



Resolution 20-021
Support of Proposition 13 - Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health
and Safety Bond Act of 2020

Whereas, the Berkeley Unified School District has \$421,000,000 in facility needs which could be partially funded by State matching funds authorized by state bonds; and

Whereas, Proposition 13 on the March 3, 2020 ballot, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, will provide for renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will provide Career Technical Education facilities to provide job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will ensure clean drinking water through testing and remediation of lead levels in water at school sites; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will provide disaster assistance for students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will provide school facility assistance for students and teachers in all school districts, including small school districts; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will provide additional funding for energy efficiency, earthquake safety, removal of hazardous materials, and more;

Whereas, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

Whereas, 17,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 will provide a combined \$18 billion in state and local funded elementary and high school projects; and

Whereas, these 306,000 jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades; and

Whereas, quality 21st Century school facilities designed for today's and tomorrow's students will result in enhanced academic achievement and further the State's academic goals; and

Whereas, Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, will not raise State taxes; and

Whereas, state matching funds will augment local school bond measures to better meet pressing facilities needs;

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Berkeley Unified School District supports Proposition 13 on the March 3, 2020 Primary Election Ballot - the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District on this 11th day of December 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Ty Alper,
Clerk of the Board of Education
Of the City of Berkeley and of Berkeley Unified
School District of Alameda County, State of California