools have the challenge of not having adequate funding annually for school repairs, maintenance for equipment, and other capital expenses like technology for classrooms and students.

A quality educational is critical to the success of our youth and our future as our Somerton School District leadership seeks to create local and potential global citizens. It starts locally and can evolve into work globally, and educators must be prepared and equipped to work in this changing environment. The funds from the bond election will be used to provide improvements to the learning environment for students, staff, and families, as well as help the Somerton School District purchase technology as it's upgraded frequently in this learning environment.

Please join me in supporting this important effort. Vote YES for our students and their futures by voting YES for the Somerton School District bond.

Sincerely,
Louie Galaviz
City Manager and local resident

As members and essential employees of Somerton- you count on us to ensure your safety every day, every time you need something. Besides receiving high quality development, recreational, utility, and health services, we believe our community has additional priorities - including making sure our public school system continues to excel. That is why we support the Somerton Elementary School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

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As community members and leaders, we urge you to vote YES. Bond funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address critical facility needs. One of the best investments we all can make in our community is in our schools. Please vote YES to approve the Somerton Elementary School District bond. Let's help Somerton's growth!

Jaime Chin
Gaby's Barber Shop Owner

As members and essential employees of Yuma County- you count on us to ensure your safety every day, every time you need something. Besides receiving high quality development, recreational, utility, and health services, we believe our community has additional priorities - including making sure our public school system continues to excel. That is why we support the Somerton Elementary School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

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As community members and leaders, we urge you to vote YES. Bond funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address critical facility needs. One of the best investments we all can make in our community is in our schools. Please vote YES to approve the Somerton Elementary School District bond. Let's help Somerton's growth!

Mark Concha
Loan Officer

As members and essential employees of Yuma County- you count on us to ensure your safety every day, every time you need something. Besides receiving high quality development, recreational, utility, and health services, we believe our community has additional priorities - including making sure our public school system continues to excel. That is why we support the Somerton Elementary School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

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As community members and leaders, we urge you to vote YES. Bond funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address critical facility needs. One of the best investments we all can make in our community is in our schools. Please vote YES to approve the Somerton Elementary School District bond. Let's help Somerton's growth!

Gwen Music
Sales Manager

As the Director of Maintenance and Facilities for the Somerton School District- the community entrust us to assure the safety of the students. Aside from receiving high quality development for the security of the children we believe our community has additional priorities and it includes making sure our public school system continues to prepare for expansions. That is why I support the Somerton School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

Bond funds will be used for new school construction, critical improvements, and safety upgrades. This includes replacements for safe and well-maintained and efficient learning environments.

One could hope our taxpayers have plenty of reasons to be proud of our community schools and students. From experience, I have witnessed the challenges the school district faces when working on a tight budget. Yet the district always seems to make things work with the limited funds provided.

As the Director of Maintenance and Facilities, I fully support the bond and that funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address urgent facility needs. One of the best investments we all can make in our community is in our schools with our children. Together, we can help Somerton's growth!

Martin Velasco
Director of Maintenance and Facilities

As a loyal employee of the Somerton School District, I understand firsthand how the district assures that student safety is a top priority. With the recent growth of Somerton, I believe our community prioritizes that our school system continues to prepare for the future. That is why I fully support the Somerton School District bond which will be on the November 5th ballot.

To my understanding, funds will be utilized for new school construction, critical improvements and restoration to resolve all safety concerns.

Taxpayers have plenty of reasons to be proud of our schools and our students. They should understand the dire need of the bond funds. In addition, the District has always faced challenges with the limited budgets, however, the District has found creative ways on how to stretch these funds.

As a proud and faithful Somerton member, I fully support the bond in which funds will be used to increase student safety and security. We owe it to our children, our future, and together we can make Somerton a better place!

Alexandra Galvan Lead Secretary
Somerton School District

As an involved parent of three Somerton School District students and resident of East San Luis, I understand the community trusts the school district to ensure the safety of students. Due to the recent growth of the city, I believe our community's priorities are making sure our public school system continues to prepare for expansions. That is why I would like to show support for the Somerton School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

Bond funds will be used for new school construction, much-needed improvements, and safety enhancements. It should also include replacements for safe and updated learning environments.

The taxpayers have plenty of reasons to be proud of our community schools, students and staff. The school district faces challenges when working on a fixed budget which decreases each year. However, the district always works with the limited budget.

As a parent of three Somerton School District students and East San Luis resident pertaining to the Somerton School District boundary, I fully support the bond in which funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address facility needs. This is a great investment the community can make and that is with our children.

Santos Morales

As dedicated members and vital employees of Somerton, we are committed to your safety and well-being every single day. Beyond offering top-notch development, recreational, utility, and health services, we have a crucial priority: ensuring our public school system continues to thrive. That's why we wholeheartedly support the Somerton Elementary School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

The bond funds will pave the way for exciting new school construction, much-needed improvements, and vital security upgrades. These enhancements will create safer, more secure, and well-maintained learning environments for our students.

Our community should take immense pride in our schools and students. Year after year, despite working with a reduced budget, our district consistently exceeds expectations and makes the most out of its resources.

As engaged community members and leaders, we encourage you to vote YES on this bond measure. Investing in our schools is investing in our future. By supporting this bond, you will help boost student safety, address urgent facility needs, and contribute to Somerton's ongoing growth. Let's make a powerful impact together—vote YES to approve the Somerton Elementary School District bond!

Tiffany Middleton
Orange Grove Principal

As valued members and essential employees of Somerton, we are committed to ensuring your safety and meeting your needs every day. In addition to providing top-quality development, recreational, utility, and health services, we recognize that our community has other important priorities, such as maintaining excellence in our public school system. Therefore, we strongly support the Somerton Elementary School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

The bond funds will be allocated for new school construction, facility improvements, and security upgrades, ensuring safe, secure, well-maintained, and efficient learning environments.

Our community has ample reasons to be proud of our schools and students. Despite working with reduced budgets year after year, our students consistently exceed expectations, and the district manages to achieve remarkable results with limited resources.

As community members and leaders, we urge you to vote YES. The bond funds will enhance student safety and security and address critical facility needs. Investing in our schools is one of the best investments we can make for our community. Please vote YES to approve the Somerton Elementary School District bond. Let's support Somerton's growth!

Jose Moreno
Bravie T Soto Principal

**SOMERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

SAMPLE BALLOT

PROPOSITION NO. 429

Shall Somerton Elementary School District No. 11 of Yuma County, Arizona (the "District"), be allowed to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$14,000,000 to provide money for the following purposes:

- Constructing and/or purchasing school buildings;
- Renovating school buildings;
- Purchasing pupil transportation vehicles;
- Acquiring by purchase or lease school lots;
- Improving school grounds, including adjacent ways thereto;
- Supplying school buildings with furniture, equipment and technology;
- Liquidating indebtedness incurred for the purposes set forth herein;
- Providing all utilities and other capital items necessary for the construction and renovation of school buildings and for improving school grounds;
- Paying all architectural, design, engineering, project and construction management and other costs incurred in connection with the purposes set forth above; and
- Paying all legal, financial and other costs in connection with issuance of the bonds?

The bonds will bear interest at rates not exceeding 12% per year. Interest may be evidenced by separate certificates and will be paid on January 1 and July 1 each year until the bonds mature. The bonds, and any bonds issued to refund the District's bonds, may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law. The bonds may be refunded by the issuance of refunding bonds of a weighted average maturity of less than 75% of the weighted average maturity of the bonds being refunded. Bonds will be in the denominations of \$5,000 each or in multiples of \$5,000 and will mature on the first day of January and/or July in years determined by the District's governing board. The bonds shall mature over a period of not (i) less than one (1) year (or a portion thereof) or (ii) more than twenty (20) years from the date of their issuance. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on bonds.

The capital improvements that are proposed to be funded through this bond issuance are to exceed the State standards and are in addition to monies provided by the State. Somerton Elementary School District is proposing to issue Class B general obligation bonds totaling \$14,000,000 to fund capital improvements over and above those funded by the State. Under the Students FIRST capital funding system, Somerton Elementary School District is entitled to State monies for new construction and renovation of school buildings in accordance with State law.

As an involved and loyal resident of the City of Somerton, I understand the community trusts the school district to ensure the safety of students. Due to the recent growth of the city, I believe our community's priorities are making sure our public school system continues to prepare for expansions. That is why I would like to show support for the Somerton School District bond on the November 5th ballot.

Bond funds will be used for new school construction, much-needed improvements, and safety enhancements. It should also include replacements for safe and updated learning environments.

The taxpayers have plenty of reasons to be proud of our community schools, students and staff. The school district faces challenges when working on a fixed budget which decreases each year. However, the district always works with the limited budget.

As the owner of a trucking business, I fully support the bond in which funds will be used to increase student safety and security and address facility needs. This is a great investment the community can make and that is with our children.

Tony Chavira, Owner
TC CARRIERS LLC

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

NONE SUBMITTED

A "YES" VOTE SHALL AUTHORIZE THE SOMERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 OF YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA GOVERNING BODY TO ISSUE AND SELL \$14,000,000 OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO BE REPAYED WITH SECONDARY PROPERTY TAXES.

A "NO" VOTE SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE THE Somerton Elementary School District No. 11 of Yuma County, Arizona GOVERNING BODY TO ISSUE AND SELL SUCH BONDS OF THE DISTRICT.

BOND APPROVAL, YES <input type="checkbox"/>
BOND APPROVAL, NO <input type="checkbox"/>

[At the discretion of the County elections department, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:]

A "yes" vote shall authorize the Somerton Elementary School District Governing Board to issue and sell \$14,000,000 of school improvement bonds of the District to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A "no" vote shall not authorize the Somerton Elementary School District Governing Board to issue and sell such bonds of the District.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

Date of election: November 5, 2024

Vote Centers will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote: Monday, October 07, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

To check your voter registration status, visit my.arizona.vote or call Yuma County Voter Services at (928) 373-6034.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Early Voting Begins Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To Vote Early in Person

Voters can vote early in person Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, October 9th through Friday, November 1st at the County Recorder's Office:

Yuma County Recorder's Office

Voter Services Division

102 S. Main Street Yuma, AZ 85364

(928) 373-6034

Requesting an Early Ballot

Voters who are not on the Active Early Voting List may request an early ballot be mailed to them up to 11 days before an election. Early ballots can be requested by phone, in writing or online at www.yumacountyaz.gov/voterandelectionservices.

Active Early Voting List

To be included on the Active Early Voting List (AEVL), eligible voters may submit either a preprinted form or a statement stating the request, which must include voter's name, residence address, mailing address (within AZ), date of birth and signature. The form can be printed from the County's website at www.yumacountyaz.gov.

Voter Assistance

The officer in charge of the election may appoint a special election board for making it possible for qualified electors who are ill or disabled to vote. Written or verbal requests for voter assistance must be sent to the Yuma County Recorder's Office. Requests must include the voter's name, residence address, date of birth, election for which the ballot is being requested, place of confinement and signature of the requester.

Last day to request assistance: Friday, November 1st, 2024

ELECTORS WHO VOTE IN PERSON ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION BEFORE RECEIVING A BALLOT.

1. List 1 – Photo ID with the Voter’s Name and Address

Acceptable forms of identification with the voter’s photograph, and name and address that reasonably match the voter’s name and address in the signature roster or e-pollbook, include (only one required):

- A valid Arizona driver license;
- A valid Arizona non-operating identification license;
- A tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification; or
- Any other valid United States federal state, or local government-issued identification.

2. List 2 – Non-Photo ID with the Voter’s Name and Address

A voter may present two separate documents that contain the voter’s name and address. Acceptable forms of identification with the voter’s name and address include the following:

- A utility bill for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cell phone, internet, or cable/satellite television service dated within 90 days of the election;
- A bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the election;
- A valid Arizona vehicle registration;
- A valid Indian or Native American census card;
- A property tax statement for the voter’s residence;
- A valid tribal enrollment card or other valid form of tribal identification;
- A valid Arizona vehicle insurance card;
- A valid Recorder’s Certificate;
- Any mailing marked “Official Election Material,” including a valid Arizona voter registration card; or
- Any valid United States federal, state, or local government-issued identification.

A.R.S. § 16-579(A)(1)(b). Any List 2 document may be presented to a poll worker in electronic format, including on a smart phone or tablet.

3. List 3 – Acceptable Hybrid Forms of ID

The voter may present certain combinations of documents from Lists 1 and 2. Acceptable combinations include:

- A valid photo identification from List 1 with an address that does not reasonably match the voter’s address in the signature roster or e-pollbook, accompanied by a document from List 2 with an address that does reasonably match the voter’s address in the signature roster or e-pollbook;
- A valid U.S. Passport or passport card, accompanied by a document from List 2; or
- A valid U.S. Military identification, accompanied by a document from List 2.

If the elector does not provide identification as described, the elector shall be issued a provisional ballot. The elector must provide identification to the county recorder or to an official deemed acceptable by the county recorder per the instructions provided at the polling place in order for the provisional ballot to be processed and counted as follows:

Last day to provide identification to the County Recorder’s Office is 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 31, 2024.

2024 GENERAL ELECTION VOTE CENTERS

Voters can vote at any Vote Center location in Yuma County.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood Center
300 S. 13th Avenue – Yuma
- Yuma Main Library
2951 S. 21st Drive – Yuma
- Yuma Civic Center
1440 W. Desert Hills Drive – Yuma
- Arizona Western College Conference Center
2020 S. Avenue 8E – Yuma
- St. John Neumann Catholic Church
11545 E. 40th Street – Yuma
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11711 Williams Street – Wellton
- Somerton Community Center
805 W. Main Street – Somerton
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- San Luis Library
1075 N. 6th Avenue – San Luis

*Voters can drop their Early Ballots **at any U.S. Postal Service location (at least 10 days before Election Day)** or at one of the convenient drop-box locations below.*

Yuma County Recorder’s Office
102 S. Main Street – Yuma

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2951 S. 21st Drive – Yuma

Foothills Library
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San Luis Library
1075 N. 6th Avenue – San Luis

Somerton Library
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28790 San Jose Avenue – Wellton

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE PARA LA VOTACIÓN

Fecha de la elección: 5 de noviembre de 2024

Los centros de votación estarán abiertos de 6:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Último día para inscribirse para votar: lunes 7 de octubre de 2024

Si usted no sabe si usted tiene derecho a votar en esta elección, por favor llame a la Oficina del Encargado del Registro del Condado de Yuma al (928) 373-6034

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL VOTO ANTICIPADO

Primer día de votación temprana: miércoles 9 de octubre de 2024

Para Votación Temprana en Persona

Los votantes pueden votar anticipadamente en persona de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. a partir del miércoles 9 de octubre 2024 hasta el viernes 1 de noviembre 2024 en la Oficina de Registro del Condado de Yuma

Oficina del Encargado del Registro del Condado de Yuma

Servicios a los Votantes

102 S. Main Street Yuma, AZ 85364

(928) 373-6034

Para Solicitar una Boleta Temprana

Los votantes que no se encuentran en la Lista Activa de Votación Temprana pueden solicitar que se les envíen por correo una boleta temprana hasta 11 días antes de una elección. Se pueden solicitar boletas tempranas por teléfono, por escrito o en línea en www.yumacountyaz.gov/voterandelectionservices.

Lista de Votación Temprana

Para que lo incluyan en la Lista Activa de Votación Temprana, los votantes con derecho a voto pueden presentar ya sea un formulario preimpreso o una declaración especificando su solicitud, la cual debe incluir: nombre del votante, dirección del domicilio, dirección postal (dentro de AZ), fecha de nacimiento y firma. El formulario se puede imprimir del sitio web del Condado en www.yumacountyaz.gov.

Asistencia al Votante

El oficial a cargo de la elección puede nombrar un consejo con el propósito de hacer posible que los electores con derecho a voto que están enfermos o discapacitados puedan votar. Las solicitudes deben incluir: nombre, dirección del domicilio, fecha de nacimiento, elección para la que se solicita la boleta, lugar en que está internado, y firma del solicitante..

Último día para solicitar asistencia: viernes 1 de noviembre de 2024

LOS ELECTORES QUE VOTAN EN UN CENTRO DE VOTACIÓN DEBEN PRESENTAR IDENTIFICACIÓN ANTES DE RECIBIR UNA BOLETA.

1. Lista 1 - Identificación con fotografía con el nombre y la dirección de el votante

Las formas aceptables de identificación con fotografía de el votante, nombre y dirección que coincidan razonablemente con el nombre y la dirección de el votante en la lista de firmas o en el libro electoral electrónico, incluyen (sólo se requiere una):

- Una licencia de conducir válida de Arizona;
- Una licencia válida de identificación no operativa de Arizona;
- Una tarjeta de inscripción tribal u otra forma de identificación tribal; o
- Cualquier otra identificación válida emitida por el gobierno federal, estatal o local de los Estados Unidos.

2. Lista 2 - Identificación sin fotografía con el nombre y dirección de el votante

Un votante puede presentar dos documentos separados que contengan su nombre y la dirección. Las formas aceptables de identificación con el nombre y la dirección de el votante incluyen las siguientes:

- Una factura de servicios públicos de electricidad, gas, agua, residuos sólidos, alcantarillado, teléfono celular, internet o servicio de televisión por cable/satélite con fecha dentro de los 90 días posteriores a la elección;
- Un estado de cuenta del banco o cooperativa de crédito con fecha dentro de los 90 días posteriores de la elección;
- Un registro de vehículo válido de Arizona;
- Una tarjeta de censo indígena o nativo americano válida;
- Una declaración de impuestos sobre la propiedad de la residencia del votante;
- Una tarjeta de inscripción tribal válida u otra forma válida de identificación tribal;
- Una tarjeta de seguro de vehículo de Arizona válida;
- Un Certificado de Registro válido;
- Cualquier envío marcado «Material Electoral Oficial», incluyendo una tarjeta válida de registro de votante de Arizona; tarjeta de registro de votante de Arizona; o
- Cualquier identificación válida emitida por el gobierno federal, estatal o local de los Estados Unidos.

A.R.S. § 16-579(A)(1)(b). Cualquier documento de la Lista 2 puede presentarse a un trabajador electoral en formato electrónico, incluso en un teléfono inteligente o tableta.

3. Lista 3 - Formas híbridas de identificación aceptables

El elector podrá presentar determinadas combinaciones de documentos de las Listas 1 y 2. Las combinaciones aceptables incluyen:

- Una identificación válida con fotografía de la Lista 1 con una dirección que no coincida razonablemente con la dirección del votante en la lista de firmas o el libro electoral electrónico, acompañada de un documento de la Lista 2 con una dirección que coincida razonablemente con la dirección del votante en la lista de firmas o libro electoral electrónico;

- Un pasaporte o tarjeta de pasaporte de EE.UU. válidos, acompañados de un documento de la Lista 2; o
- Una identificación militar de EE.UU. válida, acompañada de un documento de la Lista 2.

CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN PARA LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE 2024

Los votantes pueden votar en cualquier centro de votación del condado de Yuma.

Si el elector no presenta la identificación descrita, se le emitirá una papeleta provisional. El elector debe presentar su identificación al registrador del condado o a un funcionario considerado aceptable por el registrador del condado según las instrucciones proporcionadas en el centro de votación para que la papeleta provisional sea procesada y contada como se indica a continuación:

El último día para proporcionar identificación a la Oficina del Registrador del Condado es a las 5:00 p.m. del jueves 31 de octubre de 2024.

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*Los votantes pueden depositar sus boletas anticipadas **en cualquier ubicación del Servicio Postal de los EE. UU (por lo menos 10 días antes del día de la elección)** o en una de las convenientes ubicaciones de buzones abajo.*

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Somerton ESD #11
343 N. Carlisle Avenue
Somerton, AZ 85350



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