

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

2008 Annual Report
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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 2008, the regular meetings were held on January 23, March 14, May 28 and November 19. Each meeting is open to the public to provide input regarding the overall bond program, budget, financing matters and construction schedules.

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 fourth performance audit of the Proposition 39 Bond Measure C4 program was finalized during 2008 with the assistance of the ICOC. This covered the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and was presented to the board on November 18, 2008.

Press Release – A press release was issued on July 7, 2008, and again on November 9, 2008, in newspapers, on the website and in invitations stating that the committee was seeking volunteers to serve on the oversight committee. The committee is still searching for volunteers from a senior organization and a bona fide taxpayers' organization.

Annual Report – The previous Annual Report (for the year 2007) was submitted and approved at the ICOC Regular Meeting on May 28, 2008.

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 or other school operating expenses.

March 25, 2009

MEMBERS - 2008

Scott Blough - Parliamentarian
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