

## RESOLUTION – Proposed By Mayor-President

The Resolution was thereupon signed by the President Pro Tempore and attested by the Council Administrator, and declared to be adopted. The Resolution provides as follows:

### RESOLUTION NO. [\_\_\_\_\_]

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE “**PARISH**”), ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025, TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH TO EXTEND THE LEVY OF A 9.80 MILLS AD VALOREM TAX (THE “**TAX**”), CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY PURPOSES UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE PARISH, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2026, TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2035; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE PARISH TO (I) REDEDICATE \$114,000,000 OF PROCEEDS OF THE TAX HERETOFORE AND HEREAFTER RECEIVED FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE PARISH, INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARISH, AND (II) REDEDICATE THE USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE TAX HERETOFORE AND HEREAFTER RECEIVED FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE PARISH, INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARISH; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; PROVIDING NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SHALL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE REGULAR MEETING PLACE OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL, ROOM 348, 222 ST. LOUIS STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**WHEREAS**, at an election held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, voters of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “**Parish**”) voted to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of an 11.10 mills *ad valorem* tax (the “**Tax**”) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2016, and annually thereafter, to and including the year 2025, the proceeds of such Tax were authorized to be administered by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control and to be used entirely and exclusively for the purposes of maintaining and operating the public library system of the Parish and its branches, and improving services, acquiring land and constructing new library facilities, title to which is and shall be in the public;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge (the “**Metropolitan Council**”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “**Parish**”), desires to order and call a special election

to be held in the Parish on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the Parish to extend the levy and collection of the Tax for an additional ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026, to and including the year 2035, and to further authorize the Parish to (i) rededicate \$114,000,000 of proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter received for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish, and (ii) rededicate the use of proceeds of the Tax so that proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter received shall be used for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish (after paying reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana:

SECTION 1. That, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under and pursuant to the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 26, 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 (the “*Constitution*”), and the applicable provisions of Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “*Parish*”), on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025, between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:54), and that at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE EXTENSION AND REDEDICATION)

Shall the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), rededicate \$114,000,000 of proceeds heretofore and hereafter received from the levy of an ad valorem tax (the “Tax”) approved for public library purposes at an election held on October 24, 2015, and authorized through 2025, for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish, and shall the Parish be further authorized to extend and rededicate the levy of said Tax at the rate of 9.80 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish for an additional 10 years, beginning with the year 2026, to and including the year 2035 (\$58,800,000 is reasonably estimated to be collected from levying the Tax for an entire year), so that proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter received shall be used for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish (after paying reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax)?

SECTION 2. That conditioned on the extension and rededication of the levy of the Tax at the October 11, 2025 election authorized pursuant to this resolution, all avails or proceeds of the Tax, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2026, to and including the year 2035 (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) shall be used entirely and exclusively to provide funds for the purpose of general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish, as set forth in the foregoing proposition.

SECTION 3. That, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285, there shall be published in “*The Advocate*”, a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in the City of Baton Rouge, and being the official journal of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for said election, which notice shall be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 4. That this Metropolitan Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, City Hall, Third Floor, Room 348, 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025, at FOUR (4:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvas the returns and declare the result of the said election.

SECTION 5. That the polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election and situated within the corporate limits of the Parish be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election in accordance with Section 1286 or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be those persons designated according to law in accordance with Section 1286 or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 6. That the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, pursuant to Section 5 hereof and in accordance with Section 1286 or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, shall make due returns of said special election for the meeting of the Metropolitan Council to be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, and that the compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at the said election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 7. That the Council Administrator of this Metropolitan Council be and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election.

SECTION 8. That, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish, and the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish, as notification of the election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 9. That application be and the same is hereby formally authorized to be made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid election as herein provided, and that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Metropolitan Council, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of said application.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1284(C), an estimated \$58,800,000 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

SECTION 11. This Metropolitan Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, made the announcement with respect to this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 and published said announcement in the official journal of the Parish and City on Monday, February 17, 2025. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to each state senator and representative in whose district all or a portion of the Parish is located on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Done, approved and adopted on this, the 12th day of March, 2025.

By: /s/ Ashley Beck  
Council Administrator

By: /s/ Brandon Noel  
President Pro Tempore

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, ASHLEY BECK, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Council Administrator of the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge, the governing authority of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “*Parish*”).

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of said Metropolitan Council held March 12, 2025, of a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “*Parish*”), on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the Parish to extend the levy of a 9.80 mills ad valorem tax (the “*Tax*”), currently authorized for public library purposes upon all property subject to taxation within the Parish, for an additional ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026, to and including the year 2035; and further authorizing the parish to (i) rededicate \$114,000,000 of proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter received for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish, and (ii) rededicate the use of proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter received for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish; making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission; providing notice that a public hearing regarding the adoption of this resolution by the Metropolitan Council shall be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place of the Metropolitan Council, Third Floor, City Hall, Room 348, 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of March, 2025.

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Ashley Beck, Council Administrator

(SEAL)

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted on March 12, 2025 by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge (the “*Metropolitan Council*”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION** **(MILLAGE EXTENSION AND REDEDICATION)**

Shall the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), rededicate \$114,000,000 of proceeds heretofore and hereafter received from the levy of an ad valorem tax (the “Tax”) approved for public library purposes at an election held on October 24, 2015, and authorized through 2025, for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish, and shall the Parish be further authorized to extend and rededicate the levy of said Tax at the rate of 9.80 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish for an additional 10 years, beginning with the year 2026, to and including the year 2035 (\$58,800,000 is reasonably estimated to be collected from levying the Tax for an entire year), so that proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter received shall be used for general operations of the Parish, including the maintenance, operation, land acquisition and construction of new library facilities within the Parish (after paying reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax)?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at seven (7:00) o'clock a.m., and close at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541).

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be \$102,800.00.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain State and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

The said election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said special election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with law will make due returns thereof to the Metropolitan Council, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Metropolitan Council will meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, City Hall, Third Floor, Room 348, 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025, at FOUR (4:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana are entitled to vote at said election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Brandon Noel  
President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

/s/ Ashley Beck  
Council Administrator