

WEST ORANGE – COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF ORANGE §

**ORDER FOR SPECIAL ELECTION,
WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District ("District") has adopted a tax rate that exceeds the District's rollback rate.

Whereas, in accordance with Section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code, the registered voters of the District must determine whether to approve the tax rate adopted by the Board.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

1. An election shall be held in the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District on June 30, 2012 for the purpose of voting for or against the adopted tax rate.
2. The polling places for the election shall be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day, and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of the election at the designated polling places:

Precinct Nos.	Polling Location and Address	Presiding Judge
1, 2	WO-S Middle School 1402 W. Green Ave	Jerry Hammett
3, 4, 5	North Early Learning Center 801 Cordrey	Helen Brown
8, 13, 14, 15	Salvation Army 1950 N. MLK Drive	Steve Menard
11, 12, 24	West Orange City Hall 2700 Western Avenue	Fran Crow

3. The official ballot for the election shall permit voters to vote for or against the following proposition:

"Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 valuation in West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate."

4. (See #5 Below) is hereby designated as the main early voting place, and Bonnie Tegge is hereby appointed clerk for early voting in the election. Requests for ballots by mail should be directed in writing to Tina Leverett, Elections

Administrator, 123 S. 6th Street, Orange, Texas 77630. Requests for ballots by mail must be received no later than June 22, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. and received no earlier May 23, 2012. Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the main early voting place from Wednesday, June 13, 2012, through Tuesday, June 26, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal state holiday, with the exception that early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, and Tuesday, June 26, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

5. Early voting by personal appearance also will be conducted at the following locations, which are designated as branch early voting locations pursuant to Chapter 85 of the Texas Election Code:

Location	Dates and Hours of Early Voting
Orange Public Library 220 N. Fifth Street Orange, Texas 77630	June 13, 2012 – June 25, 2012 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) June 19, 2012, June 26, 2012 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
West Orange-Stark High School 1400 Newton Street Orange, Texas 77630	June 13, 2012 – June 25, 2012 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) June 19, 2012, June 26, 2012 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
West Orange-Stark Elementary School 2605 MLK Drive Orange, Texas 77630	June 13, 2012 – June 25, 2012 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) June 19, 2012, June 26, 2012 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

6. The presiding judge for each election polling site shall appoint an alternate judge and two clerks and as many additional clerks as he/she may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the election, provided that not more than five clerks be appointed for any election polling site.
7. Early voting mail ballots shall be processed by the Early Voting Ballot Board ("EVBB"). The EVBB shall consist of a presiding judge and at least two other members. Upon recommendation by the presiding judge, the Early Voting Clerk shall appoint any additional EVBB members needed. The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the EVBB:

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8. The Temporary Deputy Early Voting Clerks, Precinct Election Judges and Alternate Judges shall be compensated at the rate of \$9.00 dollars per hour and the election clerks shall be compensated at the rate of \$8.00 dollars per hour. The judge or clerk who delivers the election returns may be paid an additional sum of \$25.00 dollars as provided in accordance with Sections 32.091 and 32.092 of the Texas Election Code.

9. Notice of said election shall be published at least one time not less than thirty (30) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and posted not later than the 21st day before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for the notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the District. The Elections Administrator shall also deliver notice of this election to the Orange County Clerk as soon as practicable after entry of this Order.
10. The Elections Administrator and Early Voting Clerk, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. James Colbert, are hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election and to serve as a representative to coordinate with the Orange County Elections Officer in conducting the election in accordance with and subject to the laws of this State. The Early Voting Clerk shall furnish all necessary election equipment, ballots and other election supplies necessary for the election
11. All election materials including the notice of election, ballots, instruction cards, affidavits, and other forms which a voter may be requested to sign, and all early voting materials, shall be printed in all languages required by law, or translations thereof shall be made available in the circumstances permitted and the manner required by law.
12. The results of the election shall be canvassed by the Board of Trustees not earlier than the eighth day or later than the eleventh day after the election, at a meeting called by the Board in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
13. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election, Tax and Education Codes, and only resident qualified voters of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District shall be eligible to vote at said election.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of May, 2012.

Ricky Jacobs
President, Board of Trustees
West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent
School District

ATTEST:

Eric Mitchell
Secretary, Board of Trustees
West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District

(District Seal)