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LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT San Joaquin County, California General Obligation Bonds Election of 2016, Series 2021-A (Tax-Exempt)

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LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT San Joaquin County, California General Obligation Bonds Election of 2016, Series 2021-B (Federally Taxable)

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Lodi Unified School District (the "District") in connection with the issuance of the \$______ aggregate principal amount of the Lodi Unified School District, San Joaquin County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series 2021-A (Tax-Exempt), and the \$______ aggregate principal amount of the Lodi Unified School District, San Joaquin County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series 2021-B (Federally Taxable) (collectively, the "Bonds") pursuant to a Paying Agent Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2017, between the District and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as paying agent, as amended and supplemented by the First Supplemental Paying Agent Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2020, by and between the District and U.S. Bank National Association, and as further amended and supplemented by the Second Supplemental Paying Agent Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2021, by and between the District and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the "Paying Agent"). The District covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. <u>Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate</u>. This Disclosure Certificate is being delivered by the District for the benefit of the Bondholders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

Section 2. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions set forth in the Paying Agent Agreement apply to this Disclosure Certificate. The following additional capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

Annual Report means any Annual Report provided by the District pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 (<u>Provision of Annual Reports</u>) and 4 (<u>Content of Annual Reports</u>) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Beneficial Owner means any person that (a) has or shares the power, directly or indirectly, to make investment decisions concerning ownership of any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

Bondholders mean either the registered owners of the Bonds, or, if the Bonds are registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company or another recognized depository, any Beneficial Owner or applicable participant in its depository system.

^{*} Preliminary, subject to change.

Dissemination Agent means initially, Dale Scott & Company, Inc. or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the District (which may be the District) and which has filed with the District a written acceptance of such designation.

Financial Obligation shall mean (a) a debt obligation; (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) a guarantee of (a) or (b). The term "Financial Obligation" does not include municipal securities (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

MSRB means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Official Statement means the final Official Statement dated _____, 2021, relating to the Bonds.

Opinion of Counsel means a written opinion of a law firm or attorney experienced in matters relating to interpretation of the Rule.

Participating Underwriter means Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, the underwriter of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

Repository shall mean the EMMA portal of the MSRB, or any other repository of disclosure information that may be designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as such for purposes of the Rule in the future.

Rule means Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Significant Event means any of the events listed in subsection (a) of Section 5 (<u>Reporting</u> of <u>Significant Events</u>) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

a. <u>Delivery of Annual Report to Repository</u>. The District shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than March 30 after the end of the District's fiscal year (which currently ends on June 30), commencing with the report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year which will be due no later than March 30, 2022, provide to the Repository an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 (<u>Content of Annual Reports</u>) of this Disclosure Certificate. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 (<u>Content of Annual Reports</u>) of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the District may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date.

b. <u>Change of Fiscal Year</u>. If the District's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Significant Event under Section 5(c) (<u>Notice of Significant Events</u>).

c. <u>Delivery of Annual Report to Dissemination Agent</u>. Not later than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to the date specified in subsection (a) (<u>Delivery of Annual Report to</u> <u>Repository</u>) for providing the Annual Report to the Repository, the District shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the District). If by such date, the Dissemination Agent has not received a copy of the Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall notify the District.

d. <u>Report of Non-Compliance.</u> If the District is unable to provide an Annual Report to the Repository by the date required in subsection (a) (<u>Delivery of Annual Report to Repository</u>), the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice in a timely manner to the Repository in substantially the form attached as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

e. <u>Annual Compliance Certification</u>. The Dissemination Agent shall, if the Dissemination Agent is other than the District, file a report with the District certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate and stating the date it was provided.

Section 4. <u>Content of Annual Reports</u>. The District's Annual Report shall contain or include by reference the following:

a. <u>Financial Statements</u>. The audited financial statements of the District for the prior fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. If the District's audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to Section 3(a) (<u>Delivery of Annual Report to Repository</u>), the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available;

b. <u>Annual Budget</u>. The District's approved annual budget for the then-current fiscal year;

c. <u>Assessed Value</u>. Assessed value of taxable property in the District as shown on the most recent equalized assessment roll;

d. <u>Tax Collection</u>. Property tax levies, collection and delinquencies for the District for the immediately preceding fiscal year as of June 30, if the District is no longer a participant in the County of San Joaquin's Teeter Plan; and

e. <u>Largest Taxpayers</u>. Twenty largest taxpayers for the then-current fiscal year as measured by secured assessed valuation and their percentage of the total secured assessed value.

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the District or related public entities that have been submitted to each of the Repositories or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If

the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The District shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. <u>Reporting of Significant Events</u>.

a. <u>Significant Events</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the District shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds not later than 10 business days after the occurrence of the event:

- (i) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iii) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;

(v) adverse tax opinions or issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determination of taxability or of a Notice of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 TEB);

- (vi) tender offers;
- (vii) defeasances;
- (viii) rating changes;

(ix) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated party. For the purposes of the event identified in this Section 5(a)(ix), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the obligated party in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated party, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governmental body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated party; or

(x) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated party, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

b. <u>Significant Events if Material</u>. The District shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material, not later than 10 business days after the occurrence of the event:

(i) unless described in paragraph 5(a)(v) hereof, other material notices or determinations by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

- (ii) modifications to rights of Bondholders;
- (iii) optional, unscheduled or contingent Bond calls;
- (iv) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds;
- (v) non-payment related defaults;

(vi) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the obligated party or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated party, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms;

(vii) appointment of a successor or additional paying agent or the change of name of a paying agent; or

(viii) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated party or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated party, any of which affect Bondholders.

c. <u>Notice of Significant Events</u>. Whenever the District obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Significant Event as described in Section 5(a) hereof, or determines that knowledge of the occurrence of a listed event described in Section 5(b) hereof would be material under applicable Federal securities law, the District shall file, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent (if not the District) to file, a notice of such occurrence with the Repository, in an electronic format as prescribed by the Repository, in a timely manner not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence.

Section 6. <u>Filings with the Repository</u>. All documents provided to the Repository under this Disclosure Certificate shall be filed in a readable PDF or other electronic format as prescribed by the Repository and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the Repository.

Section 7. <u>Termination of Reporting Obligation</u>. The District's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or upon the delivery to the District of an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that continuing disclosure is no longer required by the Rule. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the District shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Significant Event under Section 5(b) (Notice of Significant Events).

Section 8. Dissemination Agent.

a. <u>Appointment of Dissemination Agent</u>. The District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. If the Dissemination Agent is not the District, the Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the District pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be Dale Scott & Company, Inc.

b. <u>Compensation of Dissemination Agent</u>. The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the District for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as agreed to between the Dissemination Agent and the District from time to time and all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder. The Dissemination Agent shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the District, Bondholders or Beneficial Owners, or any other party. The Dissemination Agent may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any direction from the District or an Opinion of Counsel. The Dissemination Agent may at any time resign by giving written notice of such resignation to the District.

Section 9. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the District may amend this Disclosure Certificate (and the Dissemination Agent shall agree to any amendment so requested by the District that does not impose any greater duties or risk of liability on the Dissemination Agent), and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

a. <u>Change in Circumstances</u>. If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a) (<u>Delivery of Annual Report to Repository</u>), 4 (<u>Content of Annual Reports</u>), or 5(a) (<u>Significant Events</u>), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the District with respect to the Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

b. <u>Compliance as of Issue Date</u>. The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, based upon an Opinion of Counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

c. <u>Consent of Bondholders; Non-impairment Opinion</u>. The amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the Bondholders in the same manner as provided in the Paying Agent Agreement for amendments to the Paying Agent Agreement with the consent of Bondholders, or (ii) does not, based on an Opinion of Counsel, materially impair the interests of the Bondholders or Beneficial Owners.

If this Disclosure Certificate is amended or any provision of this Disclosure Certificate is waived, the District shall describe such amendment or waiver in the next following Annual Report and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the District. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Significant Event under Section 5(c) (Notice of Significant Events), and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 10. <u>Additional Information</u>. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Significant Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Significant Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the District shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of a Significant Event.

Section 11. <u>Default</u>. If the District fails to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any Bondholder or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Paying Agent Agreement, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate if the District fails to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 12. <u>Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent</u>. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the District agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the District, the Bondholders or Beneficial Owners, or any other party. The Dissemination Agent may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any direction from the District or an Opinion of Counsel. The obligations of the District under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds. No person shall have any right to commence any action against the Dissemination Agent seeking any remedy other than to compel specific performance of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 13. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the District, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and Bondholders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the District has caused this Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be signed by its authorized officer on the date written below.

Dated: _____, 2021

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: ______ Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF NOTICE TO REPOSITORY OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Lodi Unified School District

Name of Securities: \$______aggregate principal amount of the Lodi Unified School District, San Joaquin County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series 2021-A (Tax-Exempt)

> \$______ aggregate principal amount of the Lodi Unified School District, San Joaquin County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series 2021-B (Federally Taxable)

Date of Issuance: _____, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lodi Unified School District (the "District") has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds for the fiscal year ended June 30, _____, as required by a Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed on ______, 2021, with respect to the above-captioned securities. The District anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by ______.

Dated:_____

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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