



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Counsel



Date: October 13, 2016
Board Meeting Date: November 1, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John C. Beiers, County Counsel

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale by the Sequoia Union High School District of its Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Sequoia Union High School District to issue and sell its General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series 2016, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$120,000,000 by competitive or negotiated sale, without further action of the County.

BACKGROUND:

The voters in the Sequoia Union High School District (“District”) approved, by more than fifty-five percent of the voters, a school bond measure on June 3, 2014, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$265,000,000 (the “Bond Measure”). The District previously issued \$112,000,000 of bonds pursuant to the Bond Measure on October 22, 2014.

On October 19, 2016, the District’s Board of Trustees authorized the issuance and sale of its “Sequoia Union High School District General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series 2016” (“Series 2016 Bonds”), and requested that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the District to issue and sell the Series 2016 Bonds on its own behalf, by competitive or 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 Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe 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 County funds are pledged or obligated to the payment of the bonds.