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**CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION**  
**(2024 Aquatics Facility Financing Project)**  
**Evidencing the Direct, Undivided Fractional Interests**  
**of the Owners Thereof in Lease Payments to be Made by the**  
**CITY OF RIDGECREST**  
**(Kern County, California),**  
**As the Rental for Certain Property Pursuant to a Lease Agreement with the**  
**Public Property Financing Corporation of California**

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**CERTIFICATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

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July 10, 2024

City of Ridgecrest  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
Attention: City Manager

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, Hilltop Securities Inc., as underwriter (the "Underwriter"), hereby offers to enter into this Certificate Purchase Agreement (this Certificate Purchase Agreement, together with the exhibits hereto, being herein called the "Purchase Agreement") with the City of Ridgecrest (the "City"), which, upon acceptance, will be binding upon the City and the Underwriter. This offer is made subject to the acceptance by the City, by execution of this Purchase Agreement and its delivery to the Underwriter prior to 11:59 P.M., Pacific Standard time, on the date hereof, and, if not so accepted, will be subject to withdrawal by the Underwriter upon notice delivered to the City at any time prior to such acceptance.

Capitalized terms used in this Purchase Agreement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms as set forth in Trust Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2024 (the "Trust Agreement") by and among Trust Agreement by and among the Public Property Financing Corporation of California (the "Corporation"), the City, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee").

The City hereby acknowledges and agrees that (a) the Underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the City, (b) the primary role of the Underwriter is to purchase securities for sale to investors in an arm's-length commercial transaction between the City and the Underwriter, (c) in connection therewith and with the discussions, undertakings and procedures leading up to the consummation of such transaction, the Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not acting as the agent or fiduciary of the City, (d) the Underwriter is not acting as a municipal advisor, financial advisor or fiduciary to the City and has not assumed any advisory or fiduciary responsibility to the City with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby and the discussions, undertakings and procedures leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Underwriter has provided or is currently providing other

services to the City on other matters), (e) the only obligations the Underwriter has to the City with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby are expressly set forth in this Certificate Purchase Agreement, and (f) the City has consulted its own financial, municipal, legal, accounting, tax and/or other advisors, as applicable, to the extent it has deemed appropriate in connection with the issuance of the Certificates and the other matters contemplated by this Certificate Purchase Agreement. The City has a municipal advisor in this transaction that has legal fiduciary duties to the City.

The City hereby acknowledges receipt from the Underwriter of disclosures required by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) Rule G-17 (as set forth in MSRB Notice 2012-25 (May 7, 2012), relating to disclosures concerning the Underwriter’s role in the transaction, disclosures concerning the Underwriter’s compensation, conflict disclosures, if any, and disclosures concerning complex municipal securities financing, if any.

**Section 1. Purchase and Sale.** Upon the terms and conditions and upon the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein set forth, the City hereby agrees to sell and deliver to the Underwriter all of the \$\_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of City of Ridgecrest Certificates of Participation (2024 Aquatics Facility Financing Project) (the “Certificates”), evidencing the direct, undivided fractional interests of the owners thereof in lease payments (the “Lease Payments”) to be made by the City pursuant to a Lease Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2024 (the “Lease Agreement”), with the Corporation. The purchase price of the Certificates shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_ (representing an aggregate principal amount of the Certificates of \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus an original issue premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_, less an Underwriter’s discount of \$\_\_\_\_\_).

As an accommodation to the City, the Underwriter will pay, from the purchase price of the Certificates, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Build America Mutual Assurance Company (the “Municipal Bond Insurer”) as the premium for the Municipal Bond Insurer’s municipal bond insurance policy (the “Municipal Bond Insurance Policy”) issued for the Certificates and the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Municipal Bond Insurer as the premium for the Municipal Bond Insurer’s reserve fund municipal bond insurance policy issued for the Certificates (the “Reserve Fund Policy”).

**Section 2. The Certificates.** The Certificates will be dated their date of delivery and will be substantially in the form described in, shall be authorized, executed and delivered under the provisions of, and shall be payable as provided in, the Trust Agreement. The Certificates are being executed and delivered to provide funds to (a) finance the cost of constructing and equipping a new aquatics facility, and (b) pay costs incurred in connection with executing and delivering the Certificates including the purchase of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and the Reserve Fund Policy.

The City will lease certain property and the site thereof (the “Property”) to the Corporation pursuant to a Site and Facility Lease, dated as of July 1, 2024 (the “Site Lease”). The Corporation will sublease the Property back to the City pursuant to the Lease Agreement. The Corporation will assign its right to receive Lease Payments from the City under the Lease to the Trustee pursuant to an Assignment Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2024 (the “Assignment Agreement”).

The City will also enter into a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated the Closing Date (the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”). The Trust Agreement, the Site Lease, the Lease Agreement, the Assignment Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and this Purchase Agreement are hereinafter referred to as the “Legal Documents.”

### Section 3. Public Offering and Establishment of Issue Price.

(a) The Underwriter agrees to assist the City in establishing the issue price of the Certificates and shall execute and deliver to the City at Closing an “issue price” or similar certificate, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriter, the City and Special Counsel, to accurately reflect, as applicable, the sales price or prices or the initial offering price or prices to the public of the Certificates.

(b) Except as otherwise set forth in Schedule I to Exhibit B, the City will treat the first price at which 10% of each maturity of the Certificates (the “10% test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity (if different interest rates apply within a maturity, each separate CUSIP number within that maturity will be subject to the 10% test). At or promptly after the execution of this Purchase Agreement, the Underwriter shall report to the City the price or prices at which it has sold to the public each maturity of Certificates. If at that time the 10% test has not been satisfied as to any maturity of the Certificates, the Underwriter agrees to promptly report to the City the prices at which it sells the unsold Certificates of that maturity to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or until all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the public.

(c) The Underwriter confirms that it has offered the Certificates to the public on or before the date of this Purchase Agreement at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in Schedule I to Exhibit B, except as otherwise set forth therein. Schedule I to Exhibit B also sets forth, as of the date of this Purchase Agreement, the maturities, if any, of the Certificates for which the 10% test has not been satisfied and for which the City and the Underwriter agree that the restrictions set forth in the next sentence shall apply, which will allow the City to treat the initial offering price to the public of each such maturity as of the sale date as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”). So long as the hold-the-offering-price rule remains applicable to any maturity of the Certificates, the Underwriter will neither offer nor sell unsold Certificates of that maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

(i) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or

(ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Certificates to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The Underwriter shall promptly advise the City when it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Certificates to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date.

(d) The Underwriter confirms that any selling group agreement and any retail distribution agreement relating to the initial sale of the Certificates to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each dealer who is a member of the selling group and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the Underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if

applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the Underwriter. The City acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth in this subsection, the Underwriter will rely on (i) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Certificates to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (ii) in the event that a retail distribution agreement was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Certificates to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The City further acknowledges that the Underwriter shall not be liable for the failure of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement, to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Certificates.

(e) The Underwriter acknowledges that sales of any Certificates to any person that is a related party to the Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this section. Further, for purposes of this section:

(i) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,

(ii) “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the City (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Certificates to the public),

(iii) a purchaser of any of the Certificates is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

(iv) “sale date” means the date of execution of this Purchase Agreement by all parties.

#### Section 4. **The Official Statement.**

(a) By its acceptance of this proposal, the City ratifies, confirms and approves of the use and distribution by the Underwriter prior to the date hereof of the preliminary official statement, dated June 21, 2024, relating to the Certificates (including the cover page, the inside cover page, all appendices and all information incorporated therein, the “Preliminary Official Statement”). The City hereby certifies that such Preliminary Official Statement is deemed final as of its date, for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Rule 15c2-12”) except for certain omissions with respect to the pricing of the Certificates permitted to be omitted therefrom by Rule 15c2-12.

The City hereby agrees to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Underwriter, within seven business days of the date hereof, copies of the final official statement, dated the date hereof, relating to the Certificates (including all information previously permitted to have been omitted by Rule 15c2-12, the cover page, the inside cover page all appendices, all information incorporated therein and any amendments or supplements as have been approved by the City and the Underwriter, the "Official Statement") in such quantity as the Underwriter shall reasonably request. The City has approved the use and distribution by the Underwriter of the Official Statement, and the City hereby authorizes the use by the Underwriter of the Legal Documents in connection with the offer and sale of the Certificates.

Section 5. **Closing.** At 8:00 A.M., Pacific Daylight time, on July 24, 2024, or at such other time and date as may be agreed upon by the City and the Underwriter (the "Closing Date"), (i) the City will cause to be delivered to the Underwriter the Certificates in definitive form, bearing CUSIP numbers and fully registered, through the book-entry system of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"); and (ii) the City will cause to be delivered to the Underwriter the other documents herein mentioned at the offices of Quint & Thimmig LLP in Larkspur, California, or another place to be agreed upon by the City and the Underwriter. The Underwriter will accept such delivery and pay the purchase price of the Certificates as set forth in Section 1 hereof in immediately available funds to the order of the Trustee on behalf of the City. This payment and delivery, together with the delivery of the aforementioned documents, is herein called the "Closing." Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the failure to print CUSIP numbers on any Certificate nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Underwriter to accept delivery of and pay for the Certificates on the Closing Date in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Agreement.

Section 6. **Representation, Warranties and Covenants of the City.** The City represents, warrants and covenants to the Underwriter that:

(a) The City is a municipal corporation and general law city duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of California (the "State"). The City has all necessary power and authority and has taken all official action necessary to enter into and perform its duties under the Site Lease, the Lease Agreement, the Trust Agreement and this Purchase Agreement (collectively, the "City Documents"). The City Documents and the Official Statement have been duly executed and delivered by the City and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the other respective parties thereto, the City Documents to the best knowledge of the City will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the City enforceable against the City in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws or equitable principles relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally.

(b) To the best of its knowledge, except as may be required under Blue Sky or other securities laws of any state (as to which no representation is made), there is no consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or filing with, or certification by, any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the City required for the execution, delivery and sale of the Certificates or the consummation by the City of the transactions contemplated by the City Documents and by the Official Statement, which has not been duly obtained or made on or prior to the date hereof.

(c) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation at law or in equity, before or by any court or governmental or public entity pending, or to the best knowledge of the City, threatened against the City which affects or seeks to prohibit, restrain or enjoin the

execution or delivery of the Certificates, or contesting the powers of the City to enter into or perform its obligations under any of the City Documents or the existence or powers of the City.

(d) the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement have been duly authorized by the City and as of the date hereof and at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the time of the Closing, the statements and information contained in the Official Statement (excluding statements under the captions "THE CORPORATION," "UNDERWRITING," information relating to the Municipal Bond Insurer, the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the Reserve Fund Insurance Policy, DTC and the book-entry only system and information as to bond prices on the cover of the Official Statement, as to which no opinion or view is expressed) are and will be true, correct and complete in all material respects and the Official Statement does not and will not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make such statements and information therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect;

(e) The City agrees that, if at any time before the Closing Date any event of which it has knowledge occurs, as a result of which the Official Statement as then in effect would include any untrue or misleading statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, the City shall promptly prepare or cooperate in the preparation of an amendment or supplement to the Official Statement if in the opinion of the City and the Underwriter or their respective counsel, such event requires the preparation and publication of a supplement or amendment to the Official Statement. The City shall advise the Underwriter promptly of any proposal to so amend or supplement the Official Statement and shall affect such amendment or supplement in a form and manner approved by the Underwriter. The City shall promptly advise the Underwriter of the institution of any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation seeking to prohibit, restrain or otherwise affect the use of the Official Statement in connection with the offering, sale or distribution of the Certificates.

If any information relating to the City contained in the Official Statement is amended or supplemented pursuant to the immediately preceding subparagraph, at the time of each supplement or amendment thereto and (unless subsequently supplemented or amended pursuant to such subparagraph) at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the date of the Closing, the portions of the Official Statement so supplemented or amended (including any financial and statistical data contained therein) will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make such information therein concerning the City or the City's affairs, in the light of the circumstances under which it was presented, not misleading.

(f) The City shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Underwriter, in such quantities as shall be reasonably required by the Underwriter, copies of the Official Statement and all amendments and supplements thereto, in each case as soon as available.

(g) The proceeds from the sale to the Underwriter of the Certificates will be applied in the manner and for the purposes specified in the Trust Agreement.

(h) The resolution of the City approving the execution and delivery of the City Documents and the Official Statement has been duly adopted by the City, has not been amended, modified or repealed and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

(i) To the best of its knowledge, neither the execution and delivery by the City of the City Documents nor the City's adoption of the resolution, nor the City's compliance with such documents or such resolution, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by such

documents, such resolution or the Official Statement, conflicts with or constitutes a breach of or default under, or will conflict with or constitute a breach of or default under, any term or provision of any applicable law or any administrative rule or regulation of the State or the United States or any applicable judgment, decree, order, license, permit, agreement or instrument to which the City is subject or is otherwise bound has or will have a material adverse effect on the ability of the City to perform its obligations under the City Documents, and no event has occurred and is continuing which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default or an event of default under any such instruments.

(j) The City agrees to cooperate with the Underwriter in endeavoring to qualify the Certificates for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of as many jurisdictions of the states of the United States as the Underwriter may request; provided, however, that the City will not be required to expend any of its own funds in connection with such qualifications and will not be required to consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction in which it is not now subject to service of process or to qualify as a broker or a foreign corporation in connection with any such qualification in any jurisdiction.

(k) The City covenants that it will not take any action which would cause interest payable with respect to the Certificates to be subject to federal income taxation or State personal income taxation.

(l) Other than as described in the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement, the City has not failed to comply with any previous continuing disclosure undertaking within the prior 5 years.

**Section 7. Conditions to the Obligations of the Underwriter.** The Underwriter has entered into this Purchase Agreement in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the City contained herein. The obligations of the Underwriter to accept delivery of and pay for the Certificates on the Closing Date shall be subject, at the option of the Underwriter, to the performance by the City of its obligations, to be performed hereunder and to the performance by the City and the Corporation of their obligations, to be performed under the Legal Documents, at or prior to the Closing Date and the following additional conditions:

(a) The representations, warranties and covenants of the City contained herein shall be true and correct at the date hereof and at the time of the Closing, as if made on the Closing Date;

(b) At the time of Closing, the Legal Documents shall be in full force and effect as valid and binding agreements between or among the various parties thereto and the Legal Documents and the Official Statement shall not have been amended, modified or supplemented except as may have been agreed to in writing by the Underwriter, and all such reasonable actions as, in the opinion of Special Counsel or counsel to the Underwriter, shall reasonably deem necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby;

(c) Between the date hereof and the Closing Date, the market price or marketability, at the initial public offering prices set forth on the inside cover page of the Official Statement, of the Certificates shall not have been materially adversely affected, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriter, by reason of any of the following:

(i) the marketability of the Certificates or the market price thereof, in the opinion of the Underwriter, has been materially adversely affected by an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or by any legislation in or by the Congress of the United States or by the State, or the amendment of legislation pending as of the date of the Purchase Agreement in the Congress of the United States, or the recommendation to

Congress or endorsement for passage (by press release, other form of notice or otherwise) of legislation by the President of the United States, the Treasury Department of the United States, the Internal Revenue Service or the Chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate or the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives, or the proposal for consideration of legislation by either such Committee or by any member thereof, or the presentment of legislation for consideration as an option by either such Committee, or by the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation of the Congress of the United States, or the favorable reporting for passage of legislation to either House of the Congress of the United States by a Committee of such House to which such legislation has been referred for consideration, or any decision of any federal or state court or any ruling or regulation (final, temporary or proposed) or official statement on behalf of the United States Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service or other federal or state authority affecting the federal or state tax status of the Corporation or the City, or the interest with respect to bonds or notes (including the Certificates);

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

(iii) 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;

(iv) the imposition by the New York Stock Exchange or other national securities exchange, or any governmental authority, of any material restrictions not now in force with respect to the Certificates or obligations of the general character of the Certificates 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, underwriters;

(v) an order, decree or injunction issued by any court of competent jurisdiction, or order, ruling, regulation (final, temporary or proposed), official statement or other form of notice or communication issued or made by or on behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter, to the effect that (i) obligations of the general character of the Certificates, or the Certificates, including any or all underlying arrangements, are not exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or that the Trust Agreement is not exempt from qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or (ii) the execution and delivery, offering or sale of obligations of the general character of the Certificates, or the execution and delivery, offering or sale of the Certificates, including any or all underlying obligations, 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;

(vi) any event shall occur which makes untrue any material statement or results in an omission to state a material fact that is necessary to make the statements in the Official Statement, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, which event, in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriter would materially or adversely affect the ability of the Underwriter to market the Certificates

(vii) any legislation, ordinance, rule or regulation shall be enacted by any governmental body, department or authority of the State, or a decision by any court of



competent jurisdiction within the State shall be rendered which materially adversely affects the market price of the Certificates;

(viii) legislation shall be enacted by the Congress of the United States, or a decision by a court of the United States shall be rendered, to the effect that obligations of the general character of the Certificates, or the Certificates, are not exempt from registration under or other requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and as then in effect, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and as then in effect, or that the Trust Agreement is not exempt from qualification under or other requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as then in effect;

(ix) any rating of the Certificates or the rating of any obligations of the City shall have been downgraded or withdrawn by a national rating service, which, in the opinion of the Underwriter, materially adversely affects the market price of the Certificates; or

(x) the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding described in Section 6(c).

(d) at or prior to the Closing, the Underwriter shall receive the following documents, in each case to the reasonable satisfaction in form and substance of the Underwriter:

(i) the Legal Documents duly executed and delivered by the respective parties thereto, with only such amendments, modifications or supplements as may have been agreed to in writing by the Underwriter;

(ii) the approving opinion of Special Counsel, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the City, in substantially the form attached as Appendix B to the Official Statement, together with reliance letters addressed to the Underwriter and the Trustee;

(iii) a supplemental opinion of Special Counsel dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter and the City, in form and substance acceptable to each of them to the effect that:

(A) the statements in the Official Statement under the captions, "INTRODUCTION," "THE CERTIFICATES," "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE," "TAX MATTERS," "APPENDIX A-SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS," "APPENDIX C-FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE" AND "APPENDIX D-FORM OF SPECIAL COUNSEL OPINION," insofar as such statements purport to summarize certain provisions of the Certificates, security for the Certificates, the Trust Agreement, the Site Lease, the Lease, the Assignment Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and the legal opinion of Special Counsel with respect thereto concerning the validity and tax status of interest with respect to the Certificates, are accurate in all material respects; but excluding therefrom information about DTC and the book-entry only system;

(B) the Purchase Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the City and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the other respective parties thereto, constitutes the valid and binding agreement of the City and is enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws affecting enforcement of creditors' rights and by the application of equitable principles if equitable remedies are sought; and

(C) the Certificates are exempt from registration pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Trust Agreement is exempt from qualification as a Trust Agreement pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;

(iv) the letter of Quint & Thimmig LLP, in its capacity as Disclosure Counsel, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the City and the Underwriter, to the effect that, based upon its participation in the preparation of the Official Statement as Disclosure Counsel and upon the information made available to it in the course of the foregoing, but without having undertaken to determine or verify independently or assuming any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Official Statement (except to the extent expressly set forth in the opinion referred to in Section 7(c)(iii) above), nothing has come to the attention of the personnel directly involved in rendering legal advice and assistance in connection with the preparation of the Official Statement that causes them to believe that the Official Statement as of its date or as of the Closing Date contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, are not misleading (except for the description of any litigation, any information relating to information relating to the Municipal Bond Insurer, the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the Reserve Fund Insurance Policy, DTC, Cede & Co., the book-entry system, any financial statements, forecasts, projections, estimates, assumptions and expressions of opinions and the other financial and statistical data included therein, as to all of which they express no view);

(v) the opinion of \_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney, dated the Closing Date, and addressed to the Underwriter, to the effect:

(A) the City is a municipal corporation and chartered City organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws and the Constitution of the State and has full legal power and lawful authority to execute and deliver and perform all obligations under the City Documents and to participate in the transactions contemplated by the Official Statement;

(B) the resolution adopted by the City Council of the City approving the form and authorizing the execution of the City Documents has been duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City, 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 and such Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been modified, amended or rescinded;

(C) the City has duly authorized, executed and delivered the City Documents and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the parties thereto other than the City, the City Documents constitute the legally valid and binding obligations of the City enforceable against the City in accordance with their respective terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by the application of equitable principles, if equitable remedies are sought.

(D) there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation at law or in equity, before or by any court, government agency, public board or body,

pending or, to our knowledge after reasonable investigation, threatened: (1) which would materially adversely affect the financial position of the City; (2) affecting, contesting or seeking to prohibit, restrain or enjoin the execution and delivery of any of the Certificates or the City Documents, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of or security for the Certificates or the City Documents or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, or contesting the powers of the City or its authority to execute and deliver the City Documents or perform its obligations thereunder; or (3) contesting the completeness or accuracy of the Official Statement or asserting that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and to our knowledge there is no basis for any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation of the nature described in subparagraphs (1) through (3) of this paragraph (D);

(E) the City is not in material breach of or default under any applicable constitutional provision, law or administrative regulation of the State or the United States of America or any applicable judgment or decree or any loan agreement, indenture, bond, note, resolution, agreement or other instrument to which the City is a party or to which the City or any of its property or assets is otherwise subject, and no event has occurred or is continuing which with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default or an event of default under any such instrument; and the execution and delivery of the City Documents and compliance with the provisions thereof by the City, will not result in a violation of, a breach of, or a default under the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the City or any statute, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, or other agreement or instrument to which the City is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or any order, rule, law or regulation of any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction of the City;

(F) no authorization, approval, consent or order of the State or any other governmental authority or agency within the State, other than the governing body of the City, is required for the valid authorization, execution and delivery by the City of the City Documents and the performance by the City of its obligations thereunder.

(G) as of the date hereof, nothing has come to such attorney's attention causing us to believe that the information contained in the Official Statement relating to the City under the caption "THE TOWN" as of its date or as of the date hereof contained any untrue statement of material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(vi) a certificate, dated the Closing Date, signed by a duly authorized official of the City satisfactory in form and substance in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriter to the effect that:

(A) the City is a municipal corporation and chartered City, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State and has all necessary power and authority to enter into and perform its duties under the City Documents;

(B) by official action of the City, the City has approved the execution and delivery of and the performance by the City of the obligations on its part contained in the City Documents;

(C) the execution and delivery of the City Documents to which it is a party, compliance with the provisions thereof and performance of its duties thereunder, will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or default under the City's duties under any law, administrative regulation, judgment, decree, note, resolution, charter, by-law or other agreement to which the City is a party or is otherwise subject or by which its properties may be affected;

(D) the information relating to the City contained in the Official Statement does not contain any untrue or misleading statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact which is necessary to make such statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(E) to the best knowledge of the City, there is no consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or filing with, or certification by, any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the City required for the execution, delivery and sale of the Certificates or the consummation by the City of the transactions on its part contemplated by the City Documents;

(F) to the best knowledge of the City, the City is not in breach of or default under any applicable law or administrative regulation of the State or the United States or any applicable judgment or decree, agreement or other instrument to which the City is a party or is otherwise subject, and no event has occurred and is continuing which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default or an event of default under any such instrument, which breach or default has or may have a material adverse effect on the ability of the City to perform its obligations under the City Documents;

(G) there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity before or by any court or governmental agency or body, pending or, to the best knowledge of the City, threatened against the City, except as disclosed in the Official Statement, to restrain or enjoin the execution or delivery of the Certificates, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Certificates or the City Documents or contesting the powers of the City to enter into or perform its obligations under any of the foregoing; and

(H) the City covenants that it will not take any action which would cause interest with respect to the Certificates to be subject to federal income taxation or California personal income taxes;

(vii) a certificate, dated the Closing Date, signed by a duly authorized official of the Corporation satisfactory in form and substance in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriter to the effect that:

(A) the Corporation is nonprofit, public benefit corporation, duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State;

(B) the Corporation has all necessary power and authority and has taken all official actions necessary to execute, deliver and perform its duties under each of the Corporation Documents and each of the Legal Documents has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the other respective parties thereto, will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the Corporation enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or principles of equity involving judicial discretion;

(C) the Corporation is not in material breach of, or default under, any applicable constitutional provision, law or administrative rule or regulation of the State or the United States of America material to the conduct of its functions or any applicable judgment or decree or any loan agreement, indenture, bond, certificate, note, resolution or other agreement or instrument to which the Corporation is a party or to which the Corporation or any of its properties is otherwise subject, and no event has occurred and is continuing which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default or an event of default under any of the foregoing; and the authorization, execution and delivery of the Legal Documents, and compliance with the provisions thereof, will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or default under any constitutional provision, law, administrative rule or regulation, or any judgment, decree, license, permit, loan agreement, indenture, bond, certificate, note, resolution, agreement or other instrument to which the Corporation (or any of its officers in their respective capacities as such) is subject or by which it or any of its properties is bound, nor will any such authorization, execution, delivery or compliance result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or other security interest or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of its assets or properties or under the terms of any such law, regulation or instrument except as may be provided by the Legal Documents;

(D) there is no consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or filing with, or certification by, any regulatory entity having jurisdiction over the Corporation required for the execution and delivery of the Legal Documents, or the consummation by the Corporation of the transactions contemplated in the Official Statement or in the Legal Documents, which has not been duly obtained or made on or prior to the date hereof;

(E) there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court or governmental or public entity pending or, to the knowledge of the Corporation, threatened against the Corporation which affects or seeks to prohibit, restrain or enjoin the execution or delivery of the Certificates or any of the Legal Documents, or contesting the validity of the Certificates or any of the Legal Documents or the powers of the Corporation to enter into or perform its obligations under the Legal Documents or the existence or powers of the Corporation;

(F) no event affecting the Corporation has occurred since the date of the Official Statement which either makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect as of the Closing Date the statements or information regarding the Corporation contained in the Official Statement or is not reflected in the Official Statement but

should be reflected therein in order to make the statements and information therein regarding the Corporation not misleading in any material respect;

(viii) a certificate of the Trustee, dated the Closing Date, signed by a duly authorized officer of the Trustee, and in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect that:

(A) the Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the United States of America authorized to carry out corporate trust powers and has all necessary power and authority to enter into and perform its duties under the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement and to execute the Certificates;

(B) the representations of the Trustee in the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date;

(C) to the best of its knowledge, no litigation is pending or threatened (either in state or federal courts) (1) to restrain or enjoin the execution or delivery of any of the Certificates, or (2) in any way contesting or affecting any authority for the execution or delivery of the Certificates or the validity or enforceability of the Trust Agreement or the Assignment Agreement;

(D) the Trustee is duly authorized to execute and deliver the Certificates to the Underwriter upon instruction by the City pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement, and the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Trustee enforceable in accordance with its respective terms;

(E) to the best of its knowledge, the execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement, and compliance with the provisions thereof, will not conflict with, or constitute a breach of or default under, the Trustee's duties under said documents or any law, administrative regulation, court decree, resolution, charter, bylaws or other agreement to which the Trustee is subject or by which it is bound; and

(F) the Certificates have been validly executed and delivered by the Trustee;

(ix) the opinion of counsel to the Trustee, addressed to the Underwriter and the City, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that;

(A) the Trustee has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing as a national banking association under the laws of the United States of America, with full corporate power to enter into the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement and to accept the trust as provided therein, and to perform its obligations under the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement;

(B) the Trustee has duly authorized, executed and delivered the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement and by all proper corporate action has authorized the acceptance of the trust of the Trust Agreement;

(C) assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the other party to the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement, the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement, constitute legally valid and binding agreements of the Trustee, enforceable against the Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or other similar laws or equitable principles relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally;

(D) the Certificates have been validly executed by the Trustee; and

(E) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, no authorization, approval, consent or order of any governmental agency or any other person or corporation is required for the valid authorization, execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement by the Trustee or the authentication by the Trustee of the Certificates;

(x) the opinion of \_\_\_\_\_, as counsel to the Underwriter, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance acceptable to the Underwriter.

(xi) a copy of the Official Statement, executed on behalf of the City;

(xii) a copy of the general resolution of the Trustee authorizing the execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement and the Assignment Agreement;

(xiii) copies of all resolutions relating to the Certificates, the Official Statement and the Legal Documents adopted by the Corporation and the City, as applicable, and certified by an authorized official of the Corporation and the City;

(xiv) a tax certificate by the City in form and substance acceptable to Special Counsel;

(xv) a copy of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy;

(xvi) a copy of the Reserve Fund Insurance Policy;

(xvii) an opinion of counsel to the Municipal Bond Insurer, addressed to the City and the Underwriter to the effect that:

(A) the descriptions of the Municipal Bond Insurer, the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and the Reserve Fund Insurance Policy included in the Official Statement are accurate;

(B) the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and the Reserve Fund Insurance Policy constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Municipal Bond Insurer, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws or equitable principles relating to or limiting creditor's rights generally and by the application of equitable principles if equitable remedies are sought, and

(C) as to such other matters as the City or the Underwriter may reasonably request;

(xviii) a certificate of the Municipal Bond Insurer, signed by an authorized officer of the Municipal Bond Insurer, to the effect that:

(A) the information contained in the Official Statement relating to the Municipal Bond Insurer, the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and the Reserve Fund Insurance Policy is true and accurate and

(B) as to such other matters as the City or the Underwriter may reasonably request;

(xix) a letter from S&P Global Ratings, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, indicating that the Certificates have been assigned an insured rating of "AA" and all Certificates have been assigned an underlying rating of "\_\_\_."

(xx) evidence of good standing of the Corporation with the State; and

(xxi) such additional legal opinions, certificates, proceedings, instruments or other documents as Special Counsel and counsel to the Underwriter, if any, may reasonably request to evidence compliance by the Corporation and the City with legal requirements, the truth and accuracy, as of the Closing Date, of the representations and warranties of the Corporation and the City contained herein, and the due performance or satisfaction by the Corporation and the City at or prior to such time of all agreements then to be performed and all conditions then to be satisfied by the Corporation and the City.

**Section 8. Changes in Official Statement.** After the Closing, the City will not adopt any amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement to which the Underwriter shall object in writing. Within 90 days after the Closing or within 25 days following the end of the underwriting period, whichever occurs first, if any event relating to or affecting the Certificates, the Trustee, the Corporation or the City 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 any material respect in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, the City will forthwith prepare and furnish to the Underwriter an amendment or supplement that 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 purchaser, not misleading. The City shall cooperate with the Underwriter in the filing by the Underwriter of such amendment or supplement to the Official Statement with a nationally recognized municipal securities repository. For the purposes of this section the Trustee, the Corporation and the City will each furnish such information with respect to itself as the Underwriter may reasonably request from time to time during such period.

**Section 9. Expenses.** Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Purchase Agreement are consummated, the Underwriter shall be under no obligation to pay, and the City shall pay from the proceeds of the Certificates or otherwise, all expenses and costs of the City and the Corporation incident to the performance of their obligations in connection with the authorization, execution, sale and delivery of the Certificates to the Underwriter, including, without limitation, printing costs, rating agency fees and charges, initial fees of the Trustee, including fees and disbursements of its counsel, if any, fees and disbursements of Special Counsel and Disclosure Counsel and other professional advisors employed by the City or the Corporation, the fee of counsel to the Underwriter and costs of preparation, printing, signing,



transportation, delivery and safekeeping of the Certificates. The Underwriter shall pay all out-of-pocket expenses of the Underwriter, including, without limitation, advertising expenses, the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission fee, CUSIP Service Bureau charges, regulatory fees imposed on new securities issuers and any and all other expenses incurred by the Underwriter in connection with the public offering and distribution of the Certificates, shall be paid by the Underwriter.

Section 10. **Notices.** Any notice or other communication to be given to the City under this Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing to the City and the Corporation at the addresses set forth on the first page of this Purchase Agreement, and any notice or other communication to be given to the Underwriter under this Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing to: Hilltop Securities Inc., 777 S. Highway 101, Suite 104, Solana Beach, CA 92075, Attention: Managing Director.

The approval of the Underwriter when required hereunder or the determination of the Underwriter's satisfaction as to any document referred to herein shall be in writing signed by the Underwriter and delivered to you.

Section 11. **Parties in Interest.** This Purchase Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the City and the Underwriter (including the successors or assigns thereof) and no other person shall acquire or have any right hereunder or by virtue hereof. All representations, warranties and agreements of the City in this Purchase Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the Underwriter and shall survive the delivery of and payment of the Certificates.

Section 12. **Counterparts.** This Purchase Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 13. **Governing Law.** This Purchase Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

HILLTOP SECURITIES INC., as  
Underwriter

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Managing Director

Accepted and Agreed to:

CITY OF RIDGECREST

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Strand  
City Manager

Time of Execution: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A

MATURITY SCHEDULE

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CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION  
(2024 Aquatics Facility Financing Project)  
Evidencing the Direct, Undivided Fractional Interests  
of the Owners Thereof in Lease Payments to be Made by the  
CITY OF RIDGECREST  
(Kern County, California),  
As the Rental for Certain Property Pursuant to a Lease Agreement with the  
Public Property Financing Corporation of California

MATURITY SCHEDULE

Maturity Date (June 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Yield	Price
2025				
2026				
2027				
2028				
2029				
2030				
2031				
2032				
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2034				

c Priced to the June 1, \_\_\_\_\_, par call date.

*Optional Redemption.* The Certificates maturing on and after June 1, \_\_\_\_\_, are subject to optional redemption in whole or in part on any date on and after June 1, \_\_\_\_\_, in such order of maturity as shall be designated by the City (or, if the City shall fail to so designate the order of redemption, in *pro rata* among maturities) and by lot within a maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, without premium, from the proceeds of the optional prepayment of Lease Payments made by the City pursuant to the Lease Agreement.

*Extraordinary Redemption.* The Certificates are subject to extraordinary redemption, in whole or in part, on any Interest Payment Date, in an order of maturity determined by the City, from the Net Proceeds of insurance or eminent domain proceedings credited towards the redemption of the Lease Payments pursuant to the Lease Agreement, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, together with accrued interest represented thereby to the date fixed for redemption, without premium.

## EXHIBIT B

### FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

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**CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION**  
**(2024 Aquatics Facility Financing Project)**  
**Evidencing the Direct, Undivided Fractional Interests**  
**of the Owners Thereof in Lease Payments to be Made by the**  
**CITY OF RIDGECREST**  
**(Kern County, California),**  
**As the Rental for Certain Property Pursuant to a Lease Agreement with the**  
**Public Property Financing Corporation of California**

#### ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of Hilltop Securities Inc. ("Hilltop"), based on the information available to it, hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Certificates").

#### **I. General**

1. Hilltop and the City of Ridgecrest (the "Issuer") have executed a certificate purchase agreement in connection with the Certificates on the Sale Date. Hilltop has not modified the certificate purchase agreement since its execution on the Sale Date.

#### **II. Price**

1. Hilltop offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule I (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Certificates is attached to this certificate as Schedule II.

2. As set forth in the certificate purchase agreement, Hilltop has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Certificates of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), and (ii) any selling group agreement would contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement would contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule.

3. No Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity during the Holding Period.

#### **III. Defined Terms**

1. *General Rule Maturities* means those Maturities of the Certificates not listed in Schedule I hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."

2. *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Certificates listed in Schedule I hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."

3. *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price

Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.

4. *Maturity* means Certificates with the same credit and payment terms. Certificates with different maturity dates, or Certificates with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

5. *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.

6. A person is a “*Related Party*” to an Underwriter if the Underwriter and the person are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).

7. *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Certificates. The Sale Date of the Certificates is July 10, 2024.

8. *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with Hilltop to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public).

All terms not defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Tax Exemption Certificate and Agreement with respect to the Certificates, to which this Certificate is attached. The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents Hilltop’s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in its documents and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Certificates, and by Quint & Thimmig LLP in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Certificates is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Certificates.

#### **IV. Credit**

Hilltop has calculated that the present value of the amounts paid to obtain the Build America Mutual Assurance Company (the “Municipal Bond Insurer”) municipal bond insurance and reserve fund municipal bond insurance policies (the “Policies”) is less than the present value of the debt service reasonably expected to be saved as a result of having the Policies, using as the discount factor for this purpose the expected Yield with respect to the Certificates treating the fees paid as interest with respect to the Certificates.

To the best of Hilltop's knowledge, the fees paid to obtain the Policies were determined in arm's-length negotiations and were required as a condition to the issuance by the Municipal Bond Insurer of the Policies.

Dated: July 24, 2024

HILLTOP SECURITIES INC., as Underwriter

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

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Hold-the- Offering Price Maturities (if Marked)	General Rule Maturities (if Marked)	Maturity Date (June 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Price
		2025			
		2026			
		2027			
		2028			
		2029			
		2030			
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		2032			
		2033			
		2034			

c Priced to the June 1, \_\_\_\_\_, par call date.

**SCHEDULE II TO ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

**PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION**