

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SUPPORT OF THE MIDLAND ISD BOND REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Midland Chamber of Commerce to create the best business climate on the planet; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Midland pride themselves on achieving excellence in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Midland Chamber of Commerce has long recognized that it is important that Midland be known as a community with quality public schools, and that education plays a critical role in the quality of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Midland Chamber of Commerce recognizes that a superior school system is necessary to retain and expand our existing business base; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of Midland Independent School District's students, teachers, and staff are of paramount concern, and that learning outcomes are improved in environments where students and teachers feel secure; and

WHEREAS, Midland has experienced tremendous growth in population over the last decade, and that growth is projected to continue for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond referendum will address critical shortfalls in capacity at primary and secondary facilities, as well as age-related maintenance concerns; and

WHEREAS, grade level reconfiguration and curriculum alignment are key factors for student academic success and will more closely align MISD with Texas curriculum standards; and

WHEREAS, further delays in addressing Midland ISD's essential facility, security, and alignment requirements will negatively impact present student outcomes and will likely require a greater investment at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the facility planning committee, which included teachers, administrators, parents, and other community members, having worked countless hours to identify the needs of MISD and having recommended this bond proposal to the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce endorses the passage of the Midland ISD's \$1,415,400,000 bond referendum to address critical capacity issues facing our primary and secondary schools, provide adequate safety and security improvements to better protect students, teachers and staff, and align campus grade structure with Texas curriculum standards, and therefore, recommends to its members and the citizens of Midland that they vote to approve the proposition on November 7, 2023.

Approved on August 31, 2023

Abraham Gutierrez, Chairman

Robert E. Burns, President & CEO