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**TITLE: CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CBOC) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Business & Facilities
Information #2

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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 XIIIA, 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 May 28, 2025, the CBOC approved the content of their Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. A copy of this report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

## Recommendation

This report is for information only.

EXHIBIT "A"

Simi Valley Schools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Measure X – CBOC**

*CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE*

Simi Valley Measure X Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

# Measure X Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024



# ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT FOR YEARS 2023-24

*Presented by the Simi Valley Measure X Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)*

## Dear Board of Education Trustees and Simi Valley Community:

The Simi Valley Measure X Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC or the Committee) is pleased to present its annual report for the Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD or the District) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The CBOC, an independent committee, was established as required by law to provide active oversight of Measure X projects and expenditures. Our primary responsibility is to ensure that Measure X bond funds are used strictly for their intended purposes, while maintaining transparency and accountability to the public.

### Overview of Measure X

Measure X is a $239 million bond measure approved by voters on November 8, 2016. These funds are dedicated to the design, construction, and modernization of school facilities, as well as the integration of modern technology throughout the District. The District presented the following three (3) key needs:

- **Repair And Upgrade Aging Facilities**
- **Modernize Classrooms to 21st Century Learning Environments**
- **Improve School Safety and Accessibility**

The Committee's role is to ensure that the funds are spent as intended, specifically for the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities as outlined in the measure.

### Progress Despite On-Going Challenges

Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and inflation, the District has made significant progress in using Measure X funds for facility improvements. Rising construction costs have affected the original project plans, leading to a reduction in the number of projects initially anticipated. Nevertheless, the District has moved forward with several important initiatives.

### Accomplishments During Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The following sixteen (16) projects were completed or are in progress during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

#### Completed Projects:

- Berylwood Classroom Renovation
- Garden Grove Inclusive Playground
- Royal High School Classroom Reno (Phase 1)
- Royal High School East Quad
- Royal High School MPR Bldg 3 Classroom Renovation
- Royal High School MPR Plaza Courtyard
- Royal High School Snack Bar
- Royal High School West Quad
- Royal High School / RSRPD Pool Portable Relocation
- Santa Susana High School Security Fencing
- Simi Valley High School Classroom Renovation
- Simi Valley High School Snack Bar
- Sinaloa Middle School Security Fencing
- Sycamore Security Fencing
- Sycamore Inclusive Playground
- Valley View Middle School Security Fencing

### Projects in Progress:

- Design
  - Big Springs Elementary School Classroom Renovation
  - Hollow Hills Elementary School Flooring Abatement
  - Hollow Hills Middle School Classroom Renovation
  - Township Elementary School Classroom Renovation
- Under Construction
  - Simi Valley High School Kitchen Renovation
  - Simi Valley High School Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
  - Simi Valley High School Multi-Purpose Room Demolition Phase 2 (Amp/Utility Building)
  - Sycamore Elementary School Classroom Renovation
  - Garden Grove Elementary School Classroom Renovation
  - District Wide: Campus Notification Projects

## Bond Funds and Series Overview

The District has received funds from Series A, B, C and D of the Measure X general obligation bonds, totaling $189.8 million. These funds are being used for the ongoing implementation of Measure X projects:

- **Series A**: $70 million (Issued June 2017)
- **Series B**: $60 million (Issued May 2019)
- **Series C**: $59.8 million (Issued October 2020)
- **Series D**: $49 Million (Issued September 2023)

## Looking Ahead: Future Funding Needs

While significant progress has been made, the Committee recognizes that additional funding will be necessary to continue improving school facilities. Inflationary pressures have made it more difficult to complete projects within the original budget, and the Committee will continue to work closely with the District to ensure that future bond funds are spent as efficiently and effectively as possible.

## Conclusion

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Board of Education for their continued support of Measure X and for their dedication to enhancing the education of students in the Simi Valley Unified School District. We also want to thank the taxpayers for their investment in these vital improvements.

This annual report will be posted to the CBOC's page on the District's website following its presentation to the Board.

Sincerely,
The Simi Valley Measure X Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hopkins
Chair, Measure X CBOC

# CBOC GOVERNANCE

## PURPOSE

As prescribed by the CBOC bylaws, our committee provides a written annual report that includes the following:

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

## DISTRICT COMPLIANCE

Through our ongoing oversight and review, the CBOC believes that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, 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.

## Bond Measure Language

The Measure X General Obligation Bond was approved by voters in November 2016.

The projects presented in this fiscal year 2023-2024 report are appropriate uses of **Measure X** funding as stated in the bond language, such as but not limited to:

- Modernize, renovate, repair, expand and/or upgrade the interior and/or exterior of existing classrooms and school facilities
- Construct, upgrade and modernize athletic fields and facilities
- Upgrade, expand, construct/provide, repair and/or equip student support facilities including science labs, multipurpose rooms, cafeterias, auditoriums, libraries, locker rooms, and other school facilities
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades and as mandated by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) including site access, parking, restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc.

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# CBOC ENGAGEMENT

**Site Visits** – The following section provides a brief summary of some of our oversight activities including site visits and site walks.

## Simi Valley High School Construction Site Visit (May 15, 2024)

On the afternoon of May 15, 2024, the District hosted the CBOC on a tour to see the progress in the Kitchen project at Simi Valley High School. The SVHS Kitchen Project included renovation of the former Home Economics Building into a state-of-the-art full service kitchen. Previously, the SVHS kitchen was located in the former MPR (Multi-Purpose Room), which will be replaced by a New MPR Building.

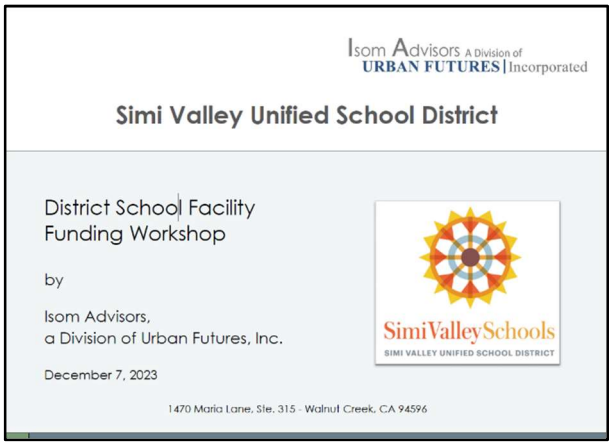
Some of the items that were noted for the tour were:



- New Ceiling Panels
- New Fire Alarms
- New Fire Sprinklers
- New Roof Panels
- Integrated Kitchen
- New Kitchen Equipment
- New Partition Walls

## Bond Workshop on December 7, 2023

The District held a Bond Workshop on December 7, 2023. This meeting was attended by the Board of Education, District Superintendent and Staff, District Teachers, CBOC representatives and members of the community.




The presentation featured the previous bond projects (planned, in-progress and complete) in collaboration with the Site Facility Needs Assessment.

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# SIGNIFICANT MEASURE X CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## Milestones

During the 7th year of Measure X Bond-Funded Program, the Simi Valley Unified School District Completed several substantial projects, and continued to design and build others.

## Measure X Financial Overview

The accompanying three charts[1] illustrate the allocation of the $239 million Measure X Bond fund:

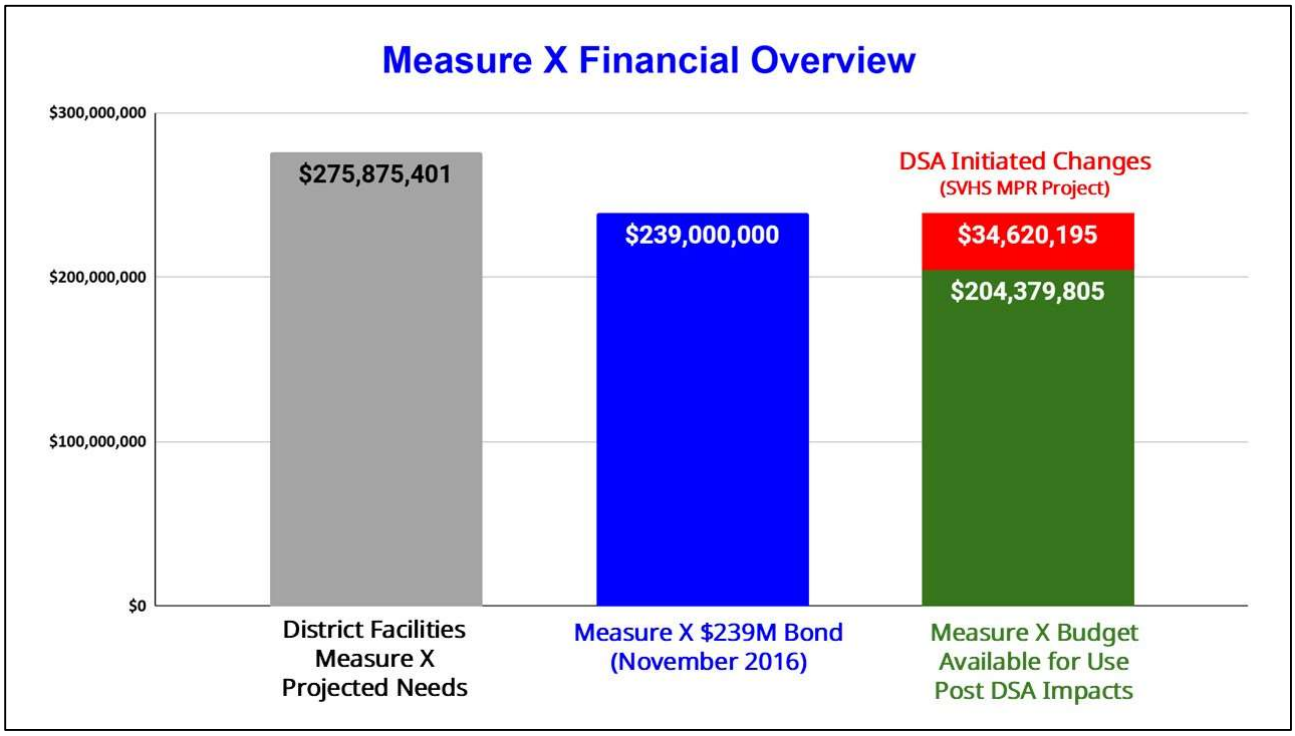



**Figure 1 - Measure X $239M Bond Program Highlights**

The SVHS Multipurpose Room (MPR), a priority project initially defined by the Board of Education and approved by voters in November 2016, encountered significant financial impacts totaling $34.6 million due to various changes mandated by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). This project shifted from modernization to a new construction project. Consequently, the District needed to reallocate funds to cover these DSA-initiated costs, resulting in numerous previously planned District-wide projects being moved to an unfunded status.

The Projected Cost of the SVHS MPR Building is estimated at $58.8M. The Original Measure X Budget was $11.1M, with the SVHS Science Classroom Building Project Budget of $15.9M, while the District's original expenditure prior to the DSA Initiated Changes was $2.9M, for a total of $34.6M in DSA Initiated Changes.

[1] Measure X Budget vs. Actual Cost data provided by the District to the CBOC

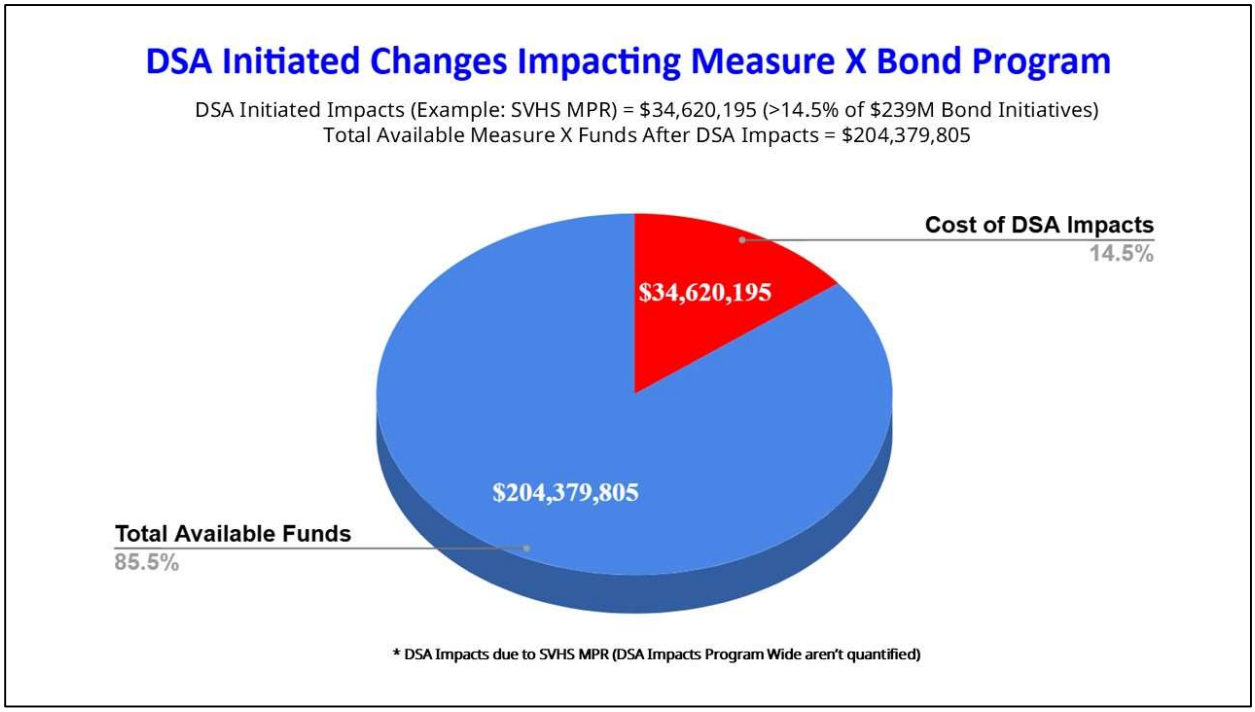



**Figure 2 - Measure X 2016 Approved for $239M Bond: Budget Impacts Attributed to DSA Initiated Changes**

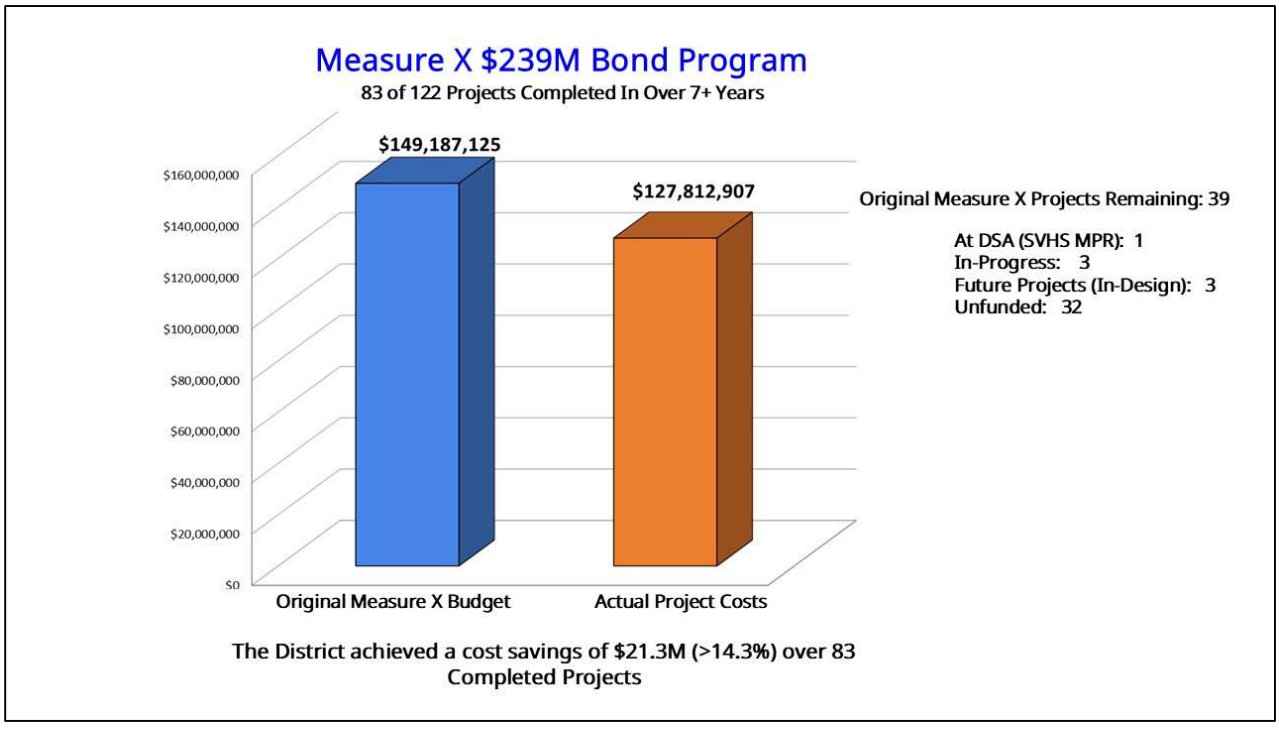



**Figure 3 – Original Measure X (November 2016) Completed Projects**

## In-Progress Construction Projects

There were approximately thirty (30) projects in-progress during the 2023-24 fiscal year, including the demolition at Simi Valley High School for the New Multi-Purpose Room Building:

### Simi Valley High School: New Multi-Purpose Room

**Scope:** The New MPR construction[2] related work started the demolition of the Old MPR Building, while the SVHS Kitchen nears final completion.



The demolition of the old MPR building began at the of June 2024, with crews working to clear the site in time for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Project Status:** Design (DSA)
**Architect:** HMC Architects
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty (Design/Build)

**Project Completion:** Summer 2027
**Project Budget:** $58.8M

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[2] The SVHS MPR original project definition was a Modernization Project (November 2016)

## Completed Construction Projects

There were fifteen (15) completed projects during the Fiscal 2023-2024 year. The projects below showcase the improvements made by Measure X for the students of Simi Valley Unified School District:

### Berylwood Classroom Renovations

**Scope:** Classrooms were remodeled: flooring, paint, ceiling tiles, track boards, marker boards, and efficient lighting.
**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Ardalan Construction

**Completed:** April 2024
**Project Completion Cost:** $2,505,156



### Garden Grove Inclusive Playground

**Scope:** Reimagined playground into an Inclusive playground designed to enable children with disabilities to play alongside their peers. The Inclusive Playground includes ramps for walkers and wheelchairs, extra large gliders, visual and textual play areas.
**Architects: HMC Architects**
**Contractor:** Dave Bang Associates

**Completed:** November 2023
**Project Completion Cost:** $229,216



### Sycamore Elementary Inclusive Playground

**Scope:** Reimagined playground into an Inclusive playground designed to enable children with disabilities to play alongside their peers. The Inclusive Playground includes ramps for walkers and wheelchairs, extra large gliders, visual and textual play areas.
**Architect:** HMC Architects
**Contractor:** Hughes Construction & Dave Bang Associates

**Completed:** September 2022
**Project Completion Cost**: $354,472



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## Elementary (Primary) School Sites

### Sycamore Elementary School Security Fencing

**Architects:** RRM
**Contractor:** Hughes Construction
**Completed:** August 2023
**Project Completion Cost**: $794,586

### Berylwood Elementary Classroom Renovation

**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Ardalan Construction
**Completed:** April 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $2,505,156

## Middle School / High School (Secondary) School Sites

### Royal High School / RSRPD Portable Relocation

**Architects:** Amador Whittle Architects
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty
**Completed:** July 2023
**Project Completion Cost**: $657,281

### Royal High School Classroom Renovation (Phase 1)

**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty
**Completed:** October 2023
**Project Completion Cost**: $947,066

### Royal High School East Quad

**Architects:** Gilbert Jordan Bain
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty
**Completed:** October 2023
**Project Completion Cost**: $2,787,026

### Royal High School MPR Bldg 3. Classroom Renovation

**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Hart Construction
**Completed:** October 2023
**Project Completion Cost**: N/A

### Royal High School MPR Plaza Courtyard

**Architects:** A4E Architects
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty
**Completed:** March 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: (Included in MPR)

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### Royal High School Snack Bar

**Architects:** Kamram & Company
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty
**Completed:** March 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $373,670

### Royal High School West Quad

**Architects:** A4E Architects
**Contractor:** Balfour Beatty
**Completed:** March 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $3,858,211

### Santa Susana High School Security Fencing

**Architects:** RRM
**Contractor:** Ardalan Construction
**Completed:** March 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $590,367

### Simi Valley High School Classroom Renovation

**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Neff Construction
**Completed:** April 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $5,664,308

### Simi Valley High School Snack Bar

**Architects:** Kamram & Company
**Contractor:** Various
**Completed:** March 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $110,252

### Sinaloa Middle School Security Fencing

**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Lee Construction
**Completed:** May 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $513,624

### Valley View Middle School Security Fencing

**Architects:** N/A
**Contractor:** Lee Construction
**Completed:** May 2024
**Project Completion Cost**: $644,081

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# CBOC GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY

**Meetings** – The committee held quarterly meetings this year occurring on September 21, 2023, November 30, 2023, March 7, 2024 and on May 15, 2024 (following: SVHS site visit). Each meeting is open to the public to provide input regarding the overall bond program, budget, financing matters and construction schedules.

**Website** – The District continues to assist in maintaining and updating a CBOC page on their website. This page provides the public with general information relating to the CBOC including meeting minutes, annual report, and audit reports. The district also maintains additional Measure X information on their website that provides updated Measure X expenditures, planning and construction schedules, budget reports, press releases, legislative requirements and other items of interest.

For more information, please visit:
https://www.simivalleyusd.org/district/business-facilities/welcome-to-the-measure-x-bond

**Facebook** - The CBOC created a Facebook Page for the purpose of providing general information 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.

For more information, please visit:
https://www.facebook.com/simivalleycitizensbondoversightcommitteemeasurex

**Financial and Performance Audits** – The eighth annual financial and performance audit of the Measure X program was finalized on December 9, 2024 and presented to the Board of Education on January 21, 2025 by Eide Bailly LLP, an independent certified public accountant firm with an office in Rancho Cucamonga.

These audits covered the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The CBOC has reviewed both the financial and performance audits for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which did not identify any findings and concluded the District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Building Fund (Measure X) and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects.

**Annual Report** – This document fulfills the COBC's requirement to form an annual written report to the Board of Education. This is the sixth Annual Report for the Measure X Bond issued by the CBOC.

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# CBOC MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of fiscal year 2023-24, the CBOC was made of the following ten (10) members:

SimiValleySchools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Measure X**
**Required Categories**

| CBOC Member | TERMS | | | | | | # | Current Position | Current Term Start Date | Current Term End Date | Term # | Local Business Org. | Senior Citizens Org. | Bona-Fide Taxpayers Org. | Parent / Guardian of Child Enrolled in District | Parent/ Guardian & Active in PTA or School Site Council | At-Large Community Member |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Term #1 | | Term #2 | | Term #3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | One (1) Year | Two (2) Year | One (1) Year | Two (2) Year | One (1) Year | Two (2) Year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jonathan Bonesteel | | X | | | | | 1 | Vice Chair | 11/21/2022 | 11/30/2024 | 1 | | | | X | X | |
| Jayesh Patel | | X | | | | | 2 | Co-Publicity Chair | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2023 | 2 | | | | X | | |
| John Strickler | | X | | | | | | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2023 | 1 | | X | | | | |
| Josh Mengers | | X | | | | | | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2023 | 1 | | X | | | | |
| Josh Platten | X | | X | | | | 3 | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2023 | 3 | | | | X | | |
| Larry Borovay | | | | | | | 1 | | 6/14/2022 | 6/24/2024 | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Elisse Sherman | | X | | | | | 1 | Publicity Chair | 11/15/2022 | 11/30/2024 | 1 | | | | X | X | X |
| Omar Noorzai | X | | X | | | | 3 | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2023 | 3 | | | | X | X | X |
| Rasesh (Ray) Mehta | | X | | | | | | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2023 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Rebecca Hopkins | X | | | X | | | | Chair | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2024 | 2 | | | X | X | | |

For the fiscal year 2024-2025, the following individual a began new term as a member of the CBOC committee:

- **Steve Silverman** ***(Approved by the Board of Education on December 12, 2023)***

The final makeup of the CBOC committee on June 30, 2024 with details about term expiration dates, position held and representation of from each of categories required by California Education Code 15282 is shown in Table 1: California Education Code 15282 states that the Committee shall consist of at least seven members, who shall serve for a minimum term of two years and for no more than three consecutive terms. Committee shall have members from each of the required categories shown in this table. Note that throughout the year, the CBOC's membership always included at least seven members with at least one member from each of the required categories.

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| | Term #1 | | Term #2 | | Term #3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | One (1) Year | Two (2) Year | One (1) Year | Two (2) Year | One (1) Year | Two (2) Year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jonathan Bonesteel | | X | | | | | 1 | Vice Chair | 11/21/2022 | 11/30/2024 | 1 | | | | X | X | |
| Larry Borovay | | X | | | | | 1 | | 6/14/2022 | 6/24/2024 | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Rebecca Hopkins | X | | | X | | | 2 | Chair | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2024 | 2 | | | X | X | | |
| Omar Noorzai | X | | X | | X | | 3 | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2024 | 3 | | | | X | X | X |
| Jayesh Patel | | X | | X | | | 2 | Co-Publicity Chair | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2025 | 2 | | | | X | | |
| Josh Platten | X | | X | | X | | 3 | | 8/17/2021 | 9/30/2024 | 3 | | | | X | | |
| Elisse Sherman | | X | | | | | 1 | Publicity Chair | 11/15/2022 | 11/30/2024 | 1 | | | | X | X | X |
| Steve Silverman | | X | | | | | 1 | | 12/12/2023 | 12/12/2025 | 1 | | X | | | | |

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