

AN ORDER CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE ALVARADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the ALVARADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Johnson County, Texas (the *County*), hereby finds and determines that, as a result of its adoption of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter approval tax rate (formerly known as the rollback rate), the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the *Election*) as required by Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, an efficiency audit is being conducted within the District and will be presented to the Board no later than three months from the date of the auditor's appointment and further presented to the public before the Election; and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its elections administrator (the *Administrator*) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

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

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

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Tax Rate. The Election will be held in the ALVARADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 5, 2024 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

Measure A

Will the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the Alvarado Independent School District (the *District*) be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of the Board adopted on August 19, 2024, an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.2869 per \$100 of the taxable assessed value of property within the District for the current tax year, which is comprised of a debt service tax rate of \$0.50 (an amount that is set annually by the Board) and a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7869 (the legal maximum for this rate under current Texas law and 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 which represents an increase of 17.99 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$2,939,488, as calculated pursuant to Section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code?

SECTION 2. Ballots. The official ballots will permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure above with the following ballot language:

Alvarado Independent School District Proposition A

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.2869 per \$100 valuation in the Alvarado Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 17.99 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$2,939,488.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 25, 2024. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. 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.

SECTION 4. Election Officials. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations will include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

A. The Administrator will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, and Election Clerks.

B. The Early Voting Clerk is: Joy Adams; mailing address: P.O. Box 895, Cleburne, TX 76033-0895; physical address: 103 S. Walnut St., Cleburne, TX 76033; phone: (817) 556-6197; fax: (817) 556-6048; and email: vote@johnsoncountytexas.org. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The Administrator is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The District is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 5. Qualified Voters. The District's qualified voters (as defined by the Code) will be entitled to vote in the Election at the dates, times, and places reflected on Exhibit A.

SECTION 6. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, or similar contracts with the County, acting by and through the Administrator, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 8. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibit to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. Additionally, the Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the Board's intent.

SECTION 9. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 10. Conflicts. 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 will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

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

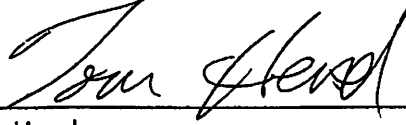
SECTION 12. Open Meetings. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as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

SECTION 13. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 14. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

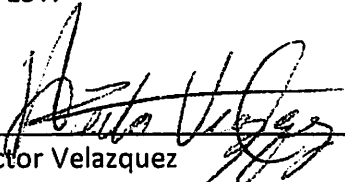
PASSED AND APPROVED on August 19, 2024.

ALVARADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Tom Head
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Hector Velazquez
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)



[Signature Page to Election Order]

Exhibit A (Anexo A)

District's website (*sitio web del Distrito*): www.alvaradoisd.net
County's website (*sitio web del condado*): www.jocoelection.org
Polling sites subject to change. (*Sitios de votación sujetos a cambios.*)

EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site. (*Los votantes con derecho a votar una boleta temprana por comparecencia personal pueden hacerlo en cualquier sitio de votación temprana.*)

Johnson County Elections, 103 S. Walnut St., Cleburne, TX 76033
[main location (*ubicación principal*)]

Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson St., Cleburne, TX 76033

City Park Pavilion of Godley, 104 E. Allen Ave, Godley, TX 76044

Burleson Sub-Courthouse, 247 Elk Dr. Rm. 212, Burleson, TX 76028

Alvarado Sub-Courthouse, 206 N. Baugh St., Alvarado, TX 76009

Pct. 3 Maintenance Facility, 10420 E. FM 917, Alvarado, TX 76009

Keene City Hall, 1000 N. Old Betsy Rd., Cleburne, TX 76031

October 21-25, 2024	<i>21-25 de octubre de 2024</i>	8:00am-5:00pm
October 26, 2024	<i>26 de octubre de 2024</i>	7:00am-7:00pm
October 27, 2024	<i>26 de octubre de 2024</i>	10:00am-4:00pm
October 28-November 1, 2024	<i>28 de octubre-1 de noviembre de 2024</i>	7:00am-7:00pm

Venus Community Center, 210 Walnut St., Venus, TX 76084

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October 28, 2024	<i>28 de octubre de 2024</i>	7:00am-5:00pm
October 29-November 1, 2024	<i>29 de octubre-1 de noviembre de 2024</i>	7:00am-7:00pm

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ELECTION DAY (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)
November 5, 2024 (5 de noviembre de 2024): 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

On Election Day, voters must vote in the county precinct where they are registered to vote.
(El día de las elecciones, los votantes deben votar en el precinto del condado donde están registrados para votar.)

Precinct (Precinto)	Polling Place (Lugar de la votación)
8	Pct. 3 Maintenance Facility, 10420 E. FM 917, Alvarado, TX 76009
10	Alvarado Sub-Courthouse, 206 N. Baugh St., Alvarado, TX 76009
11	Bethesda Baptist Church, 100 W. Bethesda Rd., Burleson, TX 76028
22	Keene City Hall, 1000 N. Old Betsy Rd., Cleburne, TX 76031
24	Pioneers & Old Settlers Reunion Facility, 111 Reunion Dr., Alvarado, TX 76009
25	Venus Community Center, 210 Walnut St., Venus, TX 76084
26	Grandview Church of Christ, 707 E. Criner St., Grandview, TX 76050
27	Grandview Community Center, 206 E. Criner St., Grandview, TX 76050
28	St. Anthony's Anglican Church, 129 Percifield Trl., Alvarado, TX 76009
35	First Baptist Church of Lillian, 10552 CR 519, Lillian, TX 76061

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