

**Heer Property Acquisition
13th Street Bridge Widening**

**HEARING RECORD
Exhibit 1-A**

June 17, 2003
City Council Meeting

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE D-98

To relieve traffic congestion and improve access across the Salinas River; ensure & enhance public safety and emergency response; provide increased youth & adult recreational and community meeting places; expand job opportunities in the private sector; and increase higher education opportunities for the citizens of Paso Robles, shall the City of Paso Robles be authorized to issue \$38 million of General Obligation Bonds for property acquisition, construction and improvements, at an interest rate not to exceed the statutory limit, as follows: (1) to expand bridges, including Niblick Bridge; (2) to construct a public safety facility to jointly house police and fire services; (3) to construct Barney Schwartz Park; (4) to improve properties at the Paso Robles Airport for industrial expansion; (5) to construct a Senior/Veteran Center; and (6) to install improvements for Cuesta College's north county expansion.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY BOND MEASURE D-98 CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

If approved by two-thirds of registered City residents voting, this measure would authorize the City to issue and sell general obligation bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000). The bond funds would be used to acquire property and to construct bridge improvements (including expansion of Niblick Bridge); a Public Safety Center, Barney Schwartz Park, Paso Robles Airport Industrial Development Improvements, a Senior Citizens/Veterans Center, and Cuesta College Infrastructure Improvements. Bond funds would also be used for expenses and costs associated with the authorization, issuance and sale of the bonds.

When sold, these bonds will be secured by the full faith and credit of the City. The bonds would bear interest at a rate not to exceed eight percent (8%) per year. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds would be payable semiannually. The bonds may be issued over time in one or more series.

In tax year 2001-2002, the existing property tax override of the Paso Robles School District, totaling 35.75 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation, will expire. Beginning in the following tax year, 2002-2003, the City would levy and collect an ad valorem property tax on property within the City to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. This tax levy will be used only for payment of the principal and interest on the bonds and will stop when the bonds are fully paid. Each year, beginning in the year that the bonds are sold and continuing until the bonds are fully paid, the City would levy and collect an ad valorem property tax in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on the bonds for the upcoming tax year. This tax levy would be in addition to all other taxes collected at that time. The tax would be levied and collected in the same manner as other ad valorem property taxes.

The estimated amount of the tax necessary to pay the principal and interest on the bonds is set forth in the tax rate statement prepared in connection with this measure.

s/ Iris P. Yang
City Attorney
City of El Paso de Robles

TAX RATE STATEMENT MEASURE D-98 FOR CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES BOND MEASURE

An election will be held in the City of El Paso de Robles on June 2, 1998, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City, the question of incurring a bonded indebtedness of the City in a principal amount not to exceed \$38,000,000.

- The Paso Robles School District (the "District") has an existing property tax override which expires in 2002; 18 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation for the former high school district boundaries and 17.75 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation for the former elementary school district boundaries. The District is asking the voters to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds which will be supported by a tax beginning in 2002-2003 which is anticipated not to exceed 18 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation. The City is proposing its own general obligation bonds which will be supported by a tax rate anticipated to be 17.75 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation beginning in fiscal year 2002-2003.
- Given the community needs identified by the City Council for bridge expansions, public safety center, Barney Schwartz Park, airport industrial development improvements, senior/veterans center and Cuesta College infrastructure improvements, the City Council is asking the voters to authorize the sale of general obligation bonds to pay for said community needs.
- The current City Council is committed to setting a general obligation bond tax rate which is estimated not to exceed 17.75 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation, from fiscal year 2002-2003 through fiscal year 2026-2027.
- If adopted by the voters, the estimated tax rate of 17.75 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation would only apply to properties located within the boundaries of the City.

It is expected that bonds would be issued over time in one or more series. The following estimated projections are made assuming said bonds are sold in series with an annual interest rate of 6.50% and using the fiscal year 1997-1998 assessed valuation of the City of El Paso de Robles, County of San Luis Obispo, California as the base year. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property within the City. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 and 9402 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the City, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the City's assessed valuation, and assuming the entire debt service will be amortized through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund debt service, starting in fiscal year 2002-2003, on the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement is 17.75 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund debt service during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is 17.75 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation in fiscal year 2002-2003.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund debt service on the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuation available at the time of filing this statement is 17.75 cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation for the fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2026-2027.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the City. The actual times of sales of said bonds, the amount sold at any given time, and the applicable tax rate will be governed by the needs of the City and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which in any event will not exceed 8%, will depend upon the bond market at the time of each bond sale. Actual assessed valuation in future years will depend upon the value of the property within the City as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Hence, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated stated above.

s/ Duane Picanco, Mayor, City of El Paso de Robles



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D-98

The Community of Paso Robles needs your **YES** vote on Measure D.

The facts are clear:

*We need additional bridge lanes--for the Niblick, 13th Street, and possibly other bridges. Expansion will improve traffic flow, allow safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings, and improve police and fire response times.

*A replacement public safety facility is needed which can house our police and fire personnel, vehicles and emergency response communication equipment.

*We need additional community recreation facilities and opportunities for the youth and adults of Paso Robles.

*We need to improve airport properties to attract commerce and industry, thus expanding employment opportunities for Paso citizens.

*We need meeting places for our seniors and veterans.

*We need Cuesta College to provide increased educational and employment opportunities to the residents of Paso Robles.

*Measure D will not increase the taxes you pay today. Measure D simply reauthorizes the same or lower tax rate now being levied by the elementary school district for future use by the City for the projects identified above.

*None of Measure D funds can be used for employee salaries and benefits nor for other City operating expenses.

*Measure D funds will only be used to construct the projects noted below.

Voter approval of Measure D will:

Build additional bridge capacity; a public safety center; Barney Schwartz Park; airport industrial development infrastructure; a senior/veteran's center; and Cuesta College infrastructure improvements.

Vote YES on Measure D, INVEST in Paso Robles' future and maintain the quality of life for which Paso Robles is known.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE D

s/ John Davis, D.D.S.
Co-Chair of Responsible Roblans
s/ Betty Cousins
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s/ Dolly Bader, Retired
s/ Chet Dotter
Retired Business Executive
s/ Dee Lacey, Past President
Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

