

Santa Clara Unified School District  
 Measure J-2004  
 Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee  
 Annual Report to the Public<sup>1</sup>  
 May 30, 2018

**Measure J-2004:** A General Obligation Bond approved by voters on November 2, 2004 under the following ballot statement:

*""To rehabilitate middle and high schools, improve student safety and qualify for State matching funds, shall Santa Clara Unified School District make seismic upgrades to classrooms and schools, add school facilities to relieve overcrowding, and repair deteriorated plumbing, sewers, bathrooms, leaky roofs, aging boilers, inadequate heating, electrical and building systems; by issuing \$315,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrative salaries, and all money staying in our community to improve local schools?"*

**Bond Project List:** The complete list is on Page 3 of the Board of Education's Resolution Number 04-27, adopted on July 8, 2004.

**Oversight Committee Members:**

Member	Affiliation
• James van Pernis (chair)	Senior Representative
• Noel Matyas	At Large
• Mary Ng Dooley (vice chair)	Parent
• Michelle Villagomez	Parent Organization
• Charitha Perera	Business Representative
• Vladimir Raykin	At Large
• <i>Open</i>	<i>Taxpayer Organization</i>

**Meetings/Tours:**

FY 2016-17			
Date	Topic(s)	Materials Reviewed	Location
Sept. 12, 2016	Tour of Central Park Elementary School, Bond Program update, committee composition and organization	Report on current and recently completed projects, financial update	Central Park Elementary School
Dec. 12, 2016	Bond program update, committee composition and organization	Report on current and recently completed projects, financial update	Bond Project Office
March 13, 2017	Tour of George Mayne Elementary School, financial and performance audits for FY 2015-16, bond program update, committee composition and organization	Financial and performance audits for FY 2015-16, report on current and recently completed projects, financial update	George Mayne Elementary School Library

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<sup>1</sup> The Committee was assisted by Mark Allgire, CBO, Larry Adams, Director, School Bond Projects, Valerie Russell, Consulting Program Manager, and District Financial Advisor, Government Financial Strategies.

**Meetings/Tours Continued:**

FY 2016-17 - Continued

Date	Topic(s)	Materials Reviewed	Location
June 26, 2017	Bond program update, committee composition and organization	Update on progress of new schools at the Agnews Campus, report on current and recently completed projects, financial update	Don Callejon K-8 School
FY 2017-18			
Jan. 29, 2018	Financial and performance audits for FY 2016-17	Financial and performance audits for FY 2016-17	George Mayne Elementary School MPB
Apr. 30, 2018	Bond program update and committee re-organization	Program schedule, status of projects, update on revenue and expenditures	District Board Room
May 30, 2018	FY 2016-17 annual report, committee re-organization, annual work plan	Bylaws, FY 2016-17 annual report, annual work plan	Bond Project Office

**Citizens' Oversight Committee Web Site:**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee web page includes meeting notices, agenda, minutes, and materials reviewed. This web page can be found at:

<https://www.santaclarausd.org/Page/76>

**Conclusion:**

Based on the financial and performance audits, and other material shared and reviewed during past meetings, the Committee has concluded that expenditures have only been "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities" and that no funds were used for any "teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses", and in accord with Measure J-2004.