

EXHIBIT A

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION
THE CITY OF GREAT BEND, KANSAS**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Great Bend, Kansas (the “City”) that a special question election has been called and will be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Great Bend, Kansas be authorized to: (1) impose a three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) City-wide retailers' sales tax (the “Sales Tax”), the proceeds of which shall be used for the following purposes: (a) pay the costs of City infrastructure improvements, including wastewater treatment improvements; (b) property tax stabilization; and (c) pays costs of drag strip improvements and related public building and quality of life improvements (the “Attraction Improvements”), provided that not more than one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) will be used for the Attraction Improvements; including the payment of financing costs related to these purposes, with the collection of the Sales Tax to commence on April 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.* as amended; and (2) issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed \$31,000,000 to pay the costs of the Attraction Improvements and associated financing costs; all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1736 *et seq.*, as amended and K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, as amended?

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word “YES” on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word “YES” on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word “NO” on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word “NO” on the paper ballot.

☐ YES
☐ NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on November 3, 2026, the election day. The voting places in the City and the area each voting place will serve will be as follows:

Voters Residing In Precinct

1st Precinct – 1st Ward

2nd Precinct – 1st Ward

Will Vote At

Great Bend Activity Center

Location

2715 18th

East Main Entrance

3rd Precinct – 1st Ward

1st Precinct – 2nd Ward
2nd Precinct – 2nd Ward
3rd Precinct – 2nd Ward

Prince of Peace St. Patrick's Parish Center

4100 Broadway

1st Precinct – 3rd Ward
2nd Precinct – 3rd Ward
3rd Precinct – 3rd Ward

Grace Community Church

210 McKinley
North Entrance

1st Precinct – 4th Ward
2nd Precinct – 4th Ward
3rd Precinct – 4th Ward

Great Bend Recreation Center

1214 Stone
Burnside Room

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk of Barton County, Kansas, set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General

The following additional information is provided by the City with respect to the effect of this ballot proposition. Passage of this ballot proposition would authorize the City to: (1) impose a three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) Citywide retailers' sales tax (the "Sales Tax"), the proceeds of which shall be used to finance: (a) City infrastructure improvements, including wastewater treatment improvements; (b) property tax stabilization; and (c) costs of drag strip improvements and related public building and quality of life improvements (collectively the "Project"), the collection of the Sales Tax to commence on April 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law; and (2) issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed \$31,000,000 to pay the costs of drag strip improvements and related public building and quality of life improvements (the "Attraction Improvements") and associated financing costs (the "Bonds"). If the proposition is approved, it is anticipated that the City may issue temporary financing to construct the Attraction Improvements prior to the commencement of the Sales Tax. The Bonds will thereafter be issued to retire the temporary financing after the Sales Tax has commenced.

Financing

The following additional information is provided by the City with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the City. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates are based on recent bond issues for similar types of financings all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs

<u>Sources of Funds</u>		<u>Uses of Funds</u>	
Bonds to be Issued	\$31,000,000	Project Costs (including design, land acquisition, construction, site improvements, project management and contingency)	\$30,450,000
		Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	550,000
Total	\$31,000,000	Total	\$31,000,000

Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Estimated Annual 0.25% Sales Tax Revenues: \$1,303,245¹, plus 2.50% per annum

Principal Repayment Term:	20 years	Average Interest Rate:	4.25%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity:	\$16,610,275	Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments:	\$2,358,014

Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 100% of Estimated Sales Tax Collections¹:

Without STAR Bond Financing for Project Costs	\$564,923	3.965 mills ²
Assuming STAR Bond Financing for a Portion of the Project Costs	\$0	0 mills

The City anticipates that a portion of the Project Costs will be permanently financed through an issuance of special obligation sales tax revenue bonds ("STAR Bonds"). Assuming STAR Bond proceeds and available revenues of \$14,095,000 are utilized for Project Costs and the City issues only \$16,905,000 of general obligation bonds to support the balance of the Project Costs, then anticipated ad valorem taxation based upon estimated sales tax collections would be \$0 with no mill levy impact.

¹ Based on budgeted sales tax collections for 2025.

² Based on Assessed Valuation of \$142,466,902.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Barton County, Kansas, whose address is 1400 Main, Room 202, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.

DATED: September 3, 2026.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Barton County, Kansas