

**INFORMATION ITEM: LAMAR CISD NEW MONEY BOND SALE,
2022 BOND REFERENDUM**

On November 8, 2022, a bond election totaling \$1,516,623,300 was approved by a majority of voters in the District. An order authorizing the sale of the second installment of the bonds was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 20, 2023. These bonds were sold in a negotiated sale on July 20, 2023 by a team of eight underwriters, with the managing firm being Jefferies. A negotiated sale process allowed the underwriters to place the bonds with buyers commanding varying terms such as maturities, rates, etc. The District has used this method since 2003, and it has resulted in low interest rates and favorable maturities which translates into the lowest possible tax rates for the community.

The recent sale transaction continued to capture low interest rates. The bonds, used to finance projects the District included in the 2022 bond referendum, were sold with a par amount of \$521,730,000 and the True Interest Cost (TIC) was 4.283427%. The Bonds were sold at a premium, and out of the total sale proceeds, the District will receive \$539,757,061 for projects. Of the \$539,757,061, \$459,757,061 is allocated for projects approved under Proposition A, and \$80,000,000 is allocated for the Proposition B/CTE Center. The transaction is scheduled to close on August 17, 2023.

The TIC of 4.283% achieved on this sale is favorable in light of an economic environment of rising interest rates and recent volatility in the market. Comparatively, the rate is still historically low when compared to the District's most recent sales:

Bond Series	True Interest Cost (TIC)	Par Value (in millions)
2023A	4.28%	\$521.73
2023	4.27%	\$636.36
2022	3.60%	\$410.96
2021	2.42%	\$240.0
2019	2.85%	\$137.8
2018	3.79%	\$289.3
2017	3.76%	\$ 93.0
2015	3.95%	\$142.0

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