

## **March 2020 Ballot Measure - School Facilities Bond**

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**Purpose:** Board discussion and decision on upcoming election ballot measure

**Process:** Brief presentation by Gloria Chun Hoo on the background and the analyses done on upcoming ballot measure, the Legislative Committee discussion and recommendation. Board discussion and decision.

**Outcome:** Board decision on whether to support/oppose or be neutral on this ballot measure, and, how active to be on the measure.

**Preparation:** Analyses (3) for this ballot measure provided in the SBK - please read and review carefully and be prepared for discussion.

### **Background**

AB 48 places a \$15 billion school facilities bond measure on the March 2020 ballot. The League's Legislative Committee, which reviewed the earlier version of AB 48 — which changed considerably over the last few weeks before the end of the session with significant input from the governor's office — discussed at length the "new" AB 48 which will be on the ballot.

Three separate analyses were done by the Advocacy team and are included for board review. Concerns about the allocation formulas used and questions of equity were raised — as well as the recognition of the need for school funding, and that some measures had been added to AB 48 to somewhat improve the allocation process.

After extensive deliberation, the committee ultimately voted to recommend support of the bond measure, recognizing the need to monitor the implementation of the AB 48 plan, and work with coalition partners (ACLU, Advancement Project, Berkeley's Center for Cities and Schools, etc.) to recommend a formula that will promote equity between rich and poor districts in advance of a 2024 bond measure.

The board will decide whether to support, oppose, or remain neutral on the measure. If we take a position, then there also is a decision on how active to be on the measure — whether to sign ballot arguments and how active to be in the campaign.