

**TITLE: INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ICOC)
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013**

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Background Information

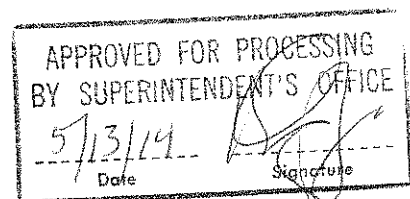
In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, the Board of Education established an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) to oversee the expenditures and decisions affecting Measure C4 Bond Funds. Their role is basically an audit function with the responsibility to report to the public on the District's expenditures and consistency with Measure C4.

Bylaws were approved by the Board of Education to govern the activities of the Committee. Section 3.2 of the Bylaws states that the Committee shall present to the Board an annual written report which shall include the following: (a) A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution; and (b) A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

At their regular meeting held on February 5, 2014, the ICOC approved the content of their 2013 Annual Report; a copy of this report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Recommendation

This report is for information only. Assistant Committee Chairperson, Josie Hirsch, is expected to be in attendance at tonight's meeting to personally address the Board.



SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

2013 ANNUAL REPORT
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

BACKGROUND

Measure C4 is a \$145 million bond measure approved by voters on March 2, 2004, authorizing funding for the design and construction of new buildings and modernization of existing school facilities within the Simi Valley Unified School District.

As required by state law, an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) has been established to actively monitor all Measure C4 projects and expenditures, provide proper oversight, control and accountability to ensure that Measure C4 funds are used as they were intended and report to the community at-large.

As prescribed by ICOC bylaws, this report includes the following:

1. A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and
2. A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

ICOC ACTIVITIES

Meetings – The committee meets regularly every other month. During 2013 the regular meetings were held on January 9, March 13, May 16, June 19, August 21 and October 16. Each meeting is open to the public to provide input regarding the overall bond program, budget, financing matters and construction schedules. The ICOC conducted meetings at several sites including Santa Susana High School and the District Offices.

Website – The ICOC continues to assist in keeping the website operational to provide the general public information relating to general information about the ICOC, construction schedules, budget reports, press releases, legislative requirements and other items of interest.

Performance Audits – The ninth performance audit of the Proposition 39 Bond Measure C4 program was finalized during 2013 with the assistance of the ICOC. This covered the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and was presented to the school board on January 10, 2014.

Press Releases – The ICOC submitted a letter to the Simi Valley Acorn concerning the purchase of computers and tablets with bond funds. In the letter the ICOC advised the community that the purchase of those devices with C4 Bond proceeds is allowable according to the language of the

bond under the category of "New Facilities and Enhancement of Facilities provided the devices remain on the campus as part of the facility.

Annual Report – The previous Annual Report for the year 2012 was submitted and approved at the ICOC regular meeting on January 9, 2013, and presented to the school board on April 16, 2013.

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE

The ICOC believes that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, which provides that bond revenues are expended only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities; and that no funds are used for any faculty salaries. The ICOC feels the recent acquisition of devices to "improve student access to classroom computers and modern technology" meets the language of the bond provided the computers, laptops, & tablet devices remain on campus. The ICOC is additionally concerned as to whether purchasing staff & faculty laptops (devices that may not remain on campus and which in prior years have been purchased through the District's General Fund) complies with applicable regulations governing expenditure of C4 Bond revenues.

This Annual Report is not a final accounting of C4 Bond Proceeds.

February 5, 2014

MEMBERS – 2013

Matt Nestor (Chair)
Josie Hirsch (Vice Chair)
Michelle Humphrey (Secretary)
George Bowman (Parliamentarian)
Cynthia Perez-Heron (Publicity)
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