



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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Lori Raineri, President
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Dear Ms. Raineri,

On November 8, 2016, the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District was successful in passing Measure K to support \$19.7 million in modernization projects and NextGen learning environments for every school. This facilities modernization bond effort took place within the Galt community at the same time as a High School District bond initiative. Measure K passed with 66% of all the votes at the election in favor of the measure!

For the first time in local history, both bonds passed supporting facilities needs for preschool through grade twelve children across the community of Galt. I want to recognize the inclusive, responsive and strategic efforts of Government Financial Strategies that led to this positive outcome and continues to progress through proactive Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee efforts.

Throughout the facilities bond process, you and your outstanding staff took time to understand school district and community strengths and needs. Prior to the bond passing, you worked together with district staff to develop community meetings that clarified facilities information and were highly inclusive and inviting for community members.

During multiple public meetings, community members, employees or board members expressed a range of questions, ideas or concerns. You supported staff to prepare responses to complex matters or personally attended meetings to build local understanding and capacity to prepare for and execute a successful bond process.

Following the successful bond election, important Government Financial Strategies advisement continued as we addressed bond accountability through a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. You ensured that we proactively prepared for this required committee, supported initial committee meetings and are available to provide assistance, as needed.

Government Financial Strategies has built GJUESD leadership capacity for effective facilities bond implementation. You are a caring and extraordinary Financial Advisor, building trust, modeling integrity and believing in the power of inclusive citizens' participation and decision-making.

The selection of the "right" financial advising organization was an important decision for our school system and community. I highly recommend Government Financial Strategies as a powerful financial advising firm for school districts seeking successful, inclusive and proactive school bond efforts.

Sincerely,

Karen Schauer, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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