

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Inter-Departmental Correspondence County Counsel



DATE: February 15, 2013

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2013

SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John C. Beiers, County Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Issuance and Sale by the Burlingame School District of General

Obligation Bonds, Series A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Burlingame School District to issue and sell Series A Bonds, through a negotiated sale, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000, without further action of the County.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The voters in the Burlingame School District ("District") approved by more than fifty-five percent of the voters a school bond measure on November 6, 2012, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$56,000,000 (the "Bond Measure").

The District's Board of Trustees authorized the issuance of Burlingame School District (San Mateo County, California) Election of 2012 General Obligation Bonds, Series A, in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$30,000,000 ("Series A Bonds"), and requesting that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the District to issue and sell on its own behalf, by negotiated sale, the Series A Bonds.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Typically, the County issues and sells general obligation bonds on behalf of a school district. For this transaction, the District has adopted a resolution (the District Resolution") requesting that the County authorize the District itself to issue the particular series of bonds, and to sell the bonds through a negotiated sale. California Government Code sections 53506, et. seq. and Education Code Section 15140(b) allow the Board of Supervisors to authorize the District to sell and issue bonds on its own behalf without further action of the Board of Supervisors or officers of the County.

The District is being assisted by Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth, as bond counsel, and Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC. as financial advisor.

Authorizing the District to issue and sell its own bonds will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Collaborative Community by supporting fiscal accountability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

These bonds are general obligations of the District, and do not constitute an obligation of the County. No part of any fund of the County is pledged or obligated to the payment of the bonds.

cc: John Maltbie, Acting County Manager Sandie Arnott, Tax Collector-Treasurer Bob Adler, Controller Bill Lofton, Esq., Bond Counsel

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