

**Poway Unified School District**

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-2015**

**SUPPORT OF A STATE BOND FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES**

**ON MOTION** of Member T.J. Zane, seconded by Member Andy Patapow the following resolution is adopted:

**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**, the State has previously met its constitutional responsibilities through the State funding match of the School Facility Program contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Facility Program, if funded with State school bonds, provides for career technical education facilities to provide career technical job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Facility Program is out of funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law. Included in these projects filed is the Design 39 Campus funds due to Poway Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS**, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS**, these jobs include almost all building trades and the jobs will be in all parts of California; and

**WHEREAS**, these construction jobs would be immediately available since many school districts have construction-ready projects that depend on availability of State matching funds; and

**WHEREAS**, a State bond encourages local communities to place local bonds on the ballot, further enhancing the stimulus effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plans are intended to improve academic achievement for all students but does not include facilities proven to help ensure academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, academic goals cannot be achieved without 21<sup>st</sup> century school facilities designed for instruction to meet today's and tomorrow's students' academic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, State school bonds do not raise State taxes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Poway Unified School District finds and declares that it supports placing a new State school bond on the 2016 ballot to allow the citizens the opportunity to decide if the State partnership should be funded through a new State school bond.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on May 18, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:	5
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTAIN:	0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO    )

This is to certify that the foregoing document is a true copy of the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District of San Diego County.

  
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Andy Patapow, Clerk of the Board of Education