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Ex Officio Secretary

RESOLUTION

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**Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education
Facilities Bond Act of 2016**

- WHEREAS the California Constitution finds public education is a state responsibility in Article IX Section 5; and
- WHEREAS Article 1 Section 28 states that public schools shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and
- WHEREAS county offices of education are a critical part of the education infrastructure, serving a diverse population of students that typically require specialized facilities, smaller classes, and additional support services; and
- WHEREAS the state has met its constitutional responsibilities since 1982 by providing consistent state bond resources through programs contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12 and Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and
- WHEREAS county offices of education have received over \$1 billion in funds since 1998 under Division 1, Part 10, Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and
- WHEREAS the state is out of school facility funds and cannot provide the state match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and
- WHEREAS the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 provides for renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to provide job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and
- WHEREAS the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and
- WHEREAS 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and
- WHEREAS these jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades; and
- WHEREAS the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan are intended to improve educational achievement for all students but do not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

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WHEREAS all students, including those served by county offices of education, deserve equal access to 21st Century learning environments; and

WHEREAS quality 21st Century school facilities designed for student needs of today and tomorrow enhance academic achievement and further the state's academic goals; and

WHEREAS county offices of education do not have the authority to issue local bonds and often lack local resources for facilities funding; and

WHEREAS the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 will not raise state taxes; and

WHEREAS the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 state matching funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Education supports the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

ADOPTED this 7th day of June 2016 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.