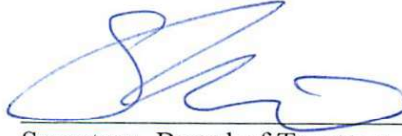




the Order would be considered; and the Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business, was open to the public and written notice of said meeting, including the subject of the Order, was posted and given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the District, this the 21st day of August, 2023.



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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
New Braunfels Independent School District



[Signature Page to New Braunfels Independent School District Election  
Certificate of Secretary to (VATRE) Order]

**AN ORDER CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING RATIFYING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the New Braunfels Independent School District (the *District*), located in Comal and Guadalupe Counties, Texas (individually, the *County* and, together, the *Counties*) has set the District’s tax rate at \$1.0419 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, which is a rate that exceeds the District’s voter-approval tax rate, and therefore the Board is obligated to call an election to ratify such tax rate pursuant to Section 26.08, Texas Tax Code, as hereinafter ordered (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the elections administrator (individually, the *Administrator* and, together, the *Administrators*) of each County to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election will be conducted by each County and held jointly with other political subdivisions for which each County is also conducting their elections (such other political subdivisions, collectively, the *Participants*), as provided pursuant to the provisions of an election agreement and/or a joint election or similar agreement between or among (as applicable) the District, each County, and/or any Participants, entered into in accordance with the provisions of Section 271.002, as amended, Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Election shall be held in the New Braunfels Independent School District on the 7th day of November, 2023 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

MEASURE A

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the New Braunfels Independent School District be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of such Board adopted on August 21, 2023, an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.0419 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the New Braunfels Independent School District for the current tax year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7011 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation (the maximum rate for maintenance and operations for which the District may, if now approved by the

district's electorate at this Election, levy in each year hereafter, being then subject only to annual Board approval) and a debt service tax rate of \$0.3408 per \$100 of such taxable assessed value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$1.0419 adopted by the Board on August 21, 2023 represents an increase of an additional -\$10,813,002 to the District in the 2023-2024 school year, which is approximately -14.6328% higher than the amount collected last year pursuant to section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code?"

SECTION 2: One or more school election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places are hereby designated for holding the Election in the school election precincts as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). At least 79 days prior to the scheduled Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designees thereof, in coordination with the Administrators, will appoint the Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election, together with any other necessary changes to election practices and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the District, the Administrators, and the Participants, if any and as applicable, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

A. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to act as clerks in order to properly conduct the Election. To the extent required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, or other applicable law, the appointment of these clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on Election Day. If the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge of the election precinct.

B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

Comal County and Guadalupe County participate in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code, meaning that any District voter registered in the respective County can vote in the Election at any polling place identified in Exhibit A for that County.

C. The main early voting locations are designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk for each County as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for each respective County to conduct such early voting in the Election. Each Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks for each respective County. This office or place shall remain open to permit early voting on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Texas Election Code. In

the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices shall be determined by the Administrators, as identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. Each individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board for the respective County is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board for such County. Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board for the respective County.

SECTION 3: Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail.

SECTION 4: The District authorizes each Administrator to utilize a Central Counting Station (individually, the *Station* and, together, the *Stations*) as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, as amended, Texas Election Code. The Administrators, or the designees thereof, are hereby appointed as the Manager of their respective Station, who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Board hereby authorizes the Administrators, or the designees thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge of the respective Station, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer for the respective Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrators will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to their respective Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5: The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, and Texas Tax Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

#### PROPOSITION A

“RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.0419 PER \$100 VALUATION IN NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF -14.6328% PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT

YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL -\$10,813,002.”

SECTION 6: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling place. The Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, as amended, and as may be required by law. To the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7: Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be provided in accordance with State law.

SECTION 8: The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, the Chief Financial Officer, or the respective designee of either of such parties, to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, and/or similar contracts or agreements with the County, acting by and through the Administrators, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law, as permitted and in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended. In addition, the Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, the Chief Financial Officer, or the respective designee of either of such parties to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 9: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 10: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 11: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 12: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 13: If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

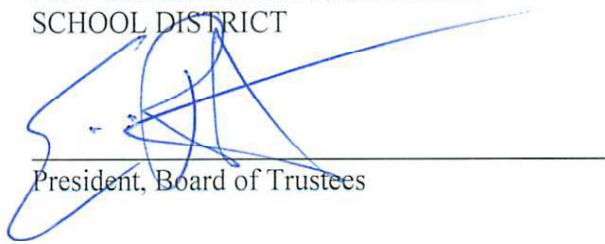
SECTION 14: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 21st day of August, 2023.

NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



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President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)



**Exhibit A**

**COMAL COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION\***

Election Day: November 7, 2023

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be determined by the Administrator

<b>VOTE CENTER ELECTION</b> (Elección de Centros de Votación). On Election Day, eligible Comal County <b>VOTERS MAY VOTE AT ANY</b> of the locations listed on this page. Voters are <b>NOT</b> limited to only voting in the precinct where they are registered to vote. (En el día de elección votantes elegibles del Condado de Comal podrán votar en cualquier sitio indicado en esta página. Votantes tienen más opciones en dónde votar, sin limitarse al precinto en donde están registrados para votar.)		
<b>PCT</b>	<b>POLLING LOCATION (UBICACIÓN DE VOTACIÓN)</b>	<b>ADDRESS (DIRECCIÓN)</b>
VC #1	Comal County Senior Citizens Center	710 Landa, New Braunfels 78130
VC #2	Mammen Family Public Library, Meeting Room A	131 Bulverde Crossing, Bulverde, Tx 78163
VC #3	Freedom Fellowship Church, Foyer	410 Oak Run Point, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #4	Tye Preston Memorial Library	16311 South Access Rd., Canyon Lake, Tx 78133
VC #5	Canyon Springs Resort Clubhouse	691 Canyon Springs Dr., Canyon Lake, Tx 78133
VC #6	Emergency Services District No. 4 Fire Station No. 4	215 Rebecca Creek Road, Canyon Lake, TX 78133
VC #7	Vintage Oaks Amenity Center	1250 Via Principale, New Braunfels, Tx 78132
VC #8	Lakeside Golf Club	405 Watts Lane, Canyon Lake, Tx 78133
VC #9	Cibolo Creek Community Church	30395 Ralph Fair Rd., Boerne, Tx 78015
VC #10	Real Life Community Church	1615 FM 1044, New Braunfels. TX 78130
VC #11	Christ Our King Anglican Church	115 Kings Way, New Braunfels, Tx 78132
VC #12	Comal County Offices, Bulverde Annex, JP 2 Courtroom	30470 Cougar Bend, Bulverde, Tx 78163
VC #13	Garden Ridge Community Center, Wildflower Room	9500 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Tx 78266
VC #14	Bulverde/Spring Branch Fire & EMS @ Johnson Ranch	30475 Johnson Way, Bulverde, Tx 78163

VC #15	Westside Public Library	2932 S. IH 35, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #16	City of New Braunfels, Fire Department Training Room	424 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #17	New Braunfels Library, Large Meeting Room	700 E. Common, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #18	Comal ISD Support Services Building	1404 IH 35 North, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #19	Comal County Offices, Goodwin Annex, Training Room	1297 Church Hill Dr., New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #20	New Braunfels Christian Church, Fellowship Hall	734 N. Loop 337, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #21	Eden Hill, Town Hall	631 Lakeview Blvd, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #22	St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church, Large Room	121 Spring Mountain Dr., Canyon Lake, Tx 78133
VC #23	North Shore United Methodist Church	23880 N. Cranes Mill Rd, Canyon Lake, Tx 78133
VC #24	Gruene Methodist Church, Mission and Outreach Building	2629 E. Common St., New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #25	Rebecca Creek Baptist Church	11755 Hwy 281 N., Spring Branch, Tx 78070
VC #26	River Chase Clubhouse	436 River Chase Way, New Braunfels, Tx 78132

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Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the Comal County elections website <https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm>.

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## **GUADALUPE COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION\***

Election Day: November 7, 2023

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be determined by the Administrator

\*Guadalupe County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters in Guadalupe County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified below in Guadalupe County.

Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the Guadalupe County elections website <https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/elections/>

*[to be provided by Guadalupe County Elections Department]*

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## Exhibit B

### COMAL COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

Early voting begins Monday, October 23, 2023, and ends on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Early Voting Clerk: Bobbie Koepp, 396 N. Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be determined by the Administrator.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.

#### Location, Dates, and Hours of Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Locations

<b>Comal County Elections Office (**Main Location) 396 N. Seguin Ave., New Braunfels, Texas 78130</b>	
<b>**Emergency and Limited ballots available at this location only.</b>	
<b>Mammen Family Public Library, Room A</b> 131 Bulverde Crossing, Bulverde, Texas 78163	<b>Comal County Offices, Bulverde Annex JP #2 Courtroom</b> 30470 Cougar Bend, Bulverde, Texas 78163
<b>Comal County Offices, Goodwin Annex Training Room</b> 1297 Church Hill Drive, New Braunfels, Texas 78130	<b>St Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church Large Room</b> 121 Spring Mountain Dr., Canyon Lake, Texas 78133

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday, October 23, 2023 – Friday, October 27, 2023	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28, 2023	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 29, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 30, 2023 – Friday, November 3, 2023	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### **Garden Ridge City Hall, Municipal Court Room** 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday, October 23, 2023 – Friday, October 27, 2023	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28, 2023	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 29, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 30, 2023 – Tuesday, October 31, 2023	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 2, 2023 – Friday, November 3, 2023	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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## **Early Voting By Mail**

Applications for voting by mail should be received (not post marked) no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 27, 2023. Applications should be sent to:

Early Voting Clerk  
Bobbie Koepp  
396 N. Seguin Avenue  
New Braunfels, Texas 78130  
fax: (830) 608-2013  
email: [elections@co.comal.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.comal.tx.us)

If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

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## **GUADALUPE COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS**

Early voting begins Monday, October 23, 2023, and ends on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Early Voting Clerk: Lisa Hayes 215 S. Milam, Seguin, Texas 78155.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be determined by the Administrator.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.

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### **Early Voting By Mail**

Applications for voting by mail should be received (not post marked) no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 27, 2023. Applications should be sent to:

Elections Administrator  
Lisa Hayes  
215 S. Milam  
Seguin, Texas 78155  
fax: (680) 303-6373  
email: [lisa.hayes@co.guadalupe.tx.us](mailto:lisa.hayes@co.guadalupe.tx.us).

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