RESOLUTION ORDERING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015, IN AND FOR LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A 2016/2017 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND) BUDGET AND SIX SUBSEQUENT FUTURE BUDGETS WHICH INCLUDE AMOUNTS THAT EXCEED THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT SPECIFIED BY LAW OF THE DISTRICT AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the needs and best interests of Littleton Elementary School District No. 65 of Maricopa County, Arizona (hereinafter called the "District"), will be served by providing for the continuation of an override to exceed the revenue control limit specified by law of the District for fiscal year 2016/2017 and thereafter for the next six subsequent fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 15, Chapter 4, Article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes require that a special election be held in and for the District to submit to the qualified electors thereof the question of authorizing the District to adopt a budget that exceeds the aggregate budget limit for such budget years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, THAT:

Section 1. (A) A special election in and for the District be, and the same is hereby, ordered and called to be held on November 3, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the "Election"), a day not less than ninety (90) days after the date of the adoption of this Resolution, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified electors thereof the question of adopting a 2016/2017 (Maintenance and Operations Fund) Budget which includes an amount that exceeds the applicable revenue control limit specified by statute for fiscal year 2016/2017 and for the next subsequent six (6) fiscal years thereafter for purposes of Section 15-481(E), Arizona Revised Statutes in amounts equal to as much as fifteen percent (15%) of the applicable revenue control limit of the District in years one through five, such percentage of the District's allowable revenue control limit multiplied by 2/3 in year six, and such percentage of the District's allowable revenue control limit multiplied by 1/3 in year seven. The Superintendent of the District is authorized and directed to complete the budget estimate and insert the appropriate dollar amount and tax rate in the hereinafter described Official Ballot.

(B) The Governing Board of the District hereby establishes the election precincts which, except as otherwise provided by appropriate authorities of the County, have the same boundaries as the

County election precincts as provided in Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended. The Governing Board of the District hereby orders the consolidation of any precincts indicated by such authorities for such purposes.

Section 3. (A) Notice of the Election shall be given by the School Superintendent of Maricopa County, Arizona (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), preparing an informational report in the form attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B" (hereinafter referred to as the "Informational Report") and a sample of the Official Ballot and at least forty (40) days prior to the Election and transmitting the Informational Report and the Official Ballot to the Governing Board of the District. The Governing Board of the District, upon receipt of the Informational Report and the Official Ballot, with such changes therein as are approved by the Superintendent of the District to whom such authority is hereby delegated, shall mail or distribute the Informational Report and the Official Ballot to the households, in which qualified electors reside, within the District at least thirty-five (35) days before the date of the Election. The Informational Report may be included with other, similar reports or pamphlets to be mailed for the same election.

(B) The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to request arguments for and against the subject matter of the Election by providing the notice in the form and by the means provided in the form attached hereto and marked Exhibit "C" (hereinafter referred to as the "Request Notice"). The deadline for submitting arguments is August 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The Informational Report shall be prepared by the School Superintendent of the County, and the School Superintendent of the County is hereby requested, authorized and directed to cause the Informational Report to be provided as and under the circumstances described herein. The President of the Governing Board of the District or any other member of the Governing Board of the District if such President is not available is hereby authorized and directed to submit, within thirty (30) days after the date of the Election, a copy of the Informational Report to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

(C) The Election shall also be ordered and called and notice thereof given by posting copies of a notice in at least three public places in the District including the schools of the District at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Election. The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized and directed to cause notices for such purposes to be posted according to law and to the provisions of this Resolution. Such notices shall be substantially in the form hereto attached and marked Exhibit "D" (hereinafter referred to as the "Election Notice").

 $\underline{\text{Section 4}}$. Absentee/early voting with respect to the Election shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended.

Section 5. The President of the Governing Board of the District or any other member of the Governing Board of the District if such President is not available is hereby authorized and directed to have printed and delivered to the election officials for the Election at the polling places for the Election, to be by them furnished to the qualified electors of the District offering to vote at the Election, the Official Ballot.

Section 6. In order to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the following materials pertaining to the Election shall be translated into Spanish and mailed or distributed in each instance where mailing or distributing of such materials is required, to-wit: Informational Report, Official Ballot, Request Notice, Election Notice, "Absentee/Early Voting Materials" and "Instructions at the Polling Places."

Section 7. (A) The Election shall be held, conducted and canvassed in conformity with the provisions of the regular election laws of the State of Arizona and as nearly as practicable in the manner prescribed in Sections 15-422 through 15-424 and Section 15-426, Arizona Revised Statutes relating to special elections, except as otherwise provided by law and specifically as follows, and only such persons shall be permitted to vote at the Election who are qualified electors of the District:

- (i) The notices required pursuant to Section 15-403, Arizona Revised Statutes shall be posted not less than twenty-five days before the Election.
- (ii) Ballots shall be counted pursuant to Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended.
- (B) The Election may be conducted using either electromechanical or electronic vote recording and ballot counting equipment or paper ballots, as shall be determined to be in the best interests of the District by the Elections Department of the County and the Superintendent of the District. The Superintendent of the District is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the County Recorder of the County to obtain precinct registers for the election and to enter into an agreement with the Elections Department of the County to conduct the Election for the District.
- (C) All expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the Election are hereby authorized, which expenditures shall be paid from current operating funds of the District.
- (D) The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the Election including all such actions as are necessary to assist the School

Superintendent of the County and the Elections Department of the County in conducting the Election and performing their duties.

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President of the Governing Board of Littleton Elementary School District No. 65 of Maricopa County, Arizona

EXHIBIT "A"

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SHALL THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT"), ADOPT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUDGETS WHICH ALLOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO EXCEED THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT SPECIFIED BY LAW IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) PER FISCAL YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 AND THE NEXT SUBSEQUENT SIX (6) FISCAL YEARS THEREAFTER?

THE 2016/2017 PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE BUDGET INCREASE OF THE BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL EXCEED THE ALTERNATE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00. THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN FUTURE YEARS WILL BE BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-481(P), ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Any budget increase continuation authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property in this school district for the year for which adopted and for six subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in Article IX, Section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on the current net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, to fund the proposed continuation of the increase in the district's budget would require school estimated continuation of a tax rate of \$1.6955 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate which will be levied to fund the school district's revenue control limit allowed by law.

BUDGET OVERRIDE	_	BUDGET OVERRIDE	_
CONTINUATION, YES		CONTINUATION, NO	

At the discretion of the Elections Department of the County, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:

A "yes" vote shall authorize the Littleton Elementary School District Governing Board to continue the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and resulting tax.

A "no" vote shall not authorize the Littleton Elementary School District Governing Board to extend the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and resulting tax.

EXHIBIT "B"

LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 65
OF
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

VOTER INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET/REPORT AND SAMPLE BALLOT

SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Prepared by

Dr. Don Covey,

Maricopa County School Superintendent TO THE VOTERS OF LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

OTHER INFORMATIONAL VOTER INFORMATION:

[INSERT FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT]

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET/REPORT

FOR

LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65

OF

MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015

On June 9, 2015, the Governing Board of the District (the "Governing Board") passed and adopted a resolution calling a special override election (the "Election") for voter authorization to exceed the Maintenance and Operations Budget limit set by legislation by 15% to fund existing programs, such budget override to be in effect for a period of seven years. A copy of such resolution is available from the District by written request to the Superintendent, Littleton Elementary School District No. 65 of Maricopa County, Arizona, P.O. Box 280, Cashion, Arizona 85329, Telephone (623) 478-5600.

THE PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE OVERRIDE IN THE BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT WHICH EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT PERMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-905, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES WILL BE NOT TO EXCEED THE OTHERWISE ALLOWABLE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT BY MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATE BUDGET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Current Year's Maintenance and
Operation Budget (2015/16) - \$29,576,748

Proposed Maintenance and Operation

Budget (2016/17) - \$29,976,713

Alternate Maintenance and Operation

Budget (2016/17) - \$29,976,713

THE PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE OVERRIDE IN THE BUDGET WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR SEVEN YEARS AND WOULD ALLOW THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT TO BE EXCEEDED BY NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT.

THE PROPOSED TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUES WHICH WILL FUND THE CONTINUATION OF THE OVERRIDE IN THE BUDGET AND THE AMOUNT WHICH WILL BE OBTAINED FROM A LEVY OF TAXES UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR THE FIRST YEAR FOR WHICH THE BUDGET INCREASE IS ADOPTED IS AS FOLLOWS: \$0.00.

NONE OF THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF REVENUES WHICH WILL FUND THE CONTINUATION OF THE OVERRIDE IN THE BUDGET WILL BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER THAN A LEVY OF TAXES UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR THE FIRST YEAR FOR WHICH THE BUDGET CONTINUATION IS ADOPTED IS \$3,800,000. THE RENEWAL OF THE 15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUDGET OVERRIDE WOULD CONTINUE FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SERVING DISTRICT STUDENTS. THIS CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT OVERRIDE SUPPORTS THE DISTRICT'S EFFORTS TO HELP MAINTAIN PRESENT LEVELS OF SERVICES IN ALL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PROGRAMS. STATE FUNDING CUTS HAVE REDUCED THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET BY OVER \$9 MILLION IN THE SIX MOST RECENT BUDGET YEARS. THE CUTS IN STATE FUNDING WOULD NOT ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE FUNDED THE FIRST YEAR THE BUDGET OVERRIDE WILL BE IN EFFECT:

- MAINTAIN CLASS SIZE AT PRESENT LEVELS FOR INSTRUCTION
- MAINTAIN TEACHER AND STAFF SALARY LEVELS TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN STAFF
- MAINTAIN SPECIAL AREA PROGRAMS SUCH AS MUSIC, ART AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- MAINTAIN STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS
- MAINTAIN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT ALL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS ATHLETICS, CLUBS AND BAND
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY

THE ALTERNATE BUDGET SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS NOT ADOPTED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT. IN ADOPTING SUCH PROPOSED BUDGET, THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED IN A.R.S. SECTION 15-905 FOR ADOPTING A BUDGET THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PROPOSED INCREASE.

ESTIMATED TAXPAYER COST:

As noted above, the Override would be funded from a levy of ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the District. With voter approval, it is estimated that the total amount of the override for fiscal year 2016/17 will be \$3,800,000. The tax rate needed to fund the full Override is estimated to be \$1.6955 per \$100 of assessed value used for secondary tax purposes. If the override is not approved for continuation, the existing 15% override will phase out by reducing one-third in 2017/18 and another one-third in 2018/19, in which case the 2016/17 override amount and estimated tax rate per \$100 of assessed value would be equal to the proposed amounts. The average cost to an owner of a home with a limited property value of \$85,410 would be approximately \$145 per year.

LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OVERRIDE ELECTION ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF SECONDARY TAX BILLS PER A.R.S. 15-481B-11a,b,c,d

Estimated Revenues to fund 15% Maintenance & Operation Budget Override Assessed Valuation for Tax Purposes (a) Estimated Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation to fund 15% M&O Budget override			\$3,800,000 \$224,124,970 \$1.6955		
	Limited Property Value	Assessment Ratio	Assessed Value (b)	Estimated Override Tax Rate (c)	Estimated Annual Tax Amount
A.R.S. 15-481B-11 The assessed valuation and the estimated amount of the secondary tax bill if the proposed budget is adopted for each of the following:					
A.R.S. 15-481B-11a An owner occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the average assessed valuation of property classified as class three for the current year in the school district.	\$85,410	10.0%	\$8,541	\$1.6955	\$144.81
A.R.S. 15-481B-11b An owner occupied residence whose assessed valuation is one-half of the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of this paragraph (A.R.S.15-481B-11a above).	\$42,705	10.0%	\$4,271	\$1.6955	\$72.41
A.R.S. 15-481B-11c An owner occupied residence whose assessed valuation is twice the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of this paragraph (A.R.S. 15-481B-11a above).	\$170,820	10.0%	\$17,082	\$1.6955	\$289.63
A.R.S. 15-481B-11d A business whose assessed valuation is the average of the assessed valuation of property classified as class one, paragraphs 12 & 13, for the current year in the school district.	\$3,161,600	18.5% (d)	\$584,896	\$1.6955	\$9,916.91

⁽a) Net assessed value is the 2015/16 preliminary value provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue and includes Salt River Project in-lieu property value.

⁽b) Estimated by Arizona Department of Revenue based on preliminary 2015/16 assessed values.

⁽c) Per \$100 of assessed valuation.

⁽d) Beginning in 2014/15, the assessment ratio will phase down one-half percentage point (0.5%) per year to 18% in 2016/17.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE OVERRIDE:

OTHER IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION:

[INSERT FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT]

OFFICIAL BALLOT

[INSERT OFFICIAL BALLOT]

Littleton Elementary School
District No. 65 of
Maricopa County, Arizona
P.O. Box 280
Cashion, Arizona 85329

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Permit No.

OFFICIAL VOTING MATERIAL

Only one Voter Information Pamphlet/Report has been mailed to each household within the District in which qualified electors reside. Please make it available to all qualified electors in the household.

YOUR POLLING PLACE IS INDICATED ON LABEL

EXHIBIT "C"

FORM OF REQUEST NOTICE

REQUEST FOR ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE 2016/2017 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS BUDGETS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS OF LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Governing Board of Littleton Elementary School District No. 65 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "District"), on June 9, 2015 (the "Resolution"), a special election in and for the District was ordered and called to be held on November 3, 2015 (the "Election"). Notice of the Election will be given by mailing an informational report. Such report is to include arguments for and against the authorization of an override to exceed the otherwise allowable revenue control limit for the District by 15% for fiscal year 2016/2017 and thereafter for the next six subsequent fiscal years to be funded from ad valorem property taxes. The estimated tax rate to fund the continued and increased override in fiscal year 2016/2017 is \$1.6955 per \$100 of assessed property value. (The text of the question to be considered at the Election, as well as certain limitations on the arguments that can be submitted, are included in the Resolution which is available at the Office of the Superintendent of the District, 1600 South 107th Avenue, Avondale, Arizona 85323.) The arguments shall be in a form prescribed by the County School Superintendent of Maricopa County, Arizona, and each such argument shall not exceed two hundred The names of those persons and entities submitting written arguments shall be included in the informational report. The County School Superintendent shall review all factual statements contained in the written arguments and correct any inaccurate statements of fact. The County School Superintendent shall not review and correct any portion of such written arguments which are identified as statements of the author's opinion. The County School Superintendent shall make the written arguments available to the public as provided by law. Any person interested in providing any such argument is hereby requested to provide the same to the County School Superintendent of Maricopa County, Arizona, at Suite 1100, 4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, before 5:00 p.m., Arizona time on August 7, 2015. If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact the Superintendent of the District at (623) 478-5611.

/s/ Dr. Roger Freeman
Superintendent, Littleton Elementary
School District No. 65 of Maricopa
County, Arizona

EXHIBIT "D"

FORM OF ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORDER AND CALL OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND

BUDGET REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT

OVERRIDE ELECTION FOR

LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65

OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

A budget override question will be included on the ballot for the special election to be held on November 3, 2015 (the "Election"). The purpose of the Election is to permit qualified electors of Littleton Elementary School District No. 65 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "District"), to vote specifically on the following question:

SHALL THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT"), ADOPT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUDGETS WHICH ALLOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT SPECIFIED BY LAW IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) PER FISCAL YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 AND THE NEXT SUBSEQUENT SIX (6) FISCAL YEARS THEREAFTER?

THE 2016/2017 PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE BUDGET INCREASE OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL EXCEED THE ALTERNATE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00. THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN FUTURE YEARS WILL BE BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-481(P), ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Any budget increase continuation authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property in this school district for the year for which adopted and for six subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in Article IX, Section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on the current net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, to fund the proposed continuation of the increase in the school district's budget would require an estimated continuation of a tax rate of \$1.6955 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate which will be levied to fund the school district's revenue control limit allowed by law.

BUDGET OVERRIDE	_	BUDGET OVERRIDE	_
CONTINUATION, YES	Ш	CONTINUATION, NO	Ш

The Election shall be held at the polling places for the precincts indicated in the Informational Report to be mailed to the residence of each registered voter in the District not less than thirty five (35) days before the date of the Election which shall be open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Early/absentee voting shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes and early/absentee voting information may be obtained by contacting the Maricopa County Elections Department, 111 South Third Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003 telephone number: (602) 506-8344.

GOVERNING BOARD, LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA