

RESOLUTION NO. 93-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF RIDGECREST SUPPORTING
AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF
RIDGECREST TO SUPPORT MEASURE "C",
THE SIERRA SANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT,
SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND.

WHEREAS, more than 6000 of the City of Ridgecrest's children are receiving their education by attendance of public schools at the various campuses of the Sierra Sands School District; and

WHEREAS, many of the buildings in which the children are sheltered are as much as forty years old and in need of maintenance, renovation, and repair to address critical issues of health, safety and well being; and

WHEREAS, the youth of a community represent vitality, enthusiasm and are the citizens, workforce, service providers, and leaders of the future; and

WHEREAS, students at the Sierra Sands School District have achieved scholastic standings that are among the best in the state and the nation despite diminished funding for schools that has forced the District to defer physical maintenance while continuing required investments in the education of youth; and

WHEREAS, the deferred maintenance represents a deferred community cost for which the citizens and community are ultimately obligated to correct as we are responsible for the well being of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the district has prepared a cost effective plan to restore the health and safety of their various facilities; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the City is directly dependant on the educational level of its citizenry, and the city's economic competitiveness to maintain existing industry and attract new industry is directly linked to the state of our schools; and

WHEREAS, a significant part of the City's health and economy is directly related to the continuing and future employment of our citizens at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station and whereas the Base Realignment and Closure Commission Reports examined Ridgecrest and found it wanting in School Facilities and infrastructure, making China Lake less competitive as candidate for new and future projects and realignments; and

WHEREAS, it is the philosophy of the City to foster a healthy, vigorous, diverse and enduring economy resulting in a prosperous and affluent community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest unanimously supports Measure "C", the Sierra Sands Unified School District School Facilities Bond for the following reasons:

- a. It provides a sorely needed investment in the present and future of our community, its young citizens and at the same time strengthens the infrastructure of the City;
- b. The improvement in school facilities will enhance the quality of education, facilitate educational programs, help local employment and business development and benefit the overall community;
- c. Directly improve the safety and habitability of our public schools which in turn, will improve the environment for learning in our community.

The City Council, therefore, encourages the citizens of the Sierra Sands Unified School District to support passage of Measure "C" by voting YES on June 8, 1993.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 1993 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Corlett, Council Members Auld, Bitney, Bryan, and Parode.

NOES: None.

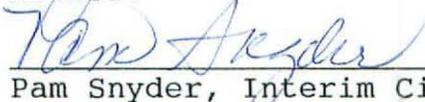
ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



Kevin S. Corlett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Snyder, Interim City Clerk