AN ORDER CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE SEGUIN 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 SEGUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Guadalupe 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 Election Day (defined below); 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 SEGUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> <u>Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount.</u> The Election will be held in the SEGUIN 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

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Seguin Independent School District be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of such Board adopted on August 14, 2024, an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.1028 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the Seguin Independent School District for the current tax year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.6978 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation (the legal maximum for such 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 a debt service tax rate of \$0.4050 per \$100 of such taxable assessed

value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$1.1028 adopted by the Board on August 14, 2024 represents an increase of 6.9% percent in maintenance and operation tax revenue that will result in an additional \$2,431,107 when compared to the prior year's revenue, calculated pursuant to Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code?

<u>SECTION 2.</u> <u>Ballots.</u> The official ballots will permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the measure above with the following ballot language:

Seguin Independent School District Proposition A

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.1028 per \$100 valuation in the Seguin Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 6.9% percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$2,431,107.

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: Lisa Hayes; mailing address: P.O. Box 1346, Seguin, Texas 78156; physical address: 215 S. Milam St., Seguin, Texas 78155; phone: (830) 303-6363; fax: (830) 303-6373; and email: earlyvotingclerk@co.guadalupe.tx.us. 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, Spanish, and any other required language.
- 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 Exhibits 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 intent of the Board as evidenced in this Order.
- SECTION 9. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.
- <u>SECTION 10.</u> <u>Conflicts.</u> 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.
- <u>SECTION 13.</u> <u>Severability.</u> 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 14, 2024.

SEGUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alejandro Guerra

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Linda Duncan

Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)



[Signature Page to Tax Ratification Election Order]

Exhibit A NOVEMBER 5, 2024 (5 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2024)

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS (ELECCION GENERALES Y ESPECIALES)

Early Voting Dates and Hours

(Fechas y Horarios de Votación Anticipada)

Monday, October 21 st through Saturday, October 26 th , 2024	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Lunes, 21 de Octubre hasta el Sabado, 26 de Octubre de 2024	7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la tarde
Sunday, October 27 th , 2024	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Domingo, 27 de Octubre de 2024	12:00 de la tarde a las 6:00 de la tarde
Monday, October 28 th through Friday, November 1 st , 2024	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Lunes, 28 de Octubre de 2024 hasta el Viernes, 1 de Noviembre de 2024	.7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la tarde

Main Early Voting Polling Location (Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada)

SEGUIN ELECTIONS OFFICE

215 S. Milam St., Seguin, TX 78155 830-303-6363

Emergency and Limited ballots available only at the main location. (Boletas limitadas y de emergencia solamente están disponibles en este lugar.)

Locations of Branch Early Voting Polling Locations

(Lugar de las Sucursales de Votación para la Votación Anticipada)

CIBOLO FIRE STATION #2 3864 Cibolo Valley Dr., Cibolo, TX Bldg. B, Rm 159, 2189 FM 758, New Braunfels, TX CENTRAL TEXAS TECHNOLOGY CTR REDEMPTIVE GRACE MINISTRIES 2240 FM 725, New Braunfels, TX *NEW BERLIN COMMUNITY CENTER 8815 FM 775, New Berlin, TX *ELECTIONS OFFICE ANNEX 1101 Elbel, Schertz, TX **SELMA CITY HALL** 9375 Corporate Dr., Selma MARION ISD TONDRE ROOM 500 Bulldog Lane, Marion **SEGUIN ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** 1221 E. Kingsbury St. Seguin,

Applications for Ballot by Mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:) Lisa Hayes, Early Voting Clerk, 215 S. Milam St, Seguin, Texas 78155 or P. O. Box 1346, Seguin, TX 78156-1346 or email to earlyvotingclerk@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Applications for Ballots by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 25, 2024. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de Octubre 2024.

^{*}Early Voting Location Change

November 5, 2024

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Election Day Polling Locations

Polls Open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Guadalupe County will be using Vote Centers for the November 5, 2024 Elections.

Any Guadalupe County registered voter can vote at any Guadalupe County Election Day Location, regardless of the precinct in which they reside.

VC #1	McQueeney Lions Club, 3211 FM 78, McQueeney
VC #2	New Life Fellowship, 16489 Texas Hwy 123, Seguin
VC #3	Seguin ISD Admin Bldg., 1221 E. Kingsbury St., Seguin
VC #4	Forest Hills Baptist Church, 8251 FM 1117, Seguin
VC #5	Justice of the Peace Court, Pct 1, 2405 E. US Hwy 90, Seguin
VC #6	Kingsbury United Methodist Church, 7035 FM 2438, Kingsbury
VC #7	Brick and Blossom Event Center (Staples Baptist Church), 10020 FM 621, Staples
VC #8	Maranatha Fellowship Hall, 2356 S. State Hwy. 80, Luling
VC #9	TLU Alumni Student Center, Conf. Rooms A/B, 1109 University St., Seguin
VC #10	Redemptive Grace Ministries, 2240 FM 725, New Braunfels
VC #11	McQueeney VFW Post 9213, 275 Gallagher, McQueeney
VC #12	Columbus Club of Seguin, 1015 S. Austin Street, Seguin
VC #13	Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Annex, 730 N. Guadalupe St. Seguin
VC #14	Refuge III Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 7535 Elm Creek Rd., Seguin
VC #15	American Legion Hall Post 245, 618 E. Kingsbury, Seguin
VC #16	Geronimo VFW 6808 N. State Hwy 123, Seguin
VC #17	St. Joseph's Mission, 5079 Redwood Rd., San Marcos
VC #18	The Silver Center, 510 E. Court St., Seguin
VC #19	Central Texas Technology Center, Bldg. B, Rm. 159, 2189 FM 758, New Braunfels
VC #20	Cross Church, 814 N. Bauer St., Seguin
VC #21	Word of Life Fellowship Church, 213 Coy Lane, Cibolo
VC #22	Marion Dolford Learning Center, 200 W. Schlather Lane, Cibolo
VC #23	Schertz Elections Office, 1101 Elbel Rd, Schertz
VC #24	Schertz United Methodist Church, 3460 Roy Richard Dr., Schertz
VC #25	Selma City Hall, 9375 Corporate Dr., Selma
VC #26	Crosspoint Fellowship Church, 2600 Roy Richard Drive, Schertz
VC #27	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 212 N. Barnett St., Marion
VC #28	Schertz Community Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz
VC #29	Mikulski Hall, 509 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz
VC #30	Schertz Community Center North, 3501 Morning Dr., Cibolo
VC #31	Marion ISD, The Tondre Room, 500 Bulldog Lane, Marion
VC #32	New Berlin Community Center, 8815 FM 775, Seguin
VC #33	NBISD Transportation Bldg., 2621 Klein Way, New Braunfels
VC #34	Cibolo Fire Station #2, 3864 Cibolo Valley Drive, Cibolo
VC #35	Living Waters Worship Center, 3325 N. State Hwy 46, Seguin
VC #36	Christ Lutheran Church, 3305 Church Rd, Seguin
VC #37	Cibolo Valley VFW Post 8315, 1000 Farm to Market Rd 78., Schertz
VC #38	Cibolo Valley Baptist Church 5500 FM 1103, Cibolo