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LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Los Angeles County, California)
2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds
(Federally Taxable)

PURCHASE CONTRACT

_____, 2020

Board of Education
La Cañada Unified School District
4490 Cornishon Ave.
La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the “Underwriter”), offers to enter into this Purchase Contract (the “Purchase Contract”) with the La Cañada Unified School District (the “District”), which, upon the District’s acceptance hereof, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. This offer is made subject to the written acceptance of this Purchase Contract by the District and delivery of such acceptance to the Underwriter at or prior to 11:59 P.M., California Time, on the date hereof. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Official Statement (as defined herein) or, if not defined in the Official Statement, in the Resolution (as defined herein).

The District acknowledges and agrees that (i) the purchase and sale of the Bonds (as defined herein) pursuant to this Purchase Contract is an arm’s-length commercial transaction between the District and the Underwriter, (ii) in connection with such transaction, the Underwriter is acting solely as a principal and not as an agent or fiduciary of the District, (iii) the Underwriter has not assumed a fiduciary responsibility in favor of the District with respect to (x) the offering of the Bonds or the process leading thereto (whether or not the Underwriter has advised or are currently advising the District on other matters) or (y) any other obligation to the District except the obligations expressly set forth in this Purchase Contract, and (iv) the District has consulted with its own legal, accounting and other professional advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate in connection with the offering of the Bonds. The District acknowledges that it has previously provided the Underwriter with an acknowledgement of receipt of the required disclosure under Rule G-17 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”).

1. Purchase and Sale of the Bonds. Upon the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations, warranties and agreements herein set forth, the Underwriter hereby agrees to purchase from the District for reoffering to the public, and the District hereby agrees to sell to the Underwriter for such purpose, all (but not less than all) of \$_____ aggregate initial principal

amount of the District's 2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Federally Taxable) (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall bear interest at the rates, shall mature in the years and shall be subject to redemption as shown on Appendix A hereto, which is incorporated herein by this reference. The Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery (the "Date of Delivery") and shall bear interest from such date, payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1, commencing August 1, 2020.

The Underwriter shall purchase the Bonds at a price of \$_____ (which is equal to the principal amount of the Bonds of \$_____, plus original issue premium of \$_____, less an Underwriter's discount of \$_____). Certain costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be paid by the District in accordance with Section 12 hereof.

2. The Bonds. The Bonds shall otherwise be as described in the Official Statement (defined herein), and shall be issued and secured pursuant to the provisions of the Resolution of the District adopted on February 11, 2020 (the "Resolution"), this Purchase Contract, and Articles 9 and 11 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (the "Act").

The Bonds shall be executed and delivered under and in accordance with the provisions of this Purchase Contract and the Resolution. The Bonds shall bear CUSIP numbers; be in fully registered book-entry form, registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"); and initially be in authorized denominations of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) principal amount, or any integral multiple thereof.

The net proceeds of the Bonds will be used to advance refund portions of the District's outstanding 2011 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Refunded Bonds").

Pursuant to an Escrow Agreement dated as of _____ 1, 2020 (the "Escrow Agreement"), by and between the District and U.S. Bank National Association, as escrow bank (the "Escrow Agent"), the net proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into an escrow fund held pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and invested in certain Federal Securities, as such term is defined therein, the principal of and interest on which shall be used to pay (i) the interest due on the Refunded Bonds on and prior to their respective first optional redemption dates, and (ii) the redemption price of the Refunded Bonds on their first optional redemption date.

3. Use of Documents. The District hereby authorizes the Underwriter to use, in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate (as defined herein), this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, the Resolution and all information contained herein and therein and all of the documents, certificates or statements furnished by the District to the Underwriter in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Purchase Contract.

4. Reserved.

5. Review of Official Statement. The Underwriter hereby represents that it has received and reviewed the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Bonds, dated _____, 2020 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"). The District represents that it has duly authorized and prepared the Preliminary Official Statement for use by the Underwriter in connection with the sale of the Bonds, and that it has deemed the Preliminary Official Statement to be final, as of its date, except for either revision or addition of the offering price(s), interest rate(s), yield(s) to maturity, selling compensation, aggregate principal amount, principal amount per maturity, delivery date, rating(s), redemption

provisions and other terms of the Bonds which depend upon the foregoing as provided in and pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Rule”).

The Underwriter agrees that prior to the time the final Official Statement (as defined herein) relating to the Bonds is available, the Underwriter will send to any potential purchaser of the Bonds, upon the request of such potential purchaser, a copy of the most recent Preliminary Official Statement. Such Preliminary Official Statement shall be sent by first class mail or electronic distribution (or other equally prompt means) not later than the first business day following the date upon which each such request is received.

The Underwriter agrees to file the Official Statement with the MSRB through its Electronic Municipal Market Access website, at least one business day after the receipt thereof from the District, but in no event later than Closing (as defined below).

6. **Closing.** At 9:00 A.M., California Time, on _____, 2020 (the “Closing”) or at such other time or on such other date as shall have been mutually agreed upon by the District and the Underwriter (the “Closing”), the District will deliver to the Underwriter, through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York, or at such other place as the District and the Underwriter may mutually agree upon, the Bonds in fully registered book-entry form, duly executed and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and at the offices of Bond Counsel in San Francisco, California, the other documents hereinafter mentioned; and the Underwriter will accept such delivery and pay the purchase price set forth in Section 1 hereof in immediately available funds by wire transfer to the account or accounts designated by the District.

7. **Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the District.** The District hereby represents, warrants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(a) **Due Organization.** The District is a unified school district duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California (the “State”), with the power to issue the Bonds pursuant to the Act.

(b) **Due Authorization.** (i) At or prior to the Closing, the District will have taken all action required to be taken by it to authorize the issuance and delivery of the Bonds; (ii) the District has full legal right, power, and authority to refund the Refunded Bonds, to enter into this Purchase Contract, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and the Escrow Agreement, to adopt the Resolution, to perform its obligations under each such document or instrument, to approve the Official Statement, and to carry out and effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and the Resolution; (iii) the execution and delivery or adoption of, and the performance by the District of the obligations contained in the Bonds, the Resolution, the Escrow Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and this Purchase Contract have been duly authorized and such authorization shall be in full force and effect at the time of the Closing; (iv) this Purchase Contract and the Escrow Agreement, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the other parties thereto, and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors’ rights and except as enforcement may be subject to the application of equitable principles or the

exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases if equitable remedies are sought, and by the limitations on legal remedies against public agencies in the State; and (v) the District has duly authorized the consummation by it of all transactions contemplated by this Purchase Contract.

(c) Consents. No consent, approval, authorization, order, filing, registration, qualification, election or referendum, of or by any court or governmental agency or public body whatsoever is required in connection with the issuance, delivery or sale of the Bonds, the execution and delivery of this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the adoption of the Resolution, or the consummation of the other transactions effected or contemplated herein or hereby, which have not been taken or obtained, except for such actions as may be necessary to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations of such states and jurisdictions of the United States as the Underwriter may reasonably request, or which have not been taken or obtained; provided, however, that the District shall not be required to subject itself to service of process in any jurisdiction in which it is not so subject as of the date hereof.

(d) Internal Revenue Code. The District has complied with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended, with respect to the Bonds.

(e) No Conflicts. To the best knowledge of the District, the issuance of the Bonds, and the execution, delivery and performance of this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the Resolution and the Bonds, and the compliance with the provisions hereof and thereof do not conflict with or constitute on the part of the District a violation of or default under the State Constitution or any existing law, charter, ordinance, regulation, decree, order or resolution and do not conflict with or result in a violation or breach of, or constitute a default under, any agreement, indenture, mortgage, lease or other instrument to which the District is a party or by which it is bound or to which it is subject.

(f) Litigation. As of the time of acceptance hereof, no action, suit, proceeding, hearing or investigation is pending or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened against the District: (i) in any way affecting the existence of the District or in any way challenging the respective powers of the several offices of the District or of the titles of the officials of the District to such offices; or (ii) seeking to restrain or enjoin the sale, issuance or delivery of any of the Bonds, or the application of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, or the collection or levy of *ad valorem* property taxes contemplated by the Resolution, and the application thereof to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds, this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate or the Resolution or contesting the powers of the District or its authority with respect to the Bonds, the Resolution, this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement, or the Continuing Disclosure Certificate; or (iii) in which a final adverse decision could (a) materially adversely affect the operations or financial condition of the District or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Purchase Contract, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the Escrow Agreement or the Resolution, (b) declare this Purchase Contract to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in material part, or (c) adversely affect the exemption of interest on the Bonds from State personal income taxation.

(g) No Other Debt. Between the date hereof and the Closing, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, neither the District, nor any other person or entity on behalf of the District, will have issued in the name and on behalf of the District any bonds, notes or

other obligations for borrowed money except for such borrowings as may be described in or contemplated by the Official Statement.

(h) Certificates. Any certificates signed by any officer of the District and delivered to the Underwriter shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the District to the Underwriter, but not by the person signing the same, as to the statements made therein.

(i) Continuing Disclosure. In accordance with the requirements of the Rule, at or prior to the Closing, the District shall have duly authorized, executed and delivered a continuing disclosure certificate (the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”) on behalf of each obligated person for which financial and/or operating data is presented in the Official Statement. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be substantially in the form attached to the Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement in Appendix C. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Official Statement, the District has not, within the past five years, failed to file annual reports or notices of material events required by the District’s prior continuing disclosure undertakings pursuant to the Rule.

(j) Official Statement Accurate and Complete. The Preliminary Official Statement, at the date thereof, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. As of the date hereof and as of the Closing, the Official Statement did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

If the Official Statement is supplemented or amended pursuant to paragraph (f) of Section 8 of this Purchase Contract, at the time of each supplement or amendment thereto and (unless subsequently again supplemented or amended pursuant to such paragraph) at all times subsequent thereto during the period up to and including the date of Closing, the Official Statement as so supplemented or amended will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which made, not misleading.

(l) No Material Adverse Change. The financial statements of, and other financial information regarding the District, in the Official Statement fairly present the financial position and results of the District as of the dates and for the periods therein set forth. Prior to the Closing, there will be no adverse change of a material nature in such financial position, results of operations or condition, financial or otherwise, of the District.

(m) Representation Regarding Refunded Bonds. The District hereby represents that it has not entered into any contract or agreement that would limit or restrict the District’s ability to refund the Refunded Bonds or enter into this Purchase Contract for the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter.

8. **Covenants of the District**. The District covenants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(a) Securities Laws. The District will furnish such information, execute such instruments, and take such other action in cooperation with the Underwriter if and as the Underwriter may reasonably request in order to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations or such states and jurisdictions, provided, however, that the District shall not be required to consent to service of process in any jurisdiction in which it is not so subject as of the date hereof;

(b) Application of Proceeds. The District will apply the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds for the purposes specified in the Resolution;

(c) Official Statement. The District hereby agrees to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Underwriter, not later than the seventh (7th) business day following the date this Purchase Contract is signed, copies of a final Official Statement substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement, with only such changes therein as shall have been accepted by the Underwriter and the District (such Official Statement with such changes, if any, and including the cover page and all appendices, exhibits, maps, reports and statements included therein or attached thereto being herein called the "Official Statement") in such quantities as may be requested by the Underwriter not later than seven (7) business days following the date this Purchase Contract is signed, in order to permit the Underwriter to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and with the rules of the MSRB. The District hereby authorizes the Underwriter to use and distribute the Official Statement in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds;

(d) Subsequent Events. The District hereby agrees to notify the Underwriter of any event or occurrence that may affect the accuracy or completeness of any information set forth in the Official Statement relating to the District until the date which is twenty five (25) days following the Closing;

(e) References. References herein to the Preliminary Official Statement and the final Official Statement include the cover page and all appendices, exhibits, maps, reports and statements included therein or attached thereto; and

(f) Amendments to Official Statement. During the period ending on the 25th day after the End of the Underwriting Period (or such other period as may be agreed to by the District and the Underwriter), the District (i) shall not supplement or amend the Official Statement or cause the Official Statement to be supplemented or amended without the prior written consent of the Underwriter and (ii) shall notify the Underwriter promptly if any event shall occur, or information comes to the attention of the District, that is reasonably likely to cause the Official Statement (whether or not previously supplemented or amended) to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. If, in the opinion of the Underwriter, such event requires the preparation and distribution of a supplement or amendment to the Official Statement, the District shall prepare and furnish to the Underwriter, at the District's expense, such number of copies of the supplement or amendment to the Official Statement, in form and substance mutually agreed upon by the District and the Underwriter, as the Underwriter may reasonably request. If such notification shall be given subsequent to the Closing, the District also shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, such additional legal opinions, certificates, instruments and other documents as the Underwriter may reasonably deem necessary to

evidence the truth and accuracy of any such supplement or amendment to the Official Statement.

For purposes of this Purchase Contract, the “End of the Underwriting Period” is used as defined in the Rule and shall occur on the later of (A) the date of Closing or (B) when the Underwriter no longer retains an unsold balance of the Bonds; unless otherwise advised in writing by the Underwriter on or prior to the date of Closing, or otherwise agreed to by the District and the Underwriter, the District may assume that the End of the Underwriting Period is the date of Closing.

9. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Underwriter. The Underwriter represents to and agrees with the District that, as of the date hereof and as of the date of the Closing:

(a) The Underwriter is duly authorized to execute this Purchase Contract and the Underwriter is duly authorized to take any action under the Purchase Contract required to be taken by it.

(b) The Underwriter is in compliance with MSRB Rule G-37 with respect to the District, and is not prohibited thereby from acting as underwriter with respect to securities of the District.

(c) The Underwriter has, and has had, no financial advisory relationship, as that term is defined in California Government Code Section 53590(c), or MSRB Rule G-23, with the District with respect to the Bonds, and no investment firm controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Underwriter has or has had any such financial advisory relationship.

10. Conditions to Closing. The Underwriter has entered into this Purchase Contract in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the District contained herein and the performance by the District of its obligations hereunder, both as of the date hereof and as of the date of Closing. The Underwriter’s obligations under this Purchase Contract are, and shall be subject, at the option of the Underwriter, to the following further conditions at the Closing:

(a) Representations True. The representations and warranties of the District contained herein shall be true, complete and correct in all material respects at the date hereof and at and as of the Closing, as if made at and as of the Closing, and the statements made in all certificates and other documents delivered to the Underwriter at the Closing pursuant hereto shall be true, complete and correct in all material respects on the date of the Closing; and the District shall be in compliance with each of the agreements made by it in this Purchase Contract;

(b) Obligations Performed. At the time of the Closing, (i) the Official Statement, this Purchase Contract, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the Escrow Agreement and the Resolution shall be in full force and effect and shall not have been amended, modified or supplemented except as may have been agreed to in writing by the Underwriter; (ii) all actions under the Act which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, shall be necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, shall have been duly taken and shall be in full force and effect; and (iii) the District shall perform or have performed all of their obligations required

under or specified in the Resolution, this Purchase Contract, the Escrow Agreement or the Official Statement to be performed at or prior to the Closing;

(c) Adverse Rulings. No decision, ruling or finding shall have been entered by any court or governmental authority since the date of this Purchase Contract (and not reversed on appeal or otherwise set aside), or shall be pending, or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened, which has any of the effects described in Section 7(f) hereof or contesting in any way the completeness or accuracy of the Official Statement;

(d) Marketability. The Underwriter shall have the right to cancel its obligation to purchase the Bonds if, between the date of this Purchase Contract and the Closing, the market price or marketability of the Bonds, or the ability of the Underwriter to enforce contracts for the sale of the Bonds, has been materially adversely affected, in the evidenced judgment of the Underwriter, by the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) legislation enacted or introduced in the Congress or recommended for passage by the President of the United States, or a decision rendered by a court established under Article III of the Constitution of the United States or by the United States Tax Court, or an order, ruling, regulation (final, temporary or proposed) or official statement issued or made by or on behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the United States Treasury, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter thereof, to the effect that the interest on the Bonds or securities of the general character of the Bonds are not exempt from federal taxation or that the Bonds, or obligations of the general character of the Bonds, including any and all underlying arrangements, are not exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

(2) legislation enacted by the State legislature or a decision rendered by a State Court, or a ruling, order, or regulation (final or temporary) made by a State authority, which would have the effect of changing, directly or indirectly, the State tax consequences of interest on obligations of the general character of the Bonds in the hands of the holders thereof;

(3) the formal declaration of war by Congress or a new major engagement in or escalation of military hostilities by order of the President of the United States, or the occurrence of any other declared national or international emergency, calamity or crisis that interrupts or causes discord to the operation of the financial markets or otherwise in the United States or elsewhere;

(4) the declaration of a general banking moratorium by federal, New York or State authorities, or the general suspension of trading on any national securities exchange;

(5) the imposition by the New York Stock Exchange, other national securities exchange, or any governmental authority, of any material restrictions not now in force with respect to the Bonds, or obligations of the general character of the Bonds, or securities generally, or the material increase of any such restrictions now in force, including those relating to the extension of credit by, or the charge to the net capital requirements of, the Underwriter;

(6) an order, decree or injunction of any court of competent jurisdiction, or order, filing, regulation or official statement by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter thereof, issued or made to the effect that the issuance, offering or sale of obligations of the general character of the Bonds, or the issuance, offering or sale of the Bonds, as contemplated hereby or by the Official Statement, is or would be in violation of the federal securities laws, as amended and then in effect;

(7) there shall have occurred or any notice shall have been given of any intended review, downgrading, suspension, withdrawal, or negative change in credit watch status to any rating of the District's outstanding indebtedness by a national rating agency;

(8) any event occurring, or information becoming known which, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriter, makes untrue in any material adverse respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement, or has the effect that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

(9) there shall have occurred any materially adverse change in the affairs or financial condition of the District.

(e) Delivery of Documents. At or prior to the date of the Closing, the Underwriter shall receive sufficient copies of the following documents in each case dated as of the date of Closing and satisfactory in form and substance to the Underwriter:

(1) Opinions of Bond Counsel. (A) The approving opinion of Bond Counsel, as to the validity of the Bonds, dated the date of the Closing, addressed to the District in substantially the form set forth in the Official Statement as Appendix A; and (B) a defeasance opinion of Bond Counsel with respect to the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds addressed to the District and the Underwriter, and including therein an opinion that the Escrow Agreement has been duly authorized and delivered by the District and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Escrow Agent, is a valid and binding agreement of the District;

(2) Reliance Letter. A reliance letter from Bond Counsel to the effect that the Underwriter can rely upon the opinion described in Section 10(e)(1)(A) above;

(3) Supplemental Opinion of Bond Counsel. A supplemental opinion of Bond Counsel in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, dated the date of Closing and addressed to the District and the Underwriter, substantially to the effect that:

(i) the description of the Bonds and the security for the Bonds and statements in the Official Statement on the cover page thereof and under the captions "INTRODUCTION," "THE BONDS," "TAX MATTERS," and "LEGAL MATTERS – Continuing Disclosure – Current Undertaking," to the extent they purport to summarize certain provisions of the Bonds, the

Resolution, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and the form and content of Bond Counsel's approving opinion with respect to the treatment of interest on the Bonds under California and federal law, fairly and accurately summarize the matters purported to be summarized therein; provided that Bond Counsel need not express any opinion with respect to (i) any information contained in Appendices ____, ____ or ____ to the Official Statement, (ii) financial or statistical data or forecasts, numbers, charts, estimates, projections, assumptions or expressions of opinion contained in the Official Statement, including in any of the appendices thereto, (iii) information with respect to DTC or its book-entry only system included therein, (iv) any CUSIP numbers or information relating thereto, (v) the District's compliance with its obligations to file annual reports or provide notice of the events described in the Rule, (vi) any information with respect to the Underwriter or underwriting matters with respect to the Bonds, including but not limited to information under the caption "MISCELLANEOUS – Underwriting"; and (vii) any information with respect to the rating on the Bonds and the rating agency referenced therein, including but not limited to information under the caption "MISCELLANEOUS – Rating";

(ii) the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and this Purchase Contract have each been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the District, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by all the other parties thereto, constitute legal, valid and binding agreements of the District and are enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights and except as such enforcement may be subject to the application of equitable principles, and the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases if equitable remedies are sought and by the limitations on legal remedies against public agencies in the State of California; and

(iii) the Bonds are exempt from registration pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Resolution is exempt from qualification as an indenture pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

(4) Disclosure Counsel Letter. A letter of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, dated the date of Closing and addressed to the District, substantially to the effect that based on such counsel's participation in conferences with representatives of the Underwriter, the municipal advisor to the District, the District and others, during which conferences the contents of the Official Statement and related matters were discussed, and in reliance thereon and on the records, documents, certificates and opinions described therein, such counsel advises the District, as a matter of fact and not opinion, that during the course of its engagement as Disclosure Counsel no information came to the attention of such counsel's attorneys rendering legal services in connection with such representation which caused such counsel to believe that the Official Statement as of its date contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (except for provided that Bond Counsel need not express any opinion with respect to (i) any

information contained in Appendices _____, _____, _____ and _____ to the Official Statement, (ii) financial or statistical data or forecasts, numbers, charts, estimates, projections, assumptions or expressions of opinion contained in the Official Statement, including in any of the appendices thereto, (iii) information with respect to The Depository Trust Company or its book-entry only system included therein, (iv) any CUSIP numbers or information relating thereto, (v) the District's compliance with its obligations to file annual reports or provide notice of the events described in Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1934, (vi) any information with respect to the Underwriter or underwriting matters with respect to the Bonds, including but not limited to information under the caption "MISCELLANEOUS – Underwriting"; and (vii) any information with respect to the ratings on the Bonds and the rating agency referenced therein, including but not limited to information under the caption "MISCELLANEOUS – Rating");

(5) District Certificates. A certificate signed by appropriate officials of the District to the effect that (i) such officials are authorized to execute this Purchase Contract, (ii) the representations, agreements and warranties of the District herein are true and correct in all material respects as of the date of Closing, (iii) the District has complied with all the terms of the Resolution, the Escrow Agreement and this Purchase Contract to be complied with by the District prior to or concurrently with the Closing, and, as to the District, such documents are in full force and effect, (iv) such District officials have reviewed the Official Statement and on such basis certify that the Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, (v) the Bonds being delivered on the date of the Closing to the Underwriter under this Purchase Contract substantially conform to the descriptions thereof contained in the Resolution, (vi) no event concerning the District has occurred since the date of the Official Statement which has not been disclosed therein or in any supplement thereto, but should be disclosed in order to make the statements in the Official Statement in light of the circumstances in which they were made not misleading, and (vii) there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court or public body, pending or, to the best knowledge of such officials, threatened against the District, contesting in any way the completeness or accuracy of the Official Statement, the issuance of the Bonds by the District on behalf of the District or the due adoption of the Resolution;

(6) Reserved;

(7) Rating. Evidence satisfactory to the Underwriter (i) that the Bonds have received a rating of "_____" by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") (or such other equivalent ratings as Moody's may give), and (ii) that any such rating has not been revoked or downgraded;

(8) Resolution. A certificate, together with fully executed copies of the Resolution, of an authorized officer of the District to the effect that:

(i) such copies are true and correct copies of the Resolution; and

(ii) the Resolution was duly adopted and has not been modified, amended, rescinded or revoked and is in full force and effect on the date of the Closing;

(9) Official Statement. A certificate of the appropriate official of the District evidencing his or her determinations respecting the Preliminary Official Statement in accordance with the Rule;

(10) Certificate of the Paying Agent. A certificate of the Paying Agent, signed by a duly authorized officer thereof, and in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, substantially to the effect that no litigation is pending or, to the best of the Paying Agent's knowledge, threatened (either in state or federal courts) (i) seeking to restrain or enjoin the delivery by the Paying Agent of any of the Bonds, or (ii) in any way contesting or affecting any authority of the Paying Agent for the delivery of the Bonds or the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or any agreement with the Paying Agent;

(11) Certificate of the Escrow Agent. A certificate of the Escrow Agent, dated the date of Closing, signed by a duly authorized officer of such Escrow Agent, and in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect that (i) the Escrow Agent has all necessary power and authority to enter into and perform its duties under its Escrow Agreement; (ii) the Escrow Agent has duly authorized, executed and delivered such Escrow Agreement, and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the District, such Escrow Agreement constitutes the valid and binding agreement of such Escrow Agent enforceable against the Escrow Agent in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights and to the application of equitable principles; (iii) the execution and delivery of such Escrow Agreement and compliance with the provisions thereof have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of such Escrow Agent and, to the best knowledge of such Escrow Agent, will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or default under any law, administrative regulation, court decree, resolution, charter, bylaws or any agreement to which such Escrow Agent is subject or by which it is bound; and (iv) no litigation is pending or, to the best knowledge of such Escrow Agent, threatened (either in state or federal courts) against the Escrow Agent in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or such Escrow Agreement;

(12) Verification Report. A report and opinion of Causey Demgen & Moore P.C. (the "Verification Agent") with respect to the sufficiency of monies or securities, and investment earnings thereon, held under the Escrow Agreement to refund the respective series of Refunded Bonds, all as provided in the Escrow Agreement;

(13) Underwriter's Counsel Opinion. The opinion of Kutak Rock LLP, Denver, Colorado, as counsel to the Underwriter, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter;

(14) Continuing Disclosure Certificate. An executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, substantially in the form presented in the Official Statement as Appendix C thereto;

(15) Escrow Agreement. The Escrow Agreement, and executed by the respective parties thereto; and

(16) Other Documents. Such additional legal opinions, certificates, proceedings, instruments and other documents as Bond Counsel or the Underwriter may reasonably request to evidence compliance (i) by the District with legal requirements, (ii) the truth and accuracy, as of the time of Closing, of the representations of the District herein contained and of the Official Statement, and (iii) the due performance or satisfaction by the District at or prior to such time of all agreements then to be performed and all conditions then to be satisfied by the District.

(f) Termination. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, if for any reason whatsoever the Bonds shall not have been delivered by the District to the Underwriter as provided in Section 6 herein, then the obligation to purchase Bonds hereunder shall terminate and be of no further force or effect except with respect to the obligations of the District and the Underwriter under Section 12 hereof.

If the District is unable to satisfy the conditions to the Underwriter's obligations contained in this Purchase Contract or if the Underwriter's obligations shall be terminated for any reason permitted by this Purchase Contract, this Purchase Contract may be cancelled by the Underwriter at, or at any time prior to, the time of Closing. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the District in writing, or, if by telephone, confirmed in writing. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the performance of any and all obligations of the District hereunder and the performance of any and all conditions contained herein for the benefit of the Underwriter may be waived by the Underwriter in writing at its sole discretion.

11. **Conditions to Obligations of the District.** The performance by the District of its obligations is conditioned upon (i) the performance by the Underwriter of its obligations hereunder; and (ii) receipt by the District and the Underwriter of opinions and certificates being delivered at the Closing by persons and entities other than the District.

12. **Expenses.** (a) To the extent that the transactions contemplated by this Purchase Contract are consummated, the District shall pay (or cause to be paid), and the Underwriter shall be under no obligation to pay, the following costs of issuance with respect to the Bonds, including but not limited to the following: (i) the fees and disbursements of the District's Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel and municipal advisor; (ii) the cost of the preparation, printing and delivery of the Bonds; (iii) the fees for Bond ratings, including all necessary travel expenses; (iv) the cost of the printing and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement; (v) the initial fees of the Paying Agent and Fiscal Agent (as defined herein); (vi) expenses for travel, lodging, and subsistence related to rating agency visits and other meetings connected to the authorization, sale, issuance and distribution of the Bonds; (vii) the initial fees of the Escrow Agent; (ix) the fees of the Verification Agent; and (x) all other fees and expenses incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The District hereby authorizes the Underwriter to wire a portion of the collective purchase price for the Bonds equal to \$_____ to U.S. Bank National Association, as fiscal agent for the District (the "Fiscal Agent"), for the payment of such costs. In the event that following payment of the expenses set forth above,

there is any portion remaining, such remaining amount shall be deposited into the debt service fund for the Bonds. The District acknowledges that it has had an opportunity, in consultation with such advisors as it may deem appropriate, if any, to evaluate and consider the fees and expenses being incurred as part of the issuance of the Bonds.

(b) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Underwriter shall pay all out of pocket expenses of the Underwriter, including the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission fee, CUSIP fees, the fees and disbursement of counsel to the Underwriter, and other expenses (except those expressly provided above) without limitation, except travel and related expenses in connection with the bond ratings.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 10(f) hereof, the District hereby agrees, in the event the purchase and sale of the Bonds does not occur as contemplated hereunder, to reimburse the Underwriter for any costs described in Subsection 12(a)(vii) above that are attributable to District personnel.

13. **Notices.** Any notice or other communication to be given under this Purchase Contract (other than the acceptance hereof as specified in the first paragraph hereof) may be given by delivering the same in writing, if to the District, to La Cañada Unified School District, 4490 Cornishon Ave., La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011, Attention: Assistant Superintendent of Business and Administrative Services, or if to the Underwriter, to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 515 South Figueroa Street, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, California 90071, attention: Dawn Vincent, Managing Director.

14. **Parties in Interest; Survival of Representations and Warranties.** This Purchase Contract when accepted by the District in writing as heretofore specified shall constitute the entire agreement between the District and the Underwriter. This Purchase Contract is made solely for the benefit of the District and the Underwriter (including the successors or assigns of the Underwriter). No person shall acquire or have any rights hereunder or by virtue hereof. All the representations, warranties and agreements of the District in this Purchase Contract shall survive regardless of (a) any investigation or any statement in respect thereof made by or on behalf of the Underwriter, (b) delivery of and payment by the Underwriter for the Bonds hereunder, and (c) any termination of this Purchase Contract.

15. **Execution in Counterparts.** This Purchase Contract may be executed in several counterparts each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same document.

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16. **Applicable Law.** This Purchase Contract shall be interpreted, governed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State applicable to contracts made and performed in such State.

Very truly yours,

**STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY,
INCORPORATED, as Underwriter**

By: _____
Managing Director

The foregoing is hereby agreed to and accepted at _____ p.m., California Time, as of the date first above written:

LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Associate Superintendent of Business
and Administrative Services

APPENDIX A

\$ _____
LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Los Angeles County, California)
2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds
(Federally Taxable)

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
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⁽¹⁾ Yield to call at par on August 1, 20____.

Redemption

Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 20____ are not subject to redemption prior to their fixed maturity dates. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 20____ may be redeemed prior to their respective stated maturity dates at the option of the District, from any source of funds, in whole or in part, on August 1, 20____ or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds called for redemption, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, without premium.