

**EXHIBIT A**

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION  
CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS**

The City Commission of the City of Concordia, Kansas (the "City"), has heretofore, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted on August 18, 2021, declared it advisable to conduct a special question election relating to the imposition of a one percent (1.0%) Citywide general purpose retailers' sales tax. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City that such special question election has been called and will be held on November 2, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Concordia, Kansas, be authorized to impose a one percent (1.0%) City-wide general purpose retailers' sales tax (the "Sales Tax") (a) 90% of the revenues from which are to be used for assisting Unified School District No. 333, Cloud County, Kansas (Concordia) (the "District") in the repayment of a portion of the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds to be issued by the District in an amount not to exceed \$48,500,000 (the "District Bonds") to pay the costs to improve and renovate educational facilities in the District (the "District Projects"), (b) 10% of the revenues from which are to be used for the payment of the costs of certain City infrastructure and other capital improvements, and (c) to alleviate the property tax burden to the patrons of the City and District, provided that imposition of such Sales Tax shall be subject to the following conditions: (1) approval by the City electors of this proposition; (2) approval by District electors of a proposition authorizing the issuance of the District Bonds at an election held on November 2, 2021, and (3) collection of the Sales Tax is to commence on April 1, 2022, or as soon thereafter as legally permissible, and expire upon the earlier occurrence of either thirty (30) years after commencement or when all costs associated with the District Projects, including the repayment of the District Bonds issued to finance or refinance such costs, shall have been paid, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended?

To vote in favor of the question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes."  
To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

YES

NO

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The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on November 2, 2021, the election day. The voting places in the City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

<u>Voters Residing In</u>	<u>Will Vote At</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward, 1 <sup>st</sup> Precinct/2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Precinct / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	First Christian Church, 402 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> . Concordia Valley Rental Center, 803 Valley, Concordia

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Sales Tax.** Approval of the special question election would authorize the City of Concordia, Kansas (the "City") to impose a one percent (1.0%) Citywide general purpose retailers' sales tax (the "Sales Tax"), the revenues to be derived therefrom to be used for the purposes of: (a) assisting Unified School District No. 333, Cloud County, Kansas (Concordia) (the "District") in the repayment of a portion of the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds to be issued by the District in an amount not to exceed \$48,500,000 (the "District Bonds") to pay the costs to improve and renovate educational facilities in the District (the "District Projects"), (b) providing for the payment of certain City infrastructure and other capital improvements, and (c) alleviating the property tax burden to the patrons of the District and City.

The Sales Tax shall commence on April 1, 2022, or as soon thereafter as legally permissible, and expire upon the earlier occurrence of either thirty (30) years after commencement or when all costs associated with the District Projects, including the repayment of the District Bonds issued to finance or refinance such costs, shall have been paid. The imposition of the Sales Tax is subject to the following conditions: (a) approval by the electors of the City of this proposition; and (b) approval by the electors of the District of a proposition authorizing the issuance of the District Bonds as described below.

The governing body of the City has found and determined that the aforementioned sales tax would be a general purpose sales tax under K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*

**U.S.D. No. 333 Bond Election.** On the same date as the City special question election, the Board of Education of the District will submit to the electors of the District the proposition of authorizing the issuance of the District Bonds for the District Projects, including payment of (a) the costs to construct, equip, and furnish renovations and additions to district facilities, including various improvements to Concordia High School, which include an extensive renovation of the original 1929 building; new roof, new windows and façade repairs; an addition with new food service, student dining, classrooms, and gymnasium/locker rooms to replace the 1929 gymnasium, including new entries; demolition of the pool and 1929 gymnasium to convert to classroom space; renovation of the 1976 competition gymnasium by removing the adjacent corridors and locker rooms to make room for new circulation meeting ADA; security upgrades; sitework; and all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto; and (b) costs of issuance and interest on such bonds during construction of the District Projects. The issuance of the District Bonds is subject to the approval by the electors of the District of the District Bonds, and the approval by the electors of the City of the imposition of the Sales Tax.

The following additional information is provided by the City with respect to the aforementioned Sales Tax proposition. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the City and is based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate due to changing conditions and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time.

#### Projected Annual Revenues of One percent (1.0%) City-Wide Retailers' Sales Tax

\$1,216,053

(Based on historical collections from total retail sales in the City, provided by the Kansas Department of Revenue)

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Cloud County, Kansas, whose address is County Courthouse, 811 Washington St., Concordia, Kansas 66901.

DATED: September 14, 2021.



*Sheila Thoman*

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk  
Cloud County, Kansas