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**RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA)**  
**ELECTION OF 2000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES B**

**CONTRACT OF PURCHASE**

July \_\_, 2002

Treasurer-Tax Collector  
San Mateo County  
County Government Center  
555 County Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Redwood City, California 94063

Ravenswood City School District  
Board of Trustees  
2160 Euclid Avenue  
East Palo Alto, California 94303

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this Contract of Purchase (the "Contract of Purchase") with San Mateo County, California (the "County"), and Ravenswood City School District (the "District"), which, upon your acceptance hereof, will be binding upon the County, the District and the Underwriter. This offer is made subject to the written acceptance of this Contract of Purchase by the County and the District and delivery of such acceptance to us at or prior to 8:00 A.M., Pacific Daylight Time, on the date hereof.

1. **Purchase and Sale of the Bonds.** Upon the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations, warranties and agreements herein set forth, the Underwriter hereby agrees to purchase from the County for reoffering to the public, and the County hereby agrees to sell in the name and on behalf of the District to the Underwriter for such purpose, all (but not less than all) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in aggregate stated principal amount of the District's Election of 2000 General Obligation Bonds, Series B (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall be issued as current interest bonds. The Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery and shall bear interest payable on each January 1 and July 1, commencing January 1, 2003. The Underwriter shall purchase the Bonds at a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (principal amount of the Bonds of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, less underwriter's discount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and bond insurance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and plus net original issue premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_), plus accrued interest.

2. **The Bonds.** The Bonds shall be dated their date of initial delivery. The Bonds shall mature on July 1 in the years shown on Exhibit A hereto, and shall otherwise be as described in, and shall be issued and secured pursuant to the provisions of the Resolution of the District adopted on May 24, 2002 (the "Bond Resolution") and the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County adopted July 9, 2002 (the "County Resolution" and collectively with the Bond Resolution, the "Resolutions") and Section 15100 *et seq.* of the California Education Code (the "Act").

The Bonds shall be executed and delivered under and in accordance with the provisions of this Contract of Purchase and the Resolutions. The Bonds shall be in book-entry form, shall bear CUSIP numbers, shall be in fully registered form, registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York; the Bonds shall initially be in authorized denominations of \$5,000 principal or maturity value each or any integral multiple thereof.

3. **Use of Documents.** The District and the County hereby authorize the Underwriter to use, in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds, this Contract of Purchase and an Official Statement (defined below), the Resolutions and all information contained herein and therein and all of the documents, certificates or statements furnished by the District or the County to the Underwriter in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase.

4. **Public Offering of the Bonds.** The Underwriter agrees to make a bona fide public offering of all the Bonds at the initial public offering price or yield to be set forth on the cover page of the Official Statement. Subsequent to such initial public offering, the Underwriter reserves the right to change such initial public offering price or yield as it deems necessary in connection with the marketing of the Bonds.

5. **Review of Official Statement.** The Underwriter hereby represents that it has received and reviewed the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Bonds, dated July \_\_, 2002 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"). The District represents that it deems the Preliminary Official Statement to be final, except for either revision or addition of the offering price(s), interest rate(s), yield(s) to maturity, selling compensation, aggregate principal amount, principal amount per maturity, delivery date, rating(s) and other terms of the Bonds which depend upon the foregoing as provided in and pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule").

The Underwriter agrees that prior to the time the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds is available, the Underwriter will send to any potential purchaser of the Bonds, upon the request of such potential purchaser, a copy of the most recent Preliminary Official Statement. Such Preliminary Official Statement shall be sent by first class mail (or other equally prompt means) not later than the first business day following the date upon which each such request is received.

6. **Closing.** At 8:00 A.M., Pacific Daylight Time, on July \_\_, 2002, or at such other time or on such other date as shall have been mutually agreed upon by you and us (the "Closing"), you will deliver to us, at the offices of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") in New York, New York, or at such other place as we may mutually agree upon, the Bonds in fully registered book-entry form, duly executed and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and in San Francisco, California, the other documents hereinafter mentioned; and we will accept such delivery and pay the purchase price thereof in immediately available funds by check, draft or wire transfer to or upon the order of the District.

7. **Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the District.** The District hereby represents, warrants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(a) **Due Organization.** The District is a public instrumentality duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California, with the power to issue the Bonds pursuant to the Act.

(b) Due Authorization. (i) At or prior to the Closing, the District will have taken all action required to be taken by it to authorize the issuance and delivery of the Bonds; (ii) the District has full legal right, power and authority to enter into this Contract of Purchase, to adopt the Bond Resolution, to perform its obligations under each such document or instrument, and to carry out and effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase and the Bond Resolution; (iii) the execution and delivery or adoption of, and the performance by the District of the obligations of the District contained in the Bonds, the Bond Resolution, the County Resolution and this Contract of Purchase have been duly authorized and such authorization shall be in full force and effect at the time of the Closing; (iv) this Contract of Purchase constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the District; and (v) the District has duly authorized the consummation by it of all transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase.

(c) Consents. No consent, approval, authorization, order, filing, registration, qualification, election or referendum, of or by any court or governmental agency or public body whatsoever is required in connection with the issuance, delivery or sale of the Bonds or the consummation of the other transactions effected or contemplated herein or hereby, except for such actions as may be necessary to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations of such states and jurisdictions of the United States as the Underwriter may reasonably request, or which have not been taken or obtained; provided, however, that the District shall not be required to subject itself to service of process in any jurisdiction in which it is not so subject as of the date hereof.

(d) Internal Revenue Code. The District has complied with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to the Bonds.

(e) No Conflicts. To the best knowledge of the District, the issuance of the Bonds, and the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract of Purchase, the Bond Resolution and the Bonds, and the compliance with the provisions hereof do not conflict with or constitute on the part of the District a violation of or default under, the Constitution of the State of California or any existing law, charter, ordinance, regulation, decree, order or resolution and do not conflict with or result in a violation or breach of, or constitute a default under, any agreement, indenture, mortgage, lease or other instrument to which the District is a party or by which it is bound or to which it is subject.

(f) Litigation. As of the time of acceptance hereof and to the best knowledge of County Counsel, no action, suit, proceeding, hearing or investigation is pending or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened against the District: (i) in any way affecting the existence of the District or in any way challenging the respective powers of the several offices or of the titles of the officials of the District to such offices; or (ii) seeking to restrain or enjoin the sale, issuance or delivery of any of the Bonds, the application of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, or, the levy of any taxes contemplated by the Resolutions or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds, this Contract of Purchase or the Resolutions or contesting the powers of the District or their authority with respect to the Bonds, the Resolutions or this Contract of Purchase; or (iii) in which a final adverse decision could (a) materially adversely affect the operations of the District or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase or the Resolutions, (b) declare this Contract of Purchase to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in material part, or (c) adversely affect the exclusion of the interest paid on the Bonds from

gross income for federal income tax purposes and the exemption of such interest from California personal income taxation.

(g) No Other Debt. Between the date hereof and the Closing, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, neither the District directly, nor the County on behalf of the District, will have issued in the name and on behalf of the District any bonds, notes or other obligations for borrowed money except for such borrowings as may be described in or contemplated by the Official Statement.

(h) Arbitrage Certificate. The District has not been notified of any listing or proposed listing by the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the District is a bond issuer whose arbitrage certificates may not be relied upon.

(i) Certificates. Any certificates signed by any officer of the District and delivered to the Underwriter shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the District to the Underwriter, but not by the person signing the same, as to the statements made therein.

(j) Continuing Disclosure. At or prior to the Closing, the District shall have duly authorized, executed and delivered a continuing disclosure certificate (the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate") on behalf of each obligated person for which financial and/or operating data is presented in the Official Statement. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall comply with the provisions of Rule 15c 2-12(b)(5) and be substantially in the form attached to the Official Statement in Appendix C.

8. **Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the County.** The County hereby represents, warrants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(a) Due Organization. The County is a political subdivision duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California, with the power to issue the Bonds pursuant to the Act.

(b) Due Authorization. (i) At or prior to the Closing, the County will have taken all action required to be taken by it to authorize the issuance and delivery of the Bonds; (ii) the County has full legal right, power and authority to enter into this Contract of Purchase, to adopt the County Resolution, to issue and deliver the Bonds to the Underwriter on behalf of the District and to perform its obligations under each such document or instrument, and to carry out and effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase and the Resolutions; (iii) the execution and delivery or adoption of, and the performance by the County of the obligations contained in the Bonds, the Bond Resolution, the County Resolution and this Contract of Purchase have been duly authorized and such authorization shall be in full force and effect at the time of the Closing; (iv) this Contract of Purchase constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the County; and (v) the County has duly authorized the consummation by it of all transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase.

(c) Consents. No consent, approval, authorization, order, filing, registration, qualification, election or referendum, of or by any court or governmental agency or public body whatsoever is required in connection with the issuance, delivery or sale of the Bonds or the consummation of the other transactions effected or contemplated herein or hereby, except

for such actions as may be necessary to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations of such states and jurisdictions of the United States as the Underwriter may reasonably request, or which have not been taken or obtained; provided, however, that the County shall not be required to subject itself to service of process in any jurisdiction in which it is not so subject as of the date hereof.

(d) No Conflicts. To the best knowledge of the County, the issuance of the Bonds, the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract of Purchase, the County Resolution and the Bonds, and the compliance with the provisions hereof do not conflict with or constitute on the part of the County a violation of or default under, the Constitution of the State of California or any existing law, charter, ordinance, regulation, decree, order or resolution and do not conflict with or result in a violation or breach of, or constitute a default under, any agreement, indenture, mortgage, lease or other instrument to which the County is a party or by which it is bound or to which it is subject.

(e) Litigation. As of the time of acceptance hereof, the best knowledge of County Counsel, no action, suit, proceeding, hearing or investigation is pending or, to the best knowledge of the County, threatened against the County: (i) in any way affecting the existence of the County or in any way challenging the respective powers of the several offices or of the titles of the officials of the County to such offices; or (ii) seeking to restrain or enjoin the sale, issuance or delivery of any of the Bonds, the application of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, or the collection of revenues or assets of the County pledged or to be pledged or available to pay the principal or accreted value of and interest on the Bonds, or the pledge thereof, or the levy on any taxes contemplated by the Resolutions, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds, this Contract of Purchase or the Resolutions or contesting the powers of the County or their authority with respect to the Bonds, the Resolutions or this Contract of Purchase; or (iii) in which a final adverse decision could (a) materially adversely affect the operations of the County or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Contract of Purchase or the Resolutions, (b) declare this Contract of Purchase to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in material part, or (c) adversely affect the exclusion of the interest paid on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes and the exemption of such interest from California personal income taxation.

(f) No Other Debt. Between the date hereof and the Closing, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, the County will not have issued in the name and on behalf of the District any bonds, notes or other obligations for borrowed money except for such borrowings as may be described in or contemplated by the Official Statement.

(g) Arbitrage Certificate. The County has not been notified of any listing or proposed listing by the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the County is a bond issuer whose arbitrage certificates may not be relied upon.

(h) Certificates. Any certificates signed by any officer of the County and delivered to the Underwriter shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the County to the Underwriter, but not by the person signing the same, as to the statements made therein.

9. **Covenants**. The County covenants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

**A. Covenants of the County.**

(i) Securities Laws. The County will furnish such information, execute such instruments, and take such other action in cooperation with the Underwriter if and as the Underwriter may reasonably request in order to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations or such states and jurisdictions, provided, however, that the County shall not be required to consent to service of process in any jurisdiction in which they are not so subject as of the date hereof; provided, however, that the Underwriter assumes all responsibility for qualifying the Bonds for offer and sale under the securities laws and regulations of the states and jurisdictions in which the Underwriter sells the Bonds;

(ii) Official Statement. The County hereby agrees to cooperate with the District in connection with the District's obligation to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Underwriter, not later than the seventh (7th) business day following the date this Contract of Purchase is signed, copies of a final Official Statement substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement, with only such changes therein as shall have been accepted by the Underwriter, the County and the District (such Official Statement with such changes, if any, and including the cover page and all appendices, exhibits, maps, reports and statements included therein or attached thereto being herein called the "Official Statement") in such reasonable quantity as may be requested by the Underwriter not later than seven (7) business days following the date this Contract of Purchase is signed, in order to permit the Underwriter to comply with paragraph (b)(3) of the Rule and with the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; and

(iii) Subsequent Events. The County hereby agrees to notify the Underwriter of any event or occurrence that may affect the accuracy or completeness of any information set forth in the Official Statement relating to the County until the date which is ninety (90) days following the Closing.

**B. Covenants of the District.** The District hereby covenants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(i) Securities Laws. The District will furnish such information, execute such instruments, and take such other action in cooperation with the Underwriter if and as the Underwriter may reasonably request in order to qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations or such states and jurisdictions, provided, however, that the District shall not be required to consent to service of process in any jurisdiction in which they are not so subject as of the date hereof; provided, however, that the Underwriter assumes all responsibility for qualifying the Bonds for offer and sale under the securities laws and regulations of the states and jurisdictions in which the Underwriter sells the Bonds;

(ii) Application of Proceeds. The District will apply the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds for the purposes specified in the Bond Resolution;

(iii) Official Statement. The District hereby agrees to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Underwriter, not later than the seventh (7th) business day

following the date this Contract of Purchase is signed, copies of a final Official Statement substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement, with only such changes therein as shall have been accepted by the Underwriter, the County and the District (such Official Statement with such changes, if any, and including the cover page and all appendices, exhibits, maps, reports and statements included therein or attached thereto being herein called the "Official Statement") in such reasonable quantity as may be requested by the Underwriter not later than seven (7) business days following the date this Contract of Purchase is signed, in order to permit the Underwriter to comply with paragraph (b)(3) of the Rule and with the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The District hereby authorizes the Underwriter to use and distribute the Official Statement in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds;

(iv) Subsequent Events. The District hereby agrees to notify the Underwriter of any event or occurrence that may affect the accuracy or completeness of any information set forth in the Official Statement relating to the District until the date which is ninety (90) days following the Closing;

(v) Amendments to Official Statement. For a period of ninety (90) days after the Closing or until such time (if earlier) as the Underwriter shall no longer hold any of the Bonds for sale, the District will not adopt any amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement to which, after having been furnished with a copy, the Underwriter shall object in writing or which shall be disapproved by the Underwriter; and if any event relating to or affecting the District shall occur as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of the Underwriter, to amend or supplement the Official Statement in order to make the Official Statement not misleading in light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, forthwith prepare and furnish (at the expense of the District) a reasonable number of copies of an amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement (in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter) which will amend or supplement the Official Statement so that it will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at the time the Official Statement is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading.

10. **Conditions to Closing.** The Underwriter has entered into this Contract of Purchase in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the County and the District contained herein and the performance by the District of its obligations hereunder, both as of the date hereof and as of the date of Closing. The Underwriter's obligations under this Contract of Purchase are and shall be subject at the option of the Underwriter, to the following further conditions at the Closing:

(a) Representations True. The representations and warranties of the County and the District contained herein shall be true, complete and correct in all material respects at the date hereof and at and as of the Closing, as if made at and as of the Closing, and the statements made in all certificates and other documents delivered to the Underwriter at the Closing pursuant hereto shall be true, complete and correct in all material respects on the date of the Closing; and the County and the District shall be in compliance with each of the agreements made by it in this Contract of Purchase;

(b) Obligations Performed. At the time of the Closing, (i) the Official Statement, this Contract of Purchase, the Bond Resolution and the County Resolution shall be in full force and effect and shall not have been amended, modified or supplemented except as may have been agreed to in writing by us; (ii) all actions under the Act which, in the opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, bond counsel (“Bond Counsel”), shall be necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, shall have been duly taken and shall be in full force and effect; and (iii) the County and the District shall perform or have performed all of their obligations required under or specified in the Bond Resolution, the County Resolution, this Purchase Agreement or the Official Statement to be performed at or prior to the Closing;

(c) Adverse Rulings. No decision, ruling or finding shall have been entered by any court or governmental authority since the date of this Contract of Purchase (and not reversed on appeal or otherwise set aside), or to the best knowledge of the County pending or threatened which has any of the effects described in Section 7(f) or 8(e) hereof or contesting in any material way the completeness or accuracy of the Official Statement;

(d) Marketability. Between the date hereof and the Closing, the market price or marketability or the ability of the Underwriter to enforce contracts for the sale of the Bonds, at the initial offering prices set forth in the Official Statement, of the Bonds shall not have been materially adversely affected in the judgment of the Underwriter (evidenced by a written notice to the County and the District terminating the obligation of the Underwriter to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds) by reason of any of the following:

(1) legislation enacted or introduced in the Congress or recommended for passage by the President of the United States, or a decision rendered by a court established under Article III of the Constitution of the United States or by the United States Tax Court, or an order, ruling, regulation (final, temporary or proposed) or official statement issued or made:

(i) by or on behalf of the United States Treasury Department, or by or on behalf of the Internal Revenue Service, with the purpose or effect, directly or indirectly, of causing inclusion in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation of the interest received by the owners of the Bonds; or

(ii) by or on behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter thereof, to the effect that the Bonds, or obligations of the general character of the Bonds, including any and all underlying arrangements, are not exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

(2) the declaration of war or engagement in major military hostilities by the United States or the occurrence of any other national emergency or calamity relating to the effective operation of the government or the financial community in the United States;

(3) the declaration of a general banking moratorium by federal, New York or California authorities, or the general suspension of trading on any national securities exchange;

(4) the imposition by the New York Stock Exchange, other national securities exchange, or any governmental authority, of any material restrictions not now in force with respect to the Bonds, or obligations of the general character of the Bonds, or securities generally, or the material increase of any such restrictions now in force, including those relating to the extension of credit by, or the charge to the net capital requirements of, the Underwriter;

(5) an order, decree or injunction of any court of competent jurisdiction, or order, filing, regulation or official statement by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter thereof, issued or made to the effect that the issuance, offering or sale of obligations of the general character of the Bonds, or the issuance, offering or sale of the Bonds, as contemplated hereby or by the Official Statement, is or would be in violation of the federal securities laws, as amended and then in effect;

(6) the withdrawal or downgrading of any rating of the District's outstanding indebtedness by a national rating agency; or

(7) any event occurring, or information becoming known which, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriter, makes untrue in any material adverse respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement, or has the effect that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(e) Delivery of Documents. At or prior to the date of the Closing, the Underwriter shall receive three copies of the following documents in each case dated as of the Closing Date and satisfactory in form and substance to the Underwriter:

(1) Bond Opinion. An approving opinion of Bond Counsel, as to the validity and tax-exempt status of the Bonds, dated the date of the Closing, addressed to the County and the District;

(2) Reliance Letter. A reliance letter from Bond Counsel to the effect that the Underwriter can rely upon the approving opinion described in (c)(1) above;

(3) Certificates. A certificate signed by appropriate officials of the County and the District to the effect that (i) such officials are authorized to execute this Contract of Purchase, (ii) the representations, agreements and warranties of the County and the District herein are true and correct in all material respects as of the date of Closing, (iii) the County and the District have complied with all the terms of the Bond Resolution, the County Resolution and this Contract of Purchase to be complied with by the County and the District prior to or concurrently with the Closing and such documents are in full force and effect, (iv) such officials have

reviewed the Official Statement and on such basis certify that the Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, and (v) the Bonds being delivered on the date of the Closing to the Underwriter under this Contract of Purchase substantially conform to the descriptions thereof contained in the County Resolution.

(4) Arbitrage. A nonarbitrage certificate of the District in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel;

(5) Rating. Evidence satisfactory to the Underwriter that the Bonds shall have been rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, and "AAA" by Standard & Poor's, A Division of McGraw-Hill Companies (or such other equivalent ratings as such rating agencies may give) based on the issuance of the policy of insurance for the Bonds and that any such rating has not been revoked or downgraded;

(6) Bond Resolution. A certificate, together with fully executed copies of the Bond Resolution, of the Clerk of the District Board of Trustees to the effect that:

(i) such copies are true and correct copies of the Bond Resolution; and

(ii) that the Bond Resolution was duly adopted and has not been modified, amended, rescinded or revoked and is in full force and effect on the date of the Closing.

(7) County Resolution. A certificate, together with fully executed copies of the County Resolution, of the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors to the effect that:

(i) such copies are true and correct copies of the County Resolution; and

(ii) that the County Resolution was duly adopted and has not been modified, amended, rescinded or revoked and is in full force and effect on the date of the Closing;

(8) County Counsel Opinion. An opinion of Counsel to the County in the form attached hereto as Appendix B;

(9) Official Statement. A certificate of the appropriate official of the District evidencing his or her determinations respecting the Preliminary Official Statement in accordance with the Rule;

(10) Policy of Insurance. A policy of insurance from an insurance provider satisfactory to the Underwriter, insuring the payment of principal or accreted value of and interest on the Insured Bonds; and

(11) Other Documents. Such additional legal opinions, certificates, proceedings, instruments and other documents as the Underwriter may reasonably

request to evidence compliance (i) by the County and the District with legal requirements, (ii) the truth and accuracy, as of the time of Closing, of the representations of the County and the District herein contained and of the Official Statement, and (iii) the due performance or satisfaction by the County and the District at or prior to such time of all agreements then to be performed and all conditions then to be satisfied by the District.

(f) **Termination.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, if for any reason whatsoever the Bonds shall not have been delivered by the District to the Underwriter prior to the close of business, Pacific Daylight Time, on July \_\_, 2002 then the obligation to purchase Bonds hereunder shall terminate and be of no further force or effect except with respect to the obligations of the District and the Underwriter under Section 12 hereof.

If the County and/or the District shall be unable to satisfy the conditions to the Underwriter's obligations contained in this Contract of Purchase or if the Underwriter's obligations shall be terminated for any reason permitted by this Contract of Purchase, this Contract of Purchase may be cancelled by the Underwriter at, or at any time prior to, the time of Closing. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the County and the District in writing, or by telephone or telegraph, confirmed in writing. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the performance of any and all obligations of the County and the District hereunder and the performance of any and all conditions contained herein for the benefit of the Underwriter may be waived by the Underwriter in writing at its sole discretion.

11. **Conditions to Obligations of the County and the District.** The performance by the County and the District of their obligations is conditioned upon (i) the performance by the Underwriter of its obligations hereunder; and (ii) receipt by the District and the Underwriter of opinions and certificates being delivered at the Closing by persons and entities other than the County and the District.

12. **Expenses.** The Underwriter, on behalf of the District, shall pay the premium for any policy of municipal bond insurance insuring payment of the Bonds. The District shall pay any remaining costs of issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to preparation and reproduction of the Resolutions; (i) the fees and disbursements of Bond Counsel; (ii) the cost of the preparation and delivery of the Bonds; (iii) the fees, if any, for bond ratings, including all necessary travel expenses; (iv) the cost of the printing and distribution of the Official Statement; (v) the initial fees, if any, of the Paying Agent; (vi) the fees and expenses of the County with respect to its participation in the issuance of the Bonds from the proceeds of the Bonds. All out-of-pocket expenses of the Underwriter, including the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission fee, travel and other expenses (except as provided above), shall be paid by the Underwriter.

13. **Notices.** Any notice or other communication to be given under this Contract of Purchase (other than the acceptance hereof as specified in the first paragraph hereof) may be given by delivering the same in writing if to the County, to the Tax Collector-Treasurer of San Mateo County, County Government Center, 555 County Center, 1st Floor, Redwood City, California 94063, if to the District, to the Superintendent, Ravenswood City School District, 2160 Euclid Avenue, East Palo Alto, California 94303, or if to the Underwriter, to M.L. Stern & Co. LLC, 8350 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California 90211.

14. **Parties in Interest; Survival of Representations and Warranties.** This Contract of Purchase when accepted by the District in writing as heretofore specified shall constitute the entire agreement among the County, the District and the Underwriter. This Contract of Purchase is made solely for the benefit of the County, the District and the Underwriter (including the successors or assigns of the Underwriter). No person shall acquire or have any rights hereunder or by virtue hereof. All your representations, warranties and agreements of the County and the District in this Contract of Purchase shall survive regardless of (a) any investigation or any statement in respect thereof made by or on behalf of the Underwriter, (b) delivery of and payment by the Underwriter for the Bonds hereunder, and (c) any termination of this Contract of Purchase.

15. **Execution in Counterparts.** This Contract of Purchase may be executed in several counterparts each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same document.

16. **Applicable Law.** This Contract of Purchase shall be interpreted, governed and enforced in accordance with the law of the State of California applicable to contracts made and performed in such State.

Very truly yours,

M.L. STERN & CO. LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

The foregoing is hereby agreed to and accepted as of the date first above written:

SAN MATEO COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Collector-Treasurer

RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

**APPENDIX A**

| <b>Maturity Date<br/>(<u>July 1</u>)</b> | <b>Principal<br/><u>Amount</u></b> | <b>Coupon<br/><u>Rate</u></b> | <b>Price or<br/><u>Yield</u></b> |
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**APPENDIX B**  
**FORM OF OPINION OF COUNTY COUNSEL**

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**RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA)**  
**ELECTION OF 2000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES B**

Ladies and Gentlemen

As counsel to the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of San Mateo County, California (the "County"), I have reviewed the Official Statement for the above-described bonds (the "Bonds"), the Resolution of the Board adopted on July 9, 2002 with respect to the Bonds (the "Resolution") and the Contract of Purchase (the "Contract of Purchase"), dated as of July \_\_, 2002, by and among the County, Ravenswood City School District and M.L. Stern & Co. LLC.

Having reviewed these documents, it is my opinion that:

1. The County is a political subdivision duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of California.
2. The Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the governing body of the County which was called and held pursuant to law and with all public notice required by law and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.
3. To my knowledge, there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation at law or in equity before or by any court, public board or body, pending or threatened against or affecting the County, which would adversely impact the County's ability to complete the transactions described in and contemplated by the Official Statement, to restrain or enjoin the levy or collection of tax revenues pledged for the Bonds or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Resolution or Bonds or the transactions described in and contemplated by the Official Statement wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would adversely affect the validity and enforceability of the Resolution, the Contract of Purchase or the Bonds or in which a final adverse decision could materially adversely affect the operations of the County.
4. To my knowledge, the obligations of the County under the Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Contract of Purchase and compliance with the provisions thereof, under the circumstances contemplated thereby, do not and will not in any material respect conflict with or constitute on the part of the County a breach of or default under any agreement or other instrument to which the County is a party or by which it is bound or any existing law, regulation, court order or consent decree to which the County is subject.

Very truly yours,