

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF BONDS

\$15,500,000*

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA) ELECTION OF 2018 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES C

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed unconditioned proposals will be received to and including the hour of 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time, on September 15, 2026, at the offices of Piper Sandler & Co., 2321 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 3200, El Segundo, California 90245 (the “Municipal Advisor”), in the manner described below, for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of \$15,500,000* principal amount of Hawthorne School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2018 General Obligation Bonds, Series C (the “Bonds”). Proposals must be submitted electronically via i-Deal LLC’s (“i-Deal”) Parity Electronic Bid Submission System (“PARITY”), a division of Thomson Information Services, Inc., in the manner described below, for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of \$15,500,000* principal amount of the Bonds. In the event that the sale has not been awarded by the designated time, bids will be received at a subsequent time and date to be determined by the Hawthorne School District (the “District”) and publicized via the Bond Buyer or the Bond Buyer Wire or Thomson Municipal Market Monitor (www.tm3.com).

I. Issue:

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will be in the denomination of \$5,000 principal amount each, or integral multiples thereof, and will bear interest from the date of delivery to the maturity of each of the Bonds at an interest rate such that the true interest cost (the “TIC”) shall not exceed 5.50%, with interest payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year during the term of each of the Bonds, commencing February 1, 2027. The Bonds will mature on August 1 in each of the years set forth in the schedule below:

<u>Maturity Date</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2029	\$325,000	2045	\$1,055,000
2035	255,000	2046	1,175,000
2036	310,000	2047	1,305,000
2037	370,000	2048	1,445,000
2038	435,000	2049	4,550,000
2039	505,000		
2040	575,000		
2041	660,000		
2042	745,000		
2043	845,000		
2044	945,000		

II. Option to Elect Term Bonds:

The purchaser may elect to combine any number of consecutive maturities of Bonds for which an identical interest rate has been specified to comprise term bonds by indicating such an election in

* Preliminary, subject to change.

their bid. The election to create term bonds in such manner will require the creation of a mandatory sinking fund so that the sinking fund redemption payments shall equal the corresponding serial bond maturity amounts.

III. Adjustment of Principal Amounts:

The estimated principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds set forth above reflect certain assumptions of the District and the Municipal Advisor with respect to the likely interest rates of the winning bid or bids. Following the determination of the successful bidder or bidders, the Municipal Advisor, on behalf of the District, reserves the right to alter the final maturity date, increase or decrease the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds, in \$5,000 increments of principal amount, or eliminate maturities in their entirety. Such adjustment shall be made within 26 hours of the bid opening and in the sole discretion of the District, upon recommendation of the Municipal Advisor. In the event of any such adjustment, no rebidding or recalculation of the bids submitted will be required or permitted and the successful bid or bids may not be withdrawn, and the successful bidder will not be permitted to change the interest rate(s) in its bid for the Bonds. The percentage compensation to be paid to the successful bidder will not change if the maturity schedule is adjusted.

IV. Interest Rates:

All bids for the purchase of the Bonds must state the rate or rates of interest to be paid for each maturity of Bonds offered and bid price for such Bonds. All Bonds of the same maturity must bear the same rate of interest and no Bond may bear more than one rate. The maximum interest rate bid for each maturity may not exceed 8.00%, the TIC of the Bonds may not exceed 5.50%, and the ratio of total debt service to principal amount of the Bonds cannot exceed four to one. Bidders may specify any number of different rates to be borne on the Bonds; provided that, all interest rates must be in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of one percent and a zero rate of interest cannot be specified. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12, 30-day months.

V. Redemption:

The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 2036 are not subject to redemption prior to their fixed maturity dates. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2037 are subject to redemption prior to their respective stated maturity dates, at the option of the District, from any source of available funds, in whole or in part, on any date on or after August 1, 2036 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, without premium.

VI. Notice of Redemption:

Notice of redemption of any Bond will be mailed to the Registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address shown on the registration records maintained by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association as the paying agent for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent"); such mailing to be not more than 45 nor less than 20 days prior to the date set for redemption. Neither

failure to receive such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for the redemption of Bonds.

VII. Costs of Issuance:

The winning bidder will not be required to pay any costs of issuance associated with the Bonds, except as described in Sections XVII, XXV and XXXI. Such costs of issuance, including the winning bidder's compensation, will be paid by the District solely from the aggregate proceeds of the Bonds eligible to be deposited into the Building Fund (as such term is defined in the Preliminary Official Statement) held by Los Angeles County on behalf of the District. The District reserves the right to instruct the winning bidder of the Bonds to retain from the purchase price of the Bonds an amount equal to the winning bidder's compensation. The District further reserves the right to instruct the winning bidder to wire a portion of the purchase price, in an amount not to exceed 2.0% of the principal amount of the Bonds, to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in its capacity as costs of issuance custodian for the Bonds.

By the submission of its bid pursuant to the provisions hereof, each bidder will be deemed to have represented that its underwriting discount shall not exceed 2.00% of the principal amount of the Bonds.

VIII. Premium Bonds:

The District has elected to deposit the premium generated upon the sale of the Bonds into the Debt Service Fund for the Bonds (as such term is defined in the Preliminary Official Statement) established therefor, to be used to pay interest on the Bonds. Premium deposited into the Debt Service Fund may not be used to pay principal of the Bonds.

Bidders may not bid a purchase price (calculated as principal plus premium minus the bidder's compensation) of more than 105.86% or less than 102.50% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds.

IX. Registration of Bonds as to Principal and Interest and Place of Payment:

The Bonds, when delivered, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount and integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive physical certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable in lawful money of the United States of America and will be paid to DTC which in turn will remit such amounts to the beneficial owners of the Bonds through DTC's Participants, as described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

X. Authority:

The Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of California and pursuant to Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code and a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District. The issuance of the Bonds was authorized by the requisite 55% vote of the qualified electors of the District voting at an election held on June 5, 2018.

XI. Security:

Both the Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable solely from an *ad valorem* property tax levied against all of the property within the District subject to taxation by the District, without limitation as to rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates).

XII. Form of Bid:

All bids must be submitted electronically via PARITY, pursuant to the procedures described below, and all such bids shall be deemed to constitute a Bid for Purchase of the Bonds and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference all of the terms and conditions of this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds. The submission of a bid electronically via PARITY shall constitute and be deemed the bidder's signature on the Bid for Purchase of the Bonds.

XIII. Procedures Regarding Electronic Bidding:

Bids must be submitted electronically via PARITY in accordance with this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds, until 9:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on September 15, 2026, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds, the terms of this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact the District's Municipal Advisor, Richard Calabro of Piper Sandler & Co. at (310) 297-6013 or richard.calabro@psc.com, or PARITY at i-Deal at (212) 849-5021. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that:

(a) Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the District as described herein, each bid will constitute a Bid for Purchase of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds. If a bid submitted electronically via PARITY is accepted by the District, the terms of the Bid for Purchase of the Bonds and the Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds and the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Bonds, the coupon interest rate or rates to be borne by the various maturities of the Bonds, the initial public offering price of each maturity and any other information included in such transmission) shall form a contract and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

(b) PARITY is not an agent of the District, and the District shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the District or information provided by the bidder.

(c) The District may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via PARITY's internet site (www.tm3.com) no later than 1:00 P.M. (Pacific Time) on the last business day prior to the date of sale. In such case, a substitute bidding arrangement will be described in an amended Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds.

(d) For purposes of submitting all Bids for Purchase of the Bonds, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time. No bid received after the deadline shall be considered.

In any case, each bid must be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this official Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds.

(e) Each bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds. Neither the District nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the District nor i-Deal shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY. The District is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the District's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the District harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

XIV. Estimate of True Interest Cost:

Bidders are requested (but not required) to supply an estimate of the [all in] total true interest cost to the District on the basis of their respective bids, which shall be considered as informative only and not binding on either the bidder or the Board of Trustees of the District.

XV. No Good Faith Deposit:

No good faith deposit will be required in connection with bidding on the Bonds.

XVI. Qualification for Sale; Blue Sky:

The purchaser will assume responsibility for taking any action necessary to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale in jurisdictions other than California, and for complying with the laws of all jurisdictions on resale of the Bonds, and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District and their respective officers and officials from any loss or damage resulting from any failure to comply with any such law. Compliance with Blue Sky Laws shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser, and the purchaser shall pay all fees and disbursements related to the qualification of the bonds for sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of various jurisdictions. The District will furnish such information and take such action not inconsistent with law as the purchaser may request and the District shall deem necessary or appropriate to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations of such states and other jurisdictions of the United States of America as may be designated by the purchaser, provided, however, that the District shall not execute a general or special consent to service of process or qualify to do business in connection with such qualification or determination in any jurisdiction. The purchaser will not offer to sell, or solicit any offer to buy, the Bonds in any jurisdiction where it is unlawful for such purchaser to make such offer, solicitation or sale, and the purchaser shall comply with the Blue Sky and other securities laws and regulations of the states and jurisdictions.

XVII. CUSIP Numbers and Other Fees:

The Municipal Advisor has applied for CUSIP numbers and the CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds. The cost of printing thereof and the charge of the service bureau assignment will be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Any delay, error or omission with respect thereto will not constitute cause for the purchaser to refuse to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The successful

bidder shall also be required to pay all fees required by The Depository Trust Company, Bond Market Association, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and any other similar entity imposing a fee in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (see, “– California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission” below).

XVIII. Legal Opinion:

The Bonds are sold with the understanding that the purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, Bond Counsel. A copy of the opinion will be attached to the Bonds. Said attorneys have been retained by the District as Bond Counsel and in such capacity are to render their opinion only upon the legality of the Bonds under State of California law and on the exemption of the interest income on such Bonds from federal and State of California income taxes. Fees of Bond Counsel will be paid by the District from the costs of issuance.

XIX. Tax-Exempt Status:

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing statutes, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, and assuming the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants and requirements described in the Preliminary Official Statement, interest (and original issue discount) on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest (and original issue discount) on the Bonds is exempt from State of California personal income tax. See the Preliminary Official Statement for additional information, including with respect to the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain large corporations. Should changes in the law cause Bond Counsel’s opinion to change prior to delivery of the Bonds to the purchaser, the purchaser will be relieved of its responsibility to pick up and pay for the Bonds.

XX. Establishment of Issue Price:

(a) The winning bidder shall assist the District in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the District at Closing an “issue price” or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the District and Bond Counsel, including, but not limited to, modifications in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements (defined below) are not satisfied. All actions to be taken by the District under this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds (this “Notice Inviting Proposals”) to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the District by the Municipal Advisor and any notice or report to be provided to the District may be provided to the Municipal Advisor.

(b) The District intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “Competitive Sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the “Competitive Sale Requirements”) because:

1. the District shall disseminate this Notice Inviting Proposals to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;

2. all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
3. the District may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
4. the District anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest TIC), as set forth in this Notice Inviting Proposals.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice Inviting Proposals shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

(c) In the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied, the District shall so advise the winning bidder. The District may determine to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the “10% Test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity). The winning bidder shall advise the District if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% Test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The District shall promptly advise the winning bidder, at or before the time of award of the Bonds, which maturities (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, which separate CUSIP number within that maturity) of the Bonds shall be subject to the 10% Test or shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the District determines to apply the hold-the-offering-price rule to any maturity of the Bonds. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

(d) By submitting a bid, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

1. the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
2. the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the District when the underwriters have sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date.

(e) If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the

District the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or until all Bonds of that maturity have been sold.

(f) The District acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The District further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.

(g) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

(h) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice Inviting Proposals. Further, for purposes of this Notice Inviting Proposals:

1. “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
2. “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person

that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),

3. a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

4. “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the District to the winning bidder.

XXI. Purchaser Arbitrage Yield Proof:

The successful bidder shall deliver to the District a proof of arbitrage yield that contains a: (i) present value calculation of the debt service to the closing date resulting in the issue price, less any credit enhancement, and (ii) premium bond test showing dates of any bonds of the issue are deemed called in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.148-4.

XXII. Award:

If the Bonds are awarded on the date of sale, the Bonds will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the best responsive bid, considering the coupon interest rate or rates and the purchase price specified in the bid. The best bid will be the bid that conforms with the provisions of this Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds and represents the lowest TIC to the District for the Bonds, taking into consideration the interest rate specified, and premium thereon, if any. The TIC is the discount rate that, when compounded semiannually and used to discount all debt service payments on the Bonds back to the date of delivery of such Bonds, results in an amount equal to the purchase price bid for said Bonds. In the event that two or more bidders offer bids for the Bonds at the same lowest TIC, the District will determine by lottery which bidder will be awarded the Bonds. For the purpose of calculating the TIC, the mandatory sinking fund payments, if any, shall be treated as serial maturities in such years. The determination of the bid representing the lowest TIC will be made without regard to any adjustments made or contemplated to be made after the award by the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the District, as described herein under “Adjustment of Principal Amounts,” even if such adjustments have the effect of raising the TIC of the successful bid to a level higher than the bid containing the next lowest TIC prior to adjustment.

XXIII. Prompt Award:

The Superintendent of the District, or his designee, will take action awarding the Bonds or rejecting all bids not later than twenty-six (26) hours after the expiration of the time herein prescribed

for the receipt of bid proposals, unless such time of award is waived by the successful bidder. Notice of the award will be given promptly to the successful bidder.

XXIV. Delivery:

Delivery of the Bonds will be made to the purchaser through DTC upon payment of the purchase price in federal funds payable to or for the account of the District according to such wire or other delivery instructions as shall be provided by the District or the Municipal Advisor. The Closing will take place at the offices of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 4200, San Francisco, California 94104, or at the purchaser's request and expense, at any other place mutually agreeable to both the District and the purchaser, on September 29, 2026.

XXV. California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission:

The successful bidder will be required, pursuant to State of California law, to pay any fees to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission ("CDIAC"). CDIAC will invoice the successful bidder after the closing of the Bonds.

XXVI. No Litigation and Non-Arbitrage:

The District will deliver a certificate stating that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The District will also deliver an arbitrage certificate covering its reasonable expectations concerning the Bonds and the use of proceeds thereof.

XXVII. Official Statement:

The District will make available a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds, a copy of which, along with related documents, will be furnished upon request made to Piper Sandler & Co., 2321 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 3200, El Segundo, California 90245, Attn: Richard Calabro, richard.calabro@psc.com, the District's Municipal Advisor, or telephoned to said Municipal Advisor at (310) 297-6013. Such Preliminary Official Statement, together with any supplements thereto, shall be in a form "deemed final" by the District for the purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), but is subject to revision, amendment and completion in a final version thereof (the "Official Statement").

Each bidder must read the entire Preliminary Official Statement prior to bidding on the Bonds, to obtain information essential to the making of an informed decision to bid. This Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds contains certain information for general reference only, and is not a complete summary of the issue. The Internet posting of the Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, the securities described in the Preliminary Official Statement, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

Copies of the Official Statement will be made available to the purchaser without charge, if requested, up to an amount of 10 copies, within seven business days of the date of sale and additional copies will be made available upon request at the purchaser's expense.

The District will deliver, at the closing, a certificate executed by an authorized officer of the District, acting in their official capacity, to the effect that the Official Statement does not contain any

untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

The District undertakes that for a certain period of up to twenty-five (25) days following the end of the “underwriting period” as defined in Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Rule”), it will (i) apprise the winning bidder if any event shall occur, or information comes to the attention of the District that, in the reasonable judgment of the District, 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 necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and (ii) if requested by the winning bidder, prepare a supplement to the final Official Statement with respect to such event or information. The District will presume, unless notified in writing by the winning bidder, that the end of the underwriting period will occur on the date of the delivery of the Bonds. By making a bid on the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees (i) to disseminate to all members of the underwriting syndicate, if any, copies of the final Official Statement, including any supplements prepared by the District, and to file a copy of the final Official Statement, including any supplements prepared by the District, with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system (as provided by the Rule) within one business day after receipt thereof from the District or its designee, but in any event, no later than the date of closing and (ii) to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the MSRB governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to the ultimate purchasers.

XXVIII. Continuing Disclosure:

In order to assist bidders in complying with the Rule, the District will undertake in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate to provide certain annual financial information and notices of the occurrence of events listed therein. A description of this undertaking and a form of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate are included in the Preliminary Official Statement.

XXIX. Rating:

Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) has assigned to the Bonds the rating shown on the cover page of the Preliminary Official Statement or, if not so indicated, will be available upon request from the Municipal Advisor. Such rating reflects only the views of Moody’s and explanation of the significance of such rating may be therefrom. There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by Moody’s, if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

XXX. Right to Cancel, Postpone, or Reschedule Sale:

The District reserves the right to cancel, postpone or reschedule the sale of the Bonds upon notice given through the Bloomberg News Service, Thomson Municipal Market Monitor (www.tm3.com) or *The Bond Buyer* not later than 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on the day prior to the date bids are to be received. If the sale is postponed, bids will be received at the place set forth above, at the date and time as the District shall determine. Notice of the new sale date and time, if any, will be given through Bloomberg News Service, Thomson Municipal Market Monitor (www.tm3.com) or *The Bond Buyer* no later than twenty-three (23) hours prior to the new time bids are to be received.

As an accommodation to bidders, telephone or fax notice of the postponement of the sale date and of the new sale date will be given to any bidder requesting such notice from the Municipal Advisor. Failure of any bidders to receive such notice shall not affect the legality of the sale.

XXXI. Municipal Bond Insurance; Bidder's Option:

The winning bidder may elect to obtain a commitment to issue a municipal bond insurance policy insuring the scheduled payment of Principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. If the winning bidder elects to obtain a policy of municipal bond insurance, the premium for such insurance and the costs of any related ratings will be paid by the bidder, and the District will have no responsibility for payment of such premium and costs.

XXXII. Additional Information:

Copies of the Notice Inviting Proposals for Purchase of Bonds, and the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds will be furnished to any bidder upon request made to Piper Sandler & Co., Attn: Richard Calabro, phone: (310) 297-6013, richard.calabro@psc.com, the Municipal Advisor to the District. The District further reserves the right to reject all bids, even if the terms of such bids are in conformity with the requirements for acceptable bids set forth herein.

Dated: September 9, 2026

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: /s/ Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

§
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Los Angeles County, California)
Election of 2018 General Obligation Bonds, Series C

CERTIFICATE OF THE PURCHASER

The undersigned, on behalf of _____, hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the “Bonds”).

1. ***Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.***

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by _____ are the prices listed in Schedule A (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by _____ in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by _____ to purchase the Bonds.

(b) _____ was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.¹

(c) The bid submitted by _____ constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

2. ***Defined Terms.***

(a) *District* means Hawthorne School District.

(b) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.

(c) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(d) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is _____, 2026

(e) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or

¹ Treas. Reg. §1.148-1(f)(3)(i)(B) requires that all bidders have an equal opportunity to bid to purchase bonds. If the bidding process affords an equal opportunity for bidders to review other bids prior to submitting their bids, then this representation should be modified to describe the bidding process.

indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents _____'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the District with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the District from time to time relating to the Bonds.

_____, as Underwriter

By: _____

Name: _____

Dated: _____, 2026

SCHEDULE A
EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES
(Attached)

SCHEDULE B
COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID
(Attached)