



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Counsel



Date: February 1, 2016
Board Meeting Date: February 23, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John C. Beiers, County Counsel

Subject: Issuance and Sale by the San Mateo-Foster City School District of its Election of 2015 General Obligation Bonds, Series A

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the San Mateo-Foster City School District to issue and sell Series A Bonds, through a negotiated sale, in an amount not to exceed \$74,000,000 without further action of the County.

BACKGROUND:

The voters in the San Mateo-Foster City School District ("District") approved by more than fifty-five percent of the voters a school bond measure on November 3, 2015, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$148,000,000 (the "Bond Measure").

On January 21, 2016, the District's Board of Trustees authorized the issuance and sale of "San Mateo-Foster City School District (San Mateo County, California) Election of 2015 General Obligation Bonds, Series A," in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$74,000,000 ("Series A Bonds"), and requested that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the District to issue and sell the Series A Bonds on its own behalf, by negotiated sale.

DISCUSSION:

State law generally provides that the County may issue and sell general obligation bonds on behalf of a school district, but California Government Code §§ 53506 et. seq. and Education Code § 15140(b) also allow the Board of Supervisors to authorize the District to sell and issue bonds directly 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 Keygent, 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.