

**WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EXEMPTING THE WILLOWS HIGH  
SCHOOL SITE AND AGRICULTURAL FACILITY PROJECT FROM LOCAL CITY ZONING  
AND BUILDING ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Willows Unified School District ("District") is a California public school district duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California, and is located within the boundaries of the City of Willows ("City");

**WHEREAS**, District currently owns real property, located at 203 N. Murdock Avenue, Willows, California ("Property"), which is currently the site of the Willow High School campus, ("School Site");

**WHEREAS**, District proposes to construct an agricultural facility comprised of a 3,500 square foot barn space with an animal exercise yard and an animal washing area, an attached teaching facility, and path of travel upgrades to the School Site (collectively, "Project");

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 53094 authorizes the District, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of its Board of Trustees, to render City zoning ordinances inapplicable to the School Site and Project when used for educational purposes;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project and future use of the School Site serve educational purposes by providing practical instruction in agriculture for the District's students.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project and future use of the School Site are further subject to State of California approvals, including construction design review by the Division of the State Architect ("DSA"); and

**WHEREAS**, District has balanced the interests of the public, including those of the City and the District, and determined that the interests of the public are best served by commencing and completing the Project on the School Site under DSA review.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees of the Willows Unified School District hereby resolves, determines, and finds the following:

**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are true.

**Section 2.** That pursuant to Government Code section 53094, the District hereby does exempt itself from, and renders inapplicable to the Project and School Site, any zoning ordinances and regulations of the City of Willows, including, without limitation, the City's Code of Ordinances, the City's General Plan, and any related City ordinances or regulations that otherwise would be applicable to the District, Project, and/or School Site, except for any ordinances regulating drainage improvements and conditions, road improvements and conditions, or grading plan review and approval as set forth in Government Code section 53097.

**Section 3.** That the Superintendent of the District, or designee, is directed to give written notice to City of Willows as required by Government Code section 53094 within ten (10) days of this action and is authorized to take all further action necessary to carry out, give effect to, and comply with the terms and intent of this Resolution.

**APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Willows Unified School District on this \_\_\_ day of September 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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Jeremy Geiger  
President of the Board of Trustees

Attested to:

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Lourdes Ruiz  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees