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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Re: Santa Rita Union Elementary School District and School Facilities Improvement District

Dear Board Members:

This office serves as legal and bond counsel to the Santa Rita Union Elementary School District. The School District is in the process of placing a bond measure before the School District's voters at the November 8, 2022 election. The bond measure will ask the voters to authorize approximately \$24,900,000 for facility improvements within a portion of the School District carved out by way of the creation of a "School Facilities Improvement District" pursuant to California Education Code section 15300 *et seq.*

Under California Education Code section 15303, a "School Facilities Improvement District" cannot be created by a School District unless the County Board of Supervisors has allowed for its creation within the County by the passage of a Board Resolution. In the past, the Board of Supervisors has chosen to authorize the use of such Improvement Districts. Accordingly, for the Santa Rita Union Elementary School District to proceed with its bond measure, it will be necessary for the Board of Supervisors to adopt an appropriate Resolution authorizing the School District to form such an Improvement District.

We have reviewed the draft the Board of Supervisors Resolution which County Counsel graciously provided. The School District appreciates the County's professional courtesy in preparing the draft, and the School District agrees that the draft is sufficient for this purpose.

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In order to stay within its election timeline, the School District respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors take action at its meeting of July 26, 2022, to authorize the Santa Rita Union Elementary School District to form a School Facilities Improvement District within a portion of the School District.

Thank you for your courtesy and your anticipated cooperation with this request. Please contact School District Chief Business Officer, Rosa Zamudio (831-443-7200) or me if you have questions or need further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

LOZANO SMITH

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Enclosure: Draft Board of Supervisors Resolution
School District Resolution No. 22.06.18 Resolution of Intention to Form School
Facilities Improvement District No. 2022-1 of the Santa Rita Union Elementary
School District

cc (w/enc.) Melissa Alderman, Superintendent, Santa Rita Union Elementary School District
Rosa Zamudio, Chief Business Officer, Santa Rita Union Elementary School
District