

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**




FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 23, 2007

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 2007-457 A Resolution of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in support of Alvord Unified School District Ballot Measure H providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds enabling construction and upgrading of buildings and facilities on district campuses thereby improving educational opportunities for all students.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2007-457 A Resolution of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in support of Alvord Unified School District Ballot Measure H providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds enabling construction and upgrading of buildings and facilities on district campuses thereby improving educational opportunities for all students.

BACKGROUND: Measure H provides for the issuance of \$196 million of bonds enabling construction and upgrading of buildings and facilities for students attending Alvord Unified School District. The general obligation bond funds of the Alvord Unified School District would be used for public schools and school projects to reduce student overcrowding, improve student safety and security and to meet student educational needs through specified projects including constructing a new high school, completing neighborhood school projects, completing identified modernization secondary school projects and building a new k-8 school. Also, it will provide for the students who will move into the area over the next 10-15 years.



John F. Tavaglione, Chairman
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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3 **Resolution 2007-457**

4 **RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF**
5 **ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT MEASURE H PROVIDING FOR THE**
6 **ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ENABLING CONSTRUCTION AND**
7 **UPGRADING OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES ON DISTRICT CAMPUSES THEREBY**
8 **IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

9 **WHEREAS**, Alvord Unified School District has proven good stewardship of bond money from passage
10 of Measure D in 1997, which resulted in significant improvements to school facilities and the construction
11 of two new elementary schools and for every local taxpayer dollar, the District has worked to bring more
12 than four additional dollars of State funds back to improve neighborhood schools; and

13 **WHEREAS**, enrollment in the Alvord Unified School District has increased steadily over the last five
14 years, is projected to continue to increase and every District school exceeds the originally intended
15 student capacity; and

16 **WHEREAS**, since 2001 enrollment has increased at La Sierra and Norte Vista high schools by more than
17 21%; and

18 **WHEREAS**, more than half of the schools are over 30 years old, with many over 50 years old; and

19 **WHEREAS**, working with parents, teachers, principals and facilities planning professionals, District staff
20 collected the data required to develop a comprehensive, cost-conscious plan to meet facilities needed for
21 the future; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education voted unanimously to place **Measure H** on the November 6, 2007
23 ballot providing for the issuance of \$196 million of bonds at legal interest rates; and

24 **WHEREAS**, **Measure H** will improve student safety and security at all schools; upgrade health and fire
25 safety systems; relieve severe overcrowding by building a new high school; upgrade and expand school
26 libraries and, where needed, build new libraries; renovate existing schools by creating additional
27 classrooms and replacing old student restrooms, plumbing and heating/ventilation, technology labs; and,
28 make schools accessible to all students; and,

WHEREAS, **Measure H** provides for strict accountability, including an independent citizen's oversight
committee and annual audits, ensuring that improvements specified in the District's Bond Project List are
completely efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, all funds raised by **Measure H** will remain in the Alvord community to benefit local
children; and

WHEREAS, **Measure H** will qualify the schools to receive \$35 million in State matching funds; and

WHEREAS, no funds raised by **Measure H** will go to Sacramento or to administrator salaries; and

WHEREAS, good schools maintain a high quality of life and strong neighborhood property values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby
endorses **Measure H**.

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk of the Board