



# HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **RESOLUTION OF THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR MEASURE BB**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, previously adopted a Resolution requesting the Registrar of Voters of the County of Los Angeles to call an election within the boundaries of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District for general obligation bonds to be held on November 8, 2016 ("Bond Election"); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2016, the Bond Election was duly held and conducted for the purpose of voting on a measure for the issuance of bonds ("Bonds") of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (the "District") in the amount of \$148,000,000 (the "Bond Measure"); and

**WHEREAS**, more than 55 percent of the votes cast on the Bond Measure were in favor of issuing the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15278, *et seq.*, of the California Elections Code (the "Code") requires the establishment of an independent citizens' oversight committee within 60 days of the date that the results of the Bond Election are entered into the minutes of the District, the purpose of which shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of proceeds from the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the Bond Election have been entered into the December 8, 2016, meeting minutes of the Board of Education of the District.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (the "Committee") is hereby established in compliance with the Code and for the general purpose of informing the public concerning the expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds.

**Section 2.** The Committee Bylaws (the "Bylaws"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," are hereby approved.

**Section 3.** The Committee shall have the specific purposes and be operated in the manner required by the Bylaws, as such Bylaws may be amended from time to time in accordance with their terms. The initial appointment of Committee members shall be undertaken in accordance with the Bylaws.

*Vision Statement:*

**T**he Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is a community committed to developing lifelong learners who value themselves and the diversity of all people; apply decision-making skills leading to responsible actions; and use creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving in meeting the challenges of a changing society.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, by the members of the Board of Education of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District.

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Joseph K. Chang, President  
Board of Education of the Hacienda  
La Puente Unified School District

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Parulan-Colfer, Superintendent/  
Secretary of the Board of Education of the  
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA      )  
  ) ss  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY      )

I, Cynthia Parulan-Colfer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution, which was duly adopted by the Governing Board of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_      NOS: \_\_\_\_\_      ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_      ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Board of Education of the  
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CITIZENS’ BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
BYLAWS**

**Section 1. Committee Established.** The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (the “District”) was successful at the election conducted on November 8, 2016 (the “Election”), in obtaining authorization from the District’s voters to issue up to \$148,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District’s general obligation bonds, pursuant to a 76.96% vote. The election was conducted under Proposition 39, being chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code of the State (“Prop 39”). Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is now obligated to establish the Oversight Committee to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The Board of Trustees of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (the “Board”) hereby establishes the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) which shall have the duties and rights set forth in these Bylaws. The Committee does not have independent legal capacity from the District.

**Section 2. Purposes.** The purposes of the Committee are set forth in Prop 39, and these Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Prop 39 as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee shall be deemed to be subject to the *Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act* of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof. The District shall provide necessary administrative support at District expense to the Committee as consistent with the Committee’s purposes as set forth in Prop 39.

The proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the Election are hereinafter referred to as “bond proceeds.” The Committee shall confine itself specifically to bond proceeds generated under the ballot measure. Regular and deferred maintenance projects and all monies generated under other sources shall fall outside the scope of the Committee review.

**Section 3. Duties.** To carry out its stated purposes, the Committee shall perform the following duties:

3.1 Inform the Public. The Committee shall inform the public concerning the District’s expenditures of bond proceeds.

3.2 Review Expenditures. The Committee may review quarterly expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that (a) bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure; (b) no bond proceeds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses.

3.3 Annual Report. The Committee shall present to the Board, in public session, 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.

3.4 Duties of the Board/Superintendent. Either the Board or the Superintendent, as the Board shall determine, shall have the following powers reserved to it, and the Committee shall have no jurisdiction over the following types of activities:

- (a) Approval of construction contracts,
- (b) Approval of construction change orders,
- (c) Appropriation of construction funds,
- (d) Handling of all legal matters,
- (e) Approval of construction plans and schedules,
- (f) Approval of Deferred Maintenance Plan, and
- (g) Approval of the sale of bonds.

3.5 Voter-Approved Projects Only. In recognition of the fact that the Committee is charged with overseeing the expenditure of bond proceeds, the District has not charged the Committee with responsibility for:

(a) Projects financed through the State of California, developer fees, redevelopment tax increment, certificates of participation, lease/revenue bonds, the general fund or the sale of surplus property without bond proceeds shall be outside the authority of the Committee.

(b) The establishment of priorities and order of construction for the bond projects shall be made by the Board in its sole discretion.

(c) The selection of architects, engineers, soil engineers, construction managers, project managers, CEQA consultants and such other professional service firms as are required to complete the project based on District criteria established by the Board in its sole discretion.

(d) The approval of the design for each project including exterior materials, paint color, interior finishes, site plan and construction methods (modular vs. permanent) by the Board in its sole discretion and shall report to the Committee on any cost saving techniques considered or adopted by the Board.

(e) The selection of independent audit firm(s), performance audit consultants and such other consultants as are necessary to support the activities of the Committee.

(f) The approval of an annual budget for the Committee that is sufficient to carry activities set forth in Prop 39 and included herein.

(g) The adoption of a plan for publicizing the activities of the Committee and the determination as to whether a mailer, a newspaper notice or website materials would best suits the distribution of the Committee's findings and recommendations.

(h) The amendment or modification of the Bylaws for the Committee as provided herein, subject to the legal requirements of Prop 39.

(i) The appointment or reappointment of qualified applicants to serve on the Committee, subject to legal limitations, and based on criteria adopted in the Board's sole discretion as part of carrying out its functions under Prop 39.

**Section 4. Authorized Activities.**

4.1 In order to perform the duties set forth in Section 3.0, the Committee may engage in the following authorized activities:

(a) Receive and review copies of the District's annual independent performance audit and annual independent financial audit, required by Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

(b) Inspect school facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended, in accordance with any access procedure established by the District's Superintendent.

(c) Review copies of deferred maintenance proposal or plans developed by the District.

(d) Review efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures.

**Section 5. Membership.**

5.1 Number. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members appointed by the Board from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit:

- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizen's organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- One (1) member shall be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.

- One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district and active in a parent-teacher organization or school site council.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large appointed by the Board.

5.2 Qualification Standards.

(a) To be a qualified person, he or she must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the District’s geographic boundary, in accordance with Government Code Section 1020.

(b) The Committee may not include any employee, official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District.

5.3 Ethics: Conflicts of Interest. By accepting appointment to the Committee, each member agrees to comply with Articles 4 (commencing with Section 1090) and 4.7 (commencing with Section 1125) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code and the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code §§ 81000 *et seq.*), and to complete the Form 700 as required by all “designated employees” of the District. Additionally, each member shall comply with the Committee Ethics Policy attached as “Attachment A” to these Bylaws.

5.4 Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a term of two (2) years, beginning September, 2016. No member may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

5.5 Appointment. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board through the following process: (a) appropriate local groups will be solicited for applications; (b) the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee will review the applications; (c) the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee will make recommendations to the Board.

5.6 Removal; Vacancy. The Board may remove any Committee member for any reason, including failure to attend two (2) consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse or for failure to comply with the Committee Ethics Policy. Upon a member’s removal, his or her seat shall be declared vacant. The Board shall fill any vacancies on the Committee in accordance with the established appointment process.

5.7 Compensation. The Committee members shall not be compensated for their services.

5.8 Authority of Members. (a) Committee members shall not have the authority to direct staff of the District. (b) Individual members of the Committee retain the right to address the Board as an individual.

**Section 6. Meetings of the Committee.**

6.1 Regular Meetings. The Committee is required to meet at least once a year including an annual organizational meeting to be held in October.

6.2 Location. All meetings shall be held within the District.

6.3 **Procedures.** All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the *Ralph M. Brown Act*, Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.* Meetings shall be conducted according to such additional procedural rules as the Committee may adopt. A majority of the number of Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except adjournment.

**Section 7. District Support.**

7.1 The District shall provide to the Committee necessary technical and administrative assistance as follows:

- (a) preparation of and posting of public notices as required by the *Ralph M. Brown Act*, ensuring that all notices to the public are provided in the same manner as notices regarding meetings of the District Board;
- (b) provision of a meeting room, including any necessary audio/visual equipment;
- (c) preparation and copies of any documentary meeting materials, such as agendas and reports; and
- (d) retention of all Committee records, and providing public access to such records on an Internet website maintained by the District.
- (e) retention of all Committee records, including all documents received by the Committee, all reports issued by the Committee, and minutes of the proceeds of the Committee, which shall be public records and shall be made available on an Internet website maintained by the District.

7.2 District staff and/or District consultants shall attend all Committee proceedings in order to report on the status of projects and the expenditures of bond proceeds.

7.3 No bond proceeds shall be used to provide District support to the Committee.

**Section 8. Reports.** In addition to the Annual Report required in Section 3.3, the Committee may report to the Board at least semi-annually in order to advise the Board on the activities of the Committee. Such report shall be in writing and shall summarize the proceedings and activities conducted by the Committee.

**Section 9. Officers.** The Superintendent shall appoint the initial Chair. Thereafter, the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall act as Chair only when the Chair is absent, which positions shall continue for two (2) year terms. No person shall serve as Chair for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

**Section 10. Amendment of Bylaws.** Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

**Section 11. Termination.** The Committee shall automatically terminate and disband at the earlier of the date when (a) all bond proceeds are spent, or (b) all projects funded by bond proceeds are completed.

## **CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ETHICS POLICY STATEMENT**

This following Ethics Policy Statement provides general guidelines for Committee members to perform their roles. Not all ethical issues that Committee members face are covered in this Statement. However, this Statement captures some of the critical areas that help define ethical and professional conduct for Committee members. The provisions of this Statement were developed from existing laws, rules, policies and procedures as well as from concepts that define generally accepted good business practices. Committee members are expected to strictly adhere to the provisions of this Ethics Policy.

### **POLICY**

- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds or (2) any construction project which will benefit the committee member's outside employment, business, or a personal finance or benefit an immediate family member, such as a spouse, child or parent.
  
- **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT.** A Committee member shall not use his or her authority over a particular matter to negotiate future employment with any person or organization that relates to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds, or (2) any construction project. A Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to any construction project involving the interest of a person with whom the member has an agreement concerning current or future employment, or remuneration of any kind. For a period of two (2) years after leaving the Committee, a former Committee member may not represent any person or organization for compensation in connection with any matter pending before the District that, as a Committee member, he or she participated in personally and substantially. Specifically, for a period of two (2) years after leaving the Committee, a former Committee member and the companies and businesses for which the member works shall be prohibited from contracting with the District with respect to: (1) bidding on projects funded by the bond proceeds; and (2) any construction project.
  
- **COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD LAW.** A Committee member shall uphold the federal and California Constitutions, the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California (particularly the Education Code) and all other applicable government entities, and the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District;
  
- **COMMITMENT TO DISTRICT.** A Committee member shall place the interest of the District above any personal or business interest of the member.



The undersigned acknowledges he or she has received a copy of this Ethics Policy Statement, understands the provisions of this policy and agrees to adhere to its requirements.

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Date

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Member, Oversight Committee