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Local Government Commission,
Raleigh, N. C.

EXHIBIT "A"

Resolutions to be passed by the Board of Aldermen, Town of Chapel Hill:

Section 1, That in order to anticipate receipts collected from taxes for the current year and past years, it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$10,000.00,-

Section 2, That a Note for \$10,000.00 dated September 26, 1933, and maturing January 26, 1934, be sold by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh on September 26, 1933, to the lowest bidder, interest payable after maturity,-

Section 3, That the said Note shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk, under the corporate seal of the Town.

EXHIBIT "B"

The proposed Revenue Anticipation Note for \$10,000.00 is to take care of a cash deficit in the Debt Service Fund and for Current Operations. These funds have been provided for in the Debt Service and Operation Budget, but at present they are tied up in the Certificate of Sales and Receivables. They represent uncollected Street Assessments, Sewer Rent and Taxes Receivable.

EXHIBIT "C"

The sum of \$10,000.00 is considered adequate for the present Debt Service needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Manager

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

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REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

\$10,000.00

NO. 75

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Town of Chapel Hill in the State of North Carolina, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the BANK OF CHAPEL HILL, on January 26, 1934, the Principal Sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) with interest at six per cent per annum, payable in advance.

THIS NOTE IS ISSUED FOR MONEY borrowed for the purpose of meeting appropriations for necessary expenses of said town for the current fiscal year in anticipation of the collection of taxes and revenues of such fiscal year and is within the amount of such appropriation and is issued pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act and a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Aldermen of said town.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts, conditions, and things required by the laws and Constitution of North Carolina to happen, exist, and be performed in regular and due form and time as so required, and that the total indebtedness of the said town, including this note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitations thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL has caused this note to be signed by its Mayor and countersigned by its Clerk under corporate seal, all as of the (Twenty-six Day of September 1933.)

(Mayor)

Countersigned

(Clerk)

I,
Hill, North Carolina, do hereby approve the within Note, and do state that the said Note constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Town of Chapel Hill.

(Attorney)

(Date)

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From the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
held September 13, 1933, Found in Book 6, Page 218 of the Minutes of the
Board of Aldermen:

"Upon motion of Alderman R. D. W. Connor, seconded by Alderman
P. L. Burch, it was moved that the Manager be empowered to execute and issue
a Note for \$10,000.00 in force the 26, day of September, 1933 to mature
January 26, 1934, to replace Tax Anticipation Note No. 74, of like amount.
All the Aldermen present voted in the affirmative therefor."

I, _____, Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill,
hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of
the Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and is found in Book 6, Page 218, of
the "Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Aldermen, Town of Chapel Hill."

(Clerk)

(Date)

Town of Chapel Hill,
State of North Carolina.

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NORTH CAROLINA

ORANGE COUNTY

OATH OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
CHAPEL HILL RECORDER'S COURT.

I, Paul H. Robertson, do solemnly swear that I will
execute the office of Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the town
of Chapel Hill, without prejudice, favor, affection or partiality
to the best of my skill and ability, so help me, God.

I will well and truly serve the State of North Carolina

Paul H. Robertson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of
September, 1933.

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OATH OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
CHAPEL HILL RECORDER'S COURT,
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:
COUNTY OF ORANGE:

I, Roy W. McGinnis, do solemnly swear that I will well and truly serve the State of North Carolina in the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the State in the Town of Chapel Hill; I will, in the execution of my office, endeavor to have the Criminal Laws fairly and impartially administered, so far as in me lies, according to the best of my knowledge and ability; SO HELP ME, GOD.

(Roy W. McGinnis)

The above oath was sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of October, in the Year of our Lord, 1933.

(Notary Public)

My commission expires the _____ Day of _____ 193__.

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There was a called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held September 16, at 7:30 P. M., at the Town Hall. Present were Mayor J. M. Foushee, Aldermen Thompson, Burch, Dobbins, Hogan and Town Attorney Bonner Sawyer. The purpose of this meeting was to investigate certain rumors concerning statements and views expressed by Mr. Paul Robertson while engaged as Registrar for the Special School Election to be held October 12. The following men were asked to be present at this investigation: Mr. Paul Robertson, Mr. Marvin Utley, Mr. Alf Pickard, Charlie Craig and Walter Hackney.

The Mayor requested Mr. Sawyer to conduct the investigation and Mr. Sawyer called upon the persons herebelow to state what happened when they went to Mr. Robertson's Office to register for the School Supplement Election.

Walter Hackney, colored, was first called upon to testify and he testified as follows:

"I am a citizen of Chapel Hill with residence on West Rosemary Street. I went to Mr. Robertson's Office on Tuesday September 12, to register for the School Supplement Election. Mr. Robertson asked me my age and where I was born. While he was in the act of writing he asked me how I stood on the vote and further said that the legislature had placed a sales tax on the people for the schools and the regular tax had been cut and now they were adding 10% to the tax to meet the school supplement. I told Mr. Robertson that I did not want to do anything to hurt the school system and he asked me if I did not have as much tax as I could stand now".

Alderman Burch asked Hackney if Mr. Robertson questioned him to say how he was going to vote and Hackney's reply was: "I told him as well as I can remember that I did not want to do anything to hurt the school".

Mr. Dobbins asked Hackney if Mr. Robertson showed any hesitancy in registering him and Hackney's reply to this was; no. At this stage the Mayor asked Mr. Robertson if he had any questions to ask Hackney or any other witnesses that were questioned.

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Mr. Robertson then asked Hackney if, as a matter of fact, he had not already registered him before any conversation took place, and if he did not understand him to say that his mind was, more or less, open on the subject and he was just stating his views. Hackney's reply to this was; "I do not exactly remember what was said about that".

Mr. Marvin Utley was next called to state what happened when he went to register and he made the following statement:

"Mr. Robertson asked me my age and where I was born and when I started to leave the room he asked me whether I was for the supplement or against it. I did not give him any answer, because I thought that was my business and he did not have anything to do with that".

Charlie Craig was next requested to make a statement of what happened when he went to register and his statement was as follows:

"Mr. Robertson asked me my age and where I was born. He next asked me how I felt about the School Supplement and I told him I hoped it would go over. Mr. Robertson then said that he did not know whether we wanted it or not, that the people were paying enough taxes now. I told Mr. Robertson that I would rather pay more taxes to keep my children in school and off the streets. Mr. Robertson then stated that the legislature had fixed the law and we were trying to undo it".

Mr. Sawyer asked Craig if he went to any other man about the matter after he had registered and Craig replied as follows:

"I asked Mr. Alf Pickard what he thought about the matter and Mr. Pickard told me the thing to do was to vote if I felt that way about it and if any of my race were up in the air about the supplement to explain to them the best I knew how. I told him some were for the supplement and some were against it".

Mr. Robertson asked Craig if he (Robertson) requested his views in the matter before or after he had registered and Craig stated he was in the act of writing while talking and he was unable to say.

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Mr. Alf Pickard was next called to state what he knew about the conversation that Craig had with Mr. Robertson and Mr. Pickard replied that Craig had come to him about the conversation and told him what Mr. Robertson said while registering him. Mr. Pickard further stated to the Board that Craig's statement just made was substantially correct and covered the conversation he had with Craig when he brought the matter to his attention. Mr. Pickard was asked what Mr. Squires told him about the conversation between Kenan Cheek and Mr. Robertson at the time he went to register. Mr. Pickard stated that Mr. Squires told him he over heard Mr. Robertson say to Cheek. "I don't know how in the hell anyone could pay more taxes than they were now paying".

After the foregoing testimony was given Mr. Burch asked Mr. Robertson if he had any more conversation about the matter with Kenan Cheek to which Mr. Robertson replied, "I told Cheek some were for the supplement and some were against it and some appeared neither way".

Alderman Hogan asked Mr. Robertson if he gave the same test to negroes and whites, to which Mr. Robertson replied, he did when he deemed it necessary to do so. Alderman Burch asked Mr. Robertson if he had refused to register any negroes who had applied for registration. Mr. Robertson replied, "That he had not in this registration".

Mr. Robertson made the following statement to the Board.

"I have never made any efforts to influence anyone to vote while I was acting as registrar. I have been asked for my opinion and have stated my views in an impersonal manner, but did not feel that I was doing anything wrong. If the board regards it is wrong, I will certainly discontinue the same. My purpose has never been to influence anyone's vote but thought when questions about the matter were

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asked that I had the right to explain what my views were. I ask some as to what side they were on and in this registration have asked some how they stood on the School Supplement merely as a matter of interest and nothing more.

"After the above testimony was finished and statement completed, it was suggested that the board go into executive session, which was done. After thorough deliberation and full discussion by the board motion was made by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hogan and passed by the Board in the affirmative that Mr. Robertson be asked to resign and the motion carried according to the following vote.

For:

M. E. Hogan
P. L. Burch
B. S. Thompson

Against:

J. T. Dobbins.

Mr. Robertson was asked to appear before the Board and was informed by the Mayor of the action of the Board. He was then asked to resign, whereupon Mr. Robertson tendered his resignation at that moment and turned the registration books over to the board.

The question of a successor to Mr. Robertson was taken up and the name of Rev. B. J. Howard was placed before the board and unanimously appointed to succeed Mr. Robertson, upon motion of Alderman Hogan seconded by Alderman J. T. Dobbins.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FOUSHEE, MAYOR

J. L. Caldwell
Acting Clerk