

MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-5-28-001

May 28, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS, PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES AND RECEIPT OF PRO AND CON ARGUMENTS AND ADDITIONAL ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$898,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District (the “District”) adopted Resolution 2025-4-24-001 applying to the Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County to order a bond election to be held on November 4, 2025 (the “Election”) submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$898,000,000 to meet community need for healthcare facilities throughout Maricopa County, including, without limitation, development, improvement, expansion, construction and equipping of facilities to expand behavioral health, increase inpatient and emergency room capacity, rebuild and expand community health centers and medical teaching facilities, build a replacement comprehensive health center, and make other infrastructure improvements, and including the refinancing of obligations previously incurred for such purposes and the reimbursement of amounts previously advanced by the District for such purposes (the “Question”).

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the Board of the District adopted Resolution No. 2025-5-16-001, authorizing and directing the directors and officers of the District, or any of them individually or directly, to request approval from the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to conduct the Election as a mail ballot election pursuant to Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8.1, Arizona Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, in connection with such Election it is necessary and desirable to this Board to authorize the execution and delivery of certain documents, the preparation and publication of notices and the receipt of pro and con arguments and the taking of additional actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District:

Section 1. The Board approves the Question, as defined herein and Exhibit A hereto, and authorizes the directors and officers of the District, or any of them individually or collectively, to cause the following to take place:

a. Publish a Notice of Bond Election and Solicitation of Arguments For and Against the Proposition (the “Notice”), in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, in a newspaper of general circulation in Maricopa County. Such Notice shall be published prior to the start of the filing period for pro and con arguments;

b. Distribute a Voter Information Pamphlet (as hereinafter defined) not less than 35 days prior to the Election; and

c. Enter into agreements and take such other actions as are necessary or desirable in the preparation and conduct of such Election.

Section 2. Written arguments of no more than 300 words in length for and against the Question, for inclusion in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to registered voters in connection with the Election as required by law (the “Voter Information Pamphlet”), must be submitted as provided in the Notice and must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on July 7, 2025 and no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 5, 2025 (or such other dates specified in the Notice, as published, which will permit the District to meet timing deadlines related to distribution of the Voter Information Pamphlet).

Section 3. The list of Proposed Projects and Current Estimated Expenditures for which bonds are to be issued shall appear in the Voter Information Pamphlet, in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B.

Section 4. The Board approves the Ballot Language included in Exhibit C hereto and authorizes its use in the ballot materials for the Election. The Board authorizes any director or officer of the District to amend the Ballot Language as may be required by Maricopa County.

Section 5. All actions previously taken on behalf of the District by any director or officer of the District in furtherance of any of the foregoing matters are hereby ratified and confirmed in all particulars as the acts of the District.

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PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District on May 28, 2025.

Virginia L. Korte, Chairman

Attest: _____
Melanie Talbot, Clerk of the Board

CERTIFICATION

I, Melanie Talbot, the duly appointed Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 2025-5-28-001 duly passed by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on May 28, 2025, the vote was 4 ayes and 0 nays and 1 absent and that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present thereat.

Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
TO BE HELD IN AND FOR
MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

**AND
SOLICITATION OF ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSITION
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH
CARE DISTRICT:**

A bond election will be held on November 4, 2025 (the “Election”).

The purpose of the Election is to ask the qualified electors of Maricopa County Special Health Care District, doing business as Valleywise Health, in Maricopa County, Arizona (the “District”), whether the District should be authorized to issue District general obligation bonds, as described in the following question:

“Shall Maricopa County Special Health Care District, doing business as Valleywise Health, in Maricopa County, Arizona (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$898,000,000 to meet community need for healthcare facilities throughout Maricopa County, including, without limitation, to expand behavioral health, increase inpatient and emergency room capacity, rebuild and expand community health centers and medical teaching facilities, build a replacement comprehensive health center, and make other infrastructure improvements, and including the refinancing of obligations previously incurred for such purposes, the reimbursement of amounts previously advanced by the District for such purposes, and paying all expenses properly incidental thereto and to the issuance of such bonds?

The bonds are to be issued in one or more series, maturing not less than one year (or a portion thereof) and not more than 30 years following the date of issuance of each series, bearing interest at a rate or rates not higher than 10 percent per annum and to be sold at prices that may include a premium not greater than that permitted by law. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.”

Further notice and details on the Election will be given by a voter information pamphlet to be mailed to every household in the District that contains a registered voter (the “Voter Information Pamphlet”) as required by law. The estimated average tax rate for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.11 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The ballot for the Election will contain the words “bond approval, yes” and “bond approval, no” and will contain the following language:

“A “yes” vote shall authorize the Maricopa County Special Health Care District governing body to issue and sell \$898,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the district to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the Maricopa County Special Health Care District governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the district.”

The District hereby solicits the submission of written arguments advocating or opposing the bonds of no more than 300 words in length for and against the question on the issuance of the bonds for inclusion in the Voter Information Pamphlet to be distributed in connection with the election, as required by law. Such arguments must be submitted either (i) to the Clerk of the Board of Directors of the District, Valleywise Health, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion, 2609 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, AZ 85008 and accompanied by an electronic version of the argument in Microsoft Word or Google Docs format e-mailed to district.clerks@valleywisehealth.org, or (ii) submitted electronically via the District’s website www.valleywisehealth.org/bond409, and in each case must be received, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on July 7, 2025 and no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 5, 2025.

Each argument filed shall contain the original notarized signature (no faxed or scanned signatures, unless submitted electronically as provided below) of each person sponsoring it. The argument must be written exactly how the filer wants it to appear in the Voter Information Pamphlet. The argument will be entered into the Voter Information Pamphlet verbatim; no grammatical or textual changes or corrections will be made to the document. Any person(s) may sign an argument that is paid for by a separate entity. An entity, separate from an individual signer(s), which pays for the submittal of an argument or is reimbursed for the payment of a submitted argument is considered to be the argument’s sponsor. If the argument is sponsored by an organization, it shall contain the sworn statement of two executive officers of the organization or if sponsored by a political committee it shall contain the sworn statement of the committee’s chairman or treasurer. If the argument is submitted by an individual and not on behalf of an organization, a political committee or any other group, the person shall submit the argument with a sworn, notarized statement. All sponsors will be identified in the Voter Information Pamphlet. A \$100 fee payment in the form of check or money order payable to the Maricopa County Special Health Care District, must accompany each argument submitted to offset a portion of the printing and mailing costs associated with the Voter Information Pamphlet. The fee is reduced to \$75, and is payable by credit card, if the argument is submitted electronically via the District’s website provided above. Arguments must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on July 7, 2025, and no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 5, 2025. The person or persons signing the argument shall identify themselves by giving their residence or post office address and a telephone number, which information shall not appear in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

The arguments shall be included in the Voter Information Pamphlet following the measure. Arguments in favor of the bonds shall be placed first and in the order in which they were filed with the Clerk of the Board of Directors of the District. Arguments opposed to the bonds shall be placed second and in the order in which they were filed with the Clerk of the Board of Directors of the District.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Directors at the District.

DATED May 28, 2025.

MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH
CARE DISTRICT
By: Clerk, Board of Directors

EXHIBIT B

**MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOND ELECTION AT THE
NOVEMBER 4, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION
VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET**

Projects and Expenditures For Which The Bonds Are To Be Issued

Proposed Projects	Current Estimated Expenditure
Replace the Behavioral Health hospital built in 1978 with a new larger facility with more capacity.	\$220,000,000
Outpatient Health Facilities, including rebuilding existing neighborhood clinics and medical teaching facilities and replacement of the specialty care clinic, adding an outpatient surgery center.	\$500,500,000
Inpatient hospital expansion, including building out 10 th floor, additional observation beds to add capacity in the Emergency Department and other improvements to the main hospital campus.	\$177,500,000
Total (Not to Exceed)	\$898,000,000

Exhibit C

Ballot Language

Full text of measure

Shall Maricopa County Special Health Care District, doing business as Valleywise Health, in Maricopa County, Arizona (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$898,000,000 to meet community need for healthcare facilities throughout Maricopa County, including, without limitation, to expand behavioral health, increase inpatient and emergency room capacity, rebuild and expand community health centers and medical teaching facilities, build a replacement comprehensive health center, and make other infrastructure improvements, and including the refinancing of obligations previously incurred for such purposes, the reimbursement of amounts previously advanced by the District for such purposes, and paying all expenses properly incidental thereto and to the issuance of such bonds?

The bonds are to be issued in one or more series, maturing not less than one year (or a portion thereof) and not more than 30 years following the date of issuance of each series, bearing interest at a rate or rates not higher than 10 percent per annum and to be sold at prices that may include a premium not greater than that permitted by law. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

A “yes” vote shall authorize the Maricopa County Special Health Care District governing body to issue and sell \$898,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the district to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the Maricopa County Special Health Care District governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the district.

Descriptive Title

Shall Maricopa County Special Health Care District (Valleywise Health) be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of \$898 million to meet behavioral health and community healthcare needs? The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay annual debt service of the bonds.

A.R.S. § 16-502(M) language

A question relating to the authorization of the issuance of general obligation bonds to meet community healthcare needs.

A “yes” vote shall authorize the Maricopa County Special Health Care District governing body to issue and sell \$898,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the district to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the Maricopa County Special Health Care District governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the district.

A.R.S. § 35-454 required language

The Ballot will include the following language:

<u>Bond approval, yes</u>
<u>Bond approval, no</u>