RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R ___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AS TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF A PETITION TO PLACE A PARCEL TAX BALLOT MEASURE BEFORE THE VOTERS, ENTITLED "CULVER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ACT OF 2026" AND PLACING THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Culver City ("City Council") is the legislative body of the City of Culver City ("City"), a charter city and municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the Charter of the City of Culver City ("City Charter"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized pursuant to the City Charter and applicable provisions of the California Elections Code to submit measures to the qualified electors of the City at any municipal election, including measures proposing the levy of a special tax upon parcels of real property within the City ("Parcel Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the California Elections Code, including but not limited to Elections Code Sections 9200 through 9226, sets forth the procedures by which a petition may be submitted to the legislative body of a city to propose the adoption of an ordinance or measure, and further sets forth the procedures for certification of such petition and the calling of an election thereon; and

WHEREAS, a petition was duly submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Culver City ("City Clerk") bearing the signatures of registered voters of the City, requesting that a ballot measure proposing the levy of a Parcel Tax be placed before the qualified electors of the City at the next regularly scheduled municipal election ("Petition"); and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2026, initiative proponents submitted sections of the petition bearing a total of 4,253 signatures to the City Clerk of the City of Culver City for filing and verification; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Elections Code, the City Clerk caused the submitted petitions to be transmitted to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder for signature verification; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2026, the Registrar-Recorder, through its Data Entry and Signature Verification section, issued a Certificate of Sufficiency, attached hereto as Exhibit A, certifying the results of the signature verification, which determined that of the 4,253 signatures filed, 3,860 signatures were verified, of which 2,950 signatures were found sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the number of valid signatures found sufficient — 2,950 — meets or exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required under applicable law to qualify the Initiative for submission to the voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9114 and 9211 requires that the voter initiative petitions be submitted to the City Council no later than the next regular City Council meeting following the certification; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency issued by the Registrar-Recorder and to take further action as may be required by law with respect to the qualified Initiative; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution No. 2026-R076, on June 22, 2026 the City Council has called a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing two members of the City Council, said Election to be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285 and 9286, the City Council further desires to establish rules and regulations for the preparation, submittal and printing of arguments and rebuttals for and against the measure described herein; and

WHEREAS, the initiative ordinance to be considered by the qualified voters for the amendment of the Municipal Code to add a new parcel tax are described and provided for in the initiative ballot measure attached hereto as Exhibit "B" (the "Measure") and by this reference made an operative part hereof, in accordance with all applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council finds that all the preceding recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and adopted as findings and determinations by the City Council as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The Certificate of Sufficiency, attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, is hereby accepted regarding the initiative petition.

SECTION 3. Submission of Measure. Pursuant to California Constitution, Article XIIIC, Section 2(b), California Elections Code § 9222, and any other applicable requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to charter cities, the City Council, by a supermajority vote, hereby orders the Ordinance attached hereto as “Exhibit B" to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the General Municipal Election to be held and consolidated with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The proposed Ordinance shall be in the form

attached hereto as Exhibit "B" to this Resolution and is incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 4. The Measure shall be presented and printed upon the ballot submitted to the voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 4. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following:

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<tr><td rowspan="2">Shall the measure, to strengthen academic excellence, attract and retain teachers, support music/ arts/ athletics/ STEM programs, instructional aides, and for other designated purposes, by imposing a special tax on all real estate parcels, including commercial use, of $0.48/ building square foot, with senior exemptions, independent citizen/ auditor oversight, subject to a tax cap, for 10 years, generating approximately $18,000,000 annually in local funds for Culver City public schools that the state cannot take be adopted?</td><td>YES</td></tr>
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SECTION 5. Conduct of Election. The City Council consents to the consolidation of the election on this measure with all other elections being held in the same territory on November 3, 2026, and to hold and conduct the consolidated election in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10418.

SECTION 6. Notice of Election. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given, and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 7. Impartial Analysis. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the Measure as set forth herein to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the Measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the Measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk not later than end of business on August 14, 2026. The impartial analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the Measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the City Council. In the event the entire text of the Measure is not printed on the ballot, or in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-font bold type, the following: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure "__". If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the election official's office at XXX-XXX-XXXX and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

SECTION 8. Placement on the Ballot. The full text of the Measure shall not be printed in the voter information guide, and a statement shall be printed in the ballot pursuant to Elections Code §9223 advising voters that they may obtain a copy of this Resolution and the Measure, at no cost, upon request made to the City Clerk.

SECTION 9. Filing with County. The City Clerk shall, not later than the 88th day prior to the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, file with the Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk -- Registrar of Voters of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, a certified copy of this Resolution.

SECTION 10. Public Examination. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9295, this measure will be available for public examination for no fewer

than ten (10) calendar days prior to being submitted for printing in the voter information guide. The Clerk shall post notice in the Clerk's office of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

SECTION 11. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Measure relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378(b)(5).

SECTION 12. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, that provision shall be severed from the Resolution and the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect, and not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 13. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

SECTION 14. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2026.

Freddy Puza, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for

Jeremy Bocchino
City Clerk

Heather Baker
City Attorney

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Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

June 26, 2026

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk
City of Culver City
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, California 90232

Dear Jeremy Bocchino:

We have completed the signature verification submitted on June 5, 2026, for an Initiative to Amend the Culver City Municipal Code to Enact a Special Parcel Tax to Partially Fund Educational Programs and Student Support Services.

The results of the signature verification are as follows:

Number of signatures filed	**4,253**
Number of signatures verified	**3,860**
Number of signatures found sufficient	**2,950**
Number of signatures found not sufficient	**910**

Please call Tiffany Olsen, Head, Data Entry and Signature Verification at (562) 462-2376 if you have any questions regarding the signature verification of this petition.

Dean C. Logan

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

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FULL BALLOT TEXT

Measure
[letter designation to be assigned]

CITY OF CULVER CITY

CULVER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ACT OF 2026

SECTION 1. Measure Conditional on Contract with Culver City Unified School District.

The amendments to the Culver City Municipal Code contained in Section 4 below shall be effective only if the Culver City Unified School District ("District") enters into an implementation agreement with the City of Culver City which includes the following provisions for the purpose of implementing and administering the parcel tax:

1. Pursuant to California Constitution, article XIII B, section 3, the District transfers a portion of the District's fiscal responsibility to educate the children of Culver City to the City of Culver City and further transfers a portion of the District's annual appropriations limit to the City in an amount equal to the revenues remitted to the District under this measure.
2. The District accepts all the terms of this measure, including allocation of funds, limitations of spending, and oversight.
3. The District indemnifies the City for any and all claims related to the implementation of this measure, if voters approve it.
4. The District reimburses the City for all costs incurred by the City for placing this measure on the ballot and conducting the election.
5. The District reimburses the City for all costs of collecting, administering, accounting for, and disbursing the proceeds of the parcel tax collected.

SECTION 2. Title. This measure shall be known as the "Culver City Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2026" ("Measure").

SECTION 3. Purpose and Findings.

The People of the City of Culver City hereby find and declare that the District serves a student population which requires more resources than currently provided to help prepare City students for college and 21st century jobs. In adopting this Parcel Tax, the People of the City choose to provide additional resources to complement, and not supplant, City, State, Federal and other funding for the School District. The quality of City schools contributes to the community as a whole, the welfare of all residents in the City, and serves to make the City a desirable place to live, work, and invest in businesses of all kinds. Therefore, the use of revenues raised by the Parcel Tax will benefit the City as a whole and serve the public good.

The revenues raised by the Measure are to be used to improve the educational achievement of the District's public school students by providing high quality educational programs. All proceeds of the Special Tax from the Measure shall be deposited into a special fund, maintained by the City of Culver City (the "City"), which proceeds, together with any interest and any penalties thereon, collected each fiscal year shall be used solely for the purposes set forth

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in this act. The City shall transfer all monies deposited into the special fund to the District for the purposes set forth herein.

SECTION 4. Amendment of Culver City Municipal Code. Chapter 3.08 of the Culver City Municipal Code shall be amended to add the following new sections:

3.08.1101. Title

The following provisions, which impose and govern a special parcel tax for the benefit of the Culver City Unified School District, shall be known and may be cited as the "Culver City Public Schools Parcel Tax."

3.08.1102 Definitions

For purposes of this Measure, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

A. **"Available Revenues"** shall mean the proceeds of the Special Tax authorized by this Measure after deduction of authorized charges for services provided by the County of Los Angeles and the City of Culver City for the preparation and collection of the tax, legal and audit fees, and less expenses not to exceed two percent (2%) of the remaining revenues which shall be dedicated to support of the Planning and Oversight Committee and for communications and public information services relating to the Measure and its implementation.

B. **"Parcel"** is defined as any unit of real property in the that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the County Assessor-Tax Collector. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which no ad valorem property taxes are levied in any year shall also be exempt from this Special Tax in such year.

3.08.1103. Imposition of Tax

A. A special non-ad valorem parcel tax ("Parcel Tax") on all Parcels of taxable real property in the City. is hereby established and shall be levied annually on the owner of each parcel of taxable real property within the City, unless the owner is by law exempt from taxation, in which case, the Parcel Tax shall be assessed to the holder of the possessory interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation. The Parcel Tax is an excise tax on the use of property within the City so as to generate demand for municipal services.

B. The Parcel Tax shall be levied at the rate of forty-eight cents ($0.48) per square foot on the Square Footage of all improvements on a parcel of taxable real property, including commercial-use parcels, but in no event more than $15,000 per parcel.

C. The Parcel Tax shall be levied and collected each year, commencing July 1, 2027 and continuing for a period of ten (10) years. If collection is delayed for any reason, the 10-year period will run from the initial collection of the tax.

3.08.1104. Allocation of Funds

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Available Revenues raised by the levy of the Special Tax authorized by the Measure are to be allocated to the following for all Culver City Unified School District public schools in the City:

High Quality Instruction: Supporting strong and rigorous academic programs across subjects, including but not limited to reading, writing, math, arts, history, science, languages, and all other subjects; small class sizes; professional development; classroom support; instructional aides; reading and math interventionists in all elementary schools and the middle school; expanded course offerings;

Attracting and Retaining High-Quality Teachers by keeping salaries and benefits competitive, fulfilling a promise to ensure salaries and benefits for certificated teachers are in the top tier of Los Angeles County districts ;

Essentials for Excellence: STEM programs; Art, Music, Visual and Performing Arts; School Site Programs; Instructional Technology; Resources for Communications;

Effective Student Support: Counseling, Special Education Services, Social-Emotional Health, and Behavioral Health; Family Engagement and Access; Student Achievement Strategies; Classified Staff; and

Extra-curricular Support: Support for Art, Music, Cultural Programs, Athletics, Speech and Debate, and any other extra-curricular activities approved by the District, consistent with the best public schools in California.

3.08.1105. Flexibility of Funds and Precluded Uses

A. Available Revenues may be used to pay for City costs to impose, collect, administer and account for the Parcel Tax. The funds transferred to the District may be set aside as reserves or allocated as funding to other related programs not specified, so long as the funds are planned for use in a manner consistent with the allocations or purposes provided herein.

B. No funds from this measure shall be used for administrative salaries or outside contractors performing work that could be performed by retaining unionized staff.

3.08.1106. Exemptions

A. Any residential parcel owned and occupied as a principal residence by an individual who qualifies for one or more of the following categories is exempt from payment of the Special Tax:

1. 65 years of age or older prior to July 1 of the tax year; or

2. Receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability regardless of age; or

3. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age.

B. The square footage of any Accessory Dwelling Unit ("ADU"), if not registered as separately taxable parcel, may be exempted from taxation for any parcel where the

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ADU is

1. Occupied by a person meeting one of the three qualifications described hereinabove, and

2. where the owner of said parcel applies for an exemption from taxation for the ADU square footage on that basis.

3.08.1107. Claims / Exemption Procedures

The City Manager or designee shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the Special Tax including any exemptions, the application to any parcel(s), the legality or validity of the Special Tax, or any other disputed matter specific to the application of the Special Tax, the decisions of the City Manager or designee shall be final as to the City but subject to judicial review under Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5. The procedures described herein, and any additional procedures established by the City shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction, or re-computation of the special tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved by the City shall be determined by the City, in coordination with the county as necessary.

3.08.1108. Appropriations Limit

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B and applicable laws, the appropriations limit for the District and the City of Culver City, as appropriate, will be adjusted by the aggregate sum collected by levy of this Special Tax to enable Available Revenues to be spent to achieve the purposes of this measure.

3.08.1109. Accountability Protections

A. Segregation of Funds

All funds raised under this Measure shall be deposited into a separate fund and accounted for separately from other tax proceeds.

B. Planning and Oversight Committee

1. **Establishment of Committee.** The District shall establish and appoint a Planning and Oversight Committee (the "Committee"), composed of Culver City Unified School District parents/guardians, staff members, Culver City residents, and community members representing all school sites shall be established to advise on the use of proceeds from the special parcel tax, as set forth below.

2. **Annual Spending Plan for Special Tax Funds.** The Committee shall present to the District an Annual Spending Plan ("Plan" or "Annual Spending Plan") for the revenues generated by this Measure. The Committee's Plan shall contain comprehensive spending recommendations and goals for all Available Revenues from this Special Tax prior to the budget year in which they are proposed to be spent. The Plan shall be presented to the District Board of Trustees at a public meeting prior to adoption of the District's annual budget.

3. **District Report.** Pursuant to Government Code section 50075.1 et seq., the

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District shall prepare a separate report, at the same time it prepares each interim and final District financial report, that tracks expenditures according to the recommendations and goals set by the Committee in its Annual Spending Plan for the Special Tax. While the Committee's role is advisory, the District's reports shall present specific explanations for any significant deviations from the Committee's Plan. These reports shall present the financial information in a manner that is designed for the Committee and the general public to understand. These tracking reports shall include graphical presentation of financial information, recommendations, and goals, and shall be made available to the public on a Committee website that is easy to find and in a searchable format. This shall include an "Executive Summary" of not more than two pages, with an overview of key information on the spending allocated by this measure, what it's being used for, why, intended outcomes and timelines.

4. **Composition.** The Planning and Oversight Committee shall have the following composition, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Culver City: one parent/guardian of a child attending each elementary school, two parents/guardians of children attending Culver City Middle School, three parents/guardians of children attending Culver City High School or Culver Park High School, one member of the collective bargaining unit representing classified employees, one member of the collective bargaining unit representing certificated employees, one representative of the City of Culver City, and three members of the community at large. The members of collective bargaining units shall be selected by those collective bargaining units. The members of the Committee other than those representing collective bargaining units shall be selected by a random lot from all applicants in a public drawing process.

5. **Time and Budget.** The Committee shall be afforded sufficient and reasonable time during school board meetings to address the District Board of Trustees and the public about the Annual Spending Plan and the Committee's consideration of the District's efforts to spend funds accordingly. The Committee shall have a reasonable budget to do its work set by the District This provision shall be implemented by an agreement between the City and the School District as provided above.

C. Independent Auditor's Report

Each year, an independent auditor retained by the City shall review District records to determine that funds generated by this Measure have been allocated and expended in compliance with the provisions of this Measure. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted audit standards, the Standards and Procedures for Audits of California K-12 Local Educational Agencies, and this Measure, and conclude with a report by the auditor ("Auditor's Report").

SECTION 5. Protection of Funding.

All funds raised by this Special Tax are local for the public schools of Culver City. None of the

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funding provided in this Special Tax shall be taken by the State of California or by the Federal Government for any reason.

SECTION 6. Savings and Separability Clause. The provisions of this Measure shall not apply to any person, association, corporation, or to any property as to whom or which it is beyond the power of the City to impose the tax herein provided. Every sentence, clause, section, rate, and part of this Measure has independent value and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. If any sentence, clause, section, rate, or part of this Measure or any tax against any individual herein is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall affect only such sentence, clause, section, rate, or part of this Measure and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, rates, or other parts of this Measure. It is hereby declared to be the Intention of the Electorate that this Measure would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, rate, or part thereof, not been included.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Measure shall become effective upon the tenth day following certification by the City Council of the election returns indicating passage of the Measure by a simple majority (50% + 1) of the voters casting votes on the Measure.

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