



TITLE: CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CBOC) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

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Background Information

In accordance with the accountability requirements of Proposition 39, the Board of Education established a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to oversee the expenditures and decisions affecting Measure X 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 X.

Bylaws were approved by the Board of Education on February 21, 2017 to govern the activities of the Committee. Section 3.3 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 13, 2019, the CBOC approved the content of their Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018. A copy of this report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Recommendation

This report is for information only. Jenniffer Jones will be in attendance at tonight's meeting to personally address the Board.

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SIMI VALLEY CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(CBOC)

FISCAL YEAR 2018
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

BACKGROUND

Measure X is a \$239 million bond measure approved by voters on November 8, 2016, authorizing funding for the design and construction of new buildings, modernization of existing school facilities, and modern technology within the Simi Valley Unified School District ("the District"). On June 14, 2017 the District brought to market, \$70 million of Series "A" general obligation bonds, the first series to be used under the Measure X authorization. The district has received the Series "A" funds, which are being utilized for implementation of Measure X projects.

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

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

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

CBOC ACTIVITIES

Meetings – The committee held meetings on August 14, 2017, November 8, 2017, March 14, 2018, May 16, 2018, August 15, 2018, November 14, 2018, and February 13, 2019. Each meeting is open to the public to provide input regarding the overall bond program, budget, financing matters and construction schedules. The CBOC conducts its meetings at the Simi Valley Unified School District Educational Service Center.

Website – The District continues to assist in keeping the website operational to provide the general public with general information relating to the CBOC, Measure X expenditures, planning and construction schedules, budget reports, press releases, legislative requirements and other items of interest.

Facebook Page - The CBOC created a Facebook Page for general information only purposes to the community at large relating to the CBOC, Measure X expenditures, planning and construction schedules, budget reports, press releases, legislative requirements and other items of interest.

Performance Audits – The second performance audit of the Measure X program was finalized on December 12, 2018. This covered the fiscal year of July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018. The CBOC has reviewed the 2017-2018 performance audit which concluded the District has properly accounted for the expenditures associated with the Measure X bond funds, and such expenditures and transfers were made on authorized bond projects.

Annual Report – This is the second Annual Report issued by the CBOC.

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE

The CBOC 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 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 other purpose including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

MEMBERS – 2017/2018

Richard Grossman (Chair)
Kareem Jubran (Vice Chair, Mr. Jubran resigned from the CBOC upon
being elected to serve on the Board of Education)
Kathleen Hinkle (Secretary)
Jenniffer Jones (Publicity Chair)
Diane Bentz
Barry Fisher
Alisa Hensel
Shawn Herrera
Kimberly Knight
Bethany Lowry
Frank Sinsheimer
Steven Randall

The 2017/ 2018 CBOC members represent all of the classifications required under Proposition 39, and include a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, a P.T.A. or school site council member, a business organization member, a senior citizens' organization member, a bona-fide taxpayers association member, and two members of the community at-large.

This Annual Report was approved by the CBOC at their meeting held on February 13, 2019.