

MEASURE S & MEASURE AAA BOND PROGRAMS

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

2022/2023 AUDITED FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

AND

2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE AND PROGRESS REPORT

**Submitted to the Compton Unified School District
Board of Trustees on November 19, 2024**

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I. Introduction

This Annual Report ("Report") is submitted to the Compton Unified School District's ("District") Superintendent and Board of Trustees (collectively "Board") by the District's Measure S and Measure AAA Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee ("CBOC").

1. This Report is intended to present the annual financial and performance audits for the 2022/2023 fiscal year, as well as recent activities and opinions of the CBOC. The CBOC is required to prepare and present to the Board, in public session, an annual written report, which includes a summary of the CBOC's activities and a statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with requirements that bond revenues have been used only for the purposes authorized by the bond measures. (Gov. Code §15280; CBOC Bylaws, Para. 4.1.D.1.)
2. The CBOC advises that, to the best of its knowledge, the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1 (b) (3) of the California Constitution, which requires:

“(b) The limitation provided for in subdivision (a) shall not apply to ad valorem taxes or special assessments to pay the interest and redemption charges on any of the following:

(3) Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district ... 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, approved by 55 percent of the voters of the district or county, as appropriate, voting on the proposition on or after the effective date of the measure adding this paragraph. This paragraph shall apply only if the proposition approved by the voters and resulting in the bonded indebtedness includes all the following accountability requirements:

(A) A requirement that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

(B) A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the school district board ... has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list.”

3. The CBOC has reviewed the Annual Audit produced by the District for the 2022/2023 fiscal year for Measure S and Measure AAA. The Annual Audit is available on the District's website at the following link:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1713459425/comptonk12caus/gx3dvw1coq_uw3xttraad/ComptonUSDMeasureSRpt23.pdf.

4. Furthermore, the CBOC has reviewed expenditure reports produced by the District.
5. During the 2022/2023 fiscal year to present, the CBOC met six (6) times to receive updates from District staff on the progress of Measure S and Measure AAA projects and to prepare the Report. The District presented information and project status updates.
6. To the best of the CBOC's knowledge, it has determined that:
 - 6.1. All expenditures authorized by the school facility bonds have been presented by District staff and consultants to the CBOC;
 - 6.2. Bond proceeds have been expended only for the purposes authorized by State law and set forth in the ballot measures;
 - 6.3. Bond proceeds have not been expended for any other purposes, including teacher and administrative salaries and other school operating expenses; and
 - 6.4. Bond proceeds have been maximized.
7. The CBOC reports that, to the best of its knowledge, the District has complied with the requirements of State law in its accounting for and expending of bond funds for Measure S and Measure AAA projects. Detailed information regarding Measure S and Measure AAA projects is provided later in this Report. Expenditures for both bond measures are cumulative through March 23, 2024, and are attached herein as **EXHIBIT A** to this Report.
8. A summary of the CBOC's proceedings and activities is provided below.
9. The CBOC looks forward to the next year as the District continues to make the facility improvements promised in Measure S and Measure AAA. The CBOC would like to thank the community, Superintendent, and Board of Trustees for their continued support of the CBOC, the District and its students.

Date: _____

John Franklin, Chair

Measure S and Measure AAA

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

II. About the Compton Unified School District

The District is located in the south-central region of Los Angeles County, California, covering the City of Compton and portions of Carson and Los Angeles. The District serves approximately 17,000 students across 36 school sites and is undergoing a significant transformation, reflected in rising student achievement rates, a graduation rate over 92%, substantial facilities improvements, and a focus on STEAM (an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking) throughout all schools. District schools include 21 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 4 high schools, and 4 alternative schools.

III. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The CBOC is responsible for the review of bond expenditures and the preparation and presentation of an annual report. The District's CBOC has oversight responsibilities for Measure S and Measure AAA. CBOC members generally serve a term of two (2) years, commencing as of the date of appointment. No member may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. CBOC members are not compensated for their services.

The District's CBOC is comprised of members representing the required constituent groups from throughout the District's service region. The Board and District staff are working diligently to plan for and fill vacancies.

2022 Measure S CBOC Members:

- Mitchel Weinbaum, Chair; Business Community
- Samuel Salcedo, Vice Chair; Bona Fide Taxpayers' Organization
- Marjorie A. Shipp, Secretary; Business Community, Senior Citizen's Organization, Bona Fide Taxpayers' Organization
- Venita Alsenat; Parent of Child in the District
- Tavia Perez; Parent of Child in the District

2023 Measure S and Measure AAA CBOC Members:

- Mitchel Weinbaum, Chair; Business Community
- Samuel Salcedo, Vice Chair; Bona Fide Taxpayers' Organization
- Marjorie A. Shipp, Secretary; Business Community, Senior Citizen's Organization, Bona Fide Taxpayers' Organization
- Venita Alsenat; Parent of Child in the District
- Amparo Briseno; Senior Citizens Organization

2024 Measure S and Measure AAA CBOC Members:

- John Franklin, Chair; Business Community
- Ricardo Cruz Rodriguez; Parent of Child in the District
- Abril Villanueva; Parent of Child in the District
- Dr. John Hamilton; Community-at-Large
- Sharon Whitaker; Community-at-Large
- Jose Luevano; Business Organization

IV. Measure S and Measure AAA Bond Programs Summary

The District has two bond authorizations:

- The District was successful at the election for Measure S, conducted on November 3, 2015, in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bond, pursuant to a greater than 55% vote. The bond was issued to finance the construction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of various capital finances of the District.
- The District was also successful at the election for Measure AAA, conducted on November 8, 2022, in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bond, pursuant to a greater than 55% vote. The bond was issued to finance repair of deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, electrical, and other systems, enhance school safety, and construct, reconstruct, renovate, rehabilitate, and modernize classrooms, sites, and facilities, including media and performing arts centers, technology centers and athletic complexes at District school sites.

Measure S and Measure AAA were both passed under Proposition 39 (chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, sections 15264, et seq., of the Education Code) provisions, which allow passage of school bond measures with 55% voter approval if certain conditions are met. The elections were conducted pursuant to Proposition 39 requirements. Proposition 39 allows the District to use bond funds only for projects described in the bond measure language. The funds cannot be used for staff salaries or projects not described in the language of the bond measures. It also mandates the formation of a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

Pursuant to section 15278 of the Education Code, on January 26, 2016, the District approved Resolution No. 15/16-22, which established a CBOC to satisfy the accountability requirements of Proposition 39. The resolution directed staff to propose bylaws for the policies and regulation of the CBOC, which were adopted on February 9, 2016.

On February 14, 2023, the District approved Resolution No. 22/23-40, which reestablished the CBOC as a joint committee overseeing both the Measure S and Measure AAA bond program funds and approved new amended and restated Committee bylaws.

V. Summary of CBOC Activities

To satisfy Proposition 39 requirements, the CBOC has met regularly, reviewed expenditure reports, and been updated on the Bond Program's progress (planning, design, and construction).

The CBOC conducts its meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act, contained in sections 54950, et seq., of the Government Code. Meeting notices and agendas are sent to members of the CBOC and posted at the District Office and the District's website. Meeting notices, agendas, minutes and all documents and reports received by the CBOC members are a matter of public record and are available on the District's website as follows:

<https://www.compton.k12.ca.us/departments/business-services/facilities-department/measure-s/cboc-agendasminutesdocuments>

1. September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting – Informational [NO QUORUM]

2. January 31, 2023, Regular Meeting – Informational [NO QUORUM]

3. October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting

Location: District Office Board Room #132

- Roll Call
 - The following members were in attendance:
 - Mitchell Weinbaum
 - Claudia Soto
 - Amanda Lares
 - John Hamilton

- The following members were absent:
 - Venita Alsenat
 - Amparo Briseno
- Update on Measure S Projects
- Update on Measure S and Measure AAA Bond Expenditures/Current Financials
- Measure AAA Background
- Adjournment

4. **January 30, 2024, Regular Meeting**

Location: District Office Board Room #132

- Roll Call
 - The following members were in attendance:
 - John Franklin
 - Ricardo Cruz Rodriguez
 - Abril Villanueva
 - Dr. John Hamilton
 - The following members were absent:
 - Venita Alsenat
 - Amparo Briseno
- Public Comment
- Approval of October 10, 2023, Minutes
- Update on Measure S Projects
- Update on Measure S Bond Expenditures/Current Financials
- Receive Measure S Performance and Financial Reports
- Adjournment

5. **May 23, 2024, Regular Meeting**

Location: District Office Board Room #132

- Roll Call
 - The following members were in attendance:
 - John Franklin
 - Ricardo Rodriguez
 - Sharon Whitaker
 - John Hamilton
 - The following member was not present:
 - Abril Villanueva
 - Jose Luevano
- Public Comment
- Approval of January 30, 2024, Minutes
- Update on Measure S and Measure AAA Projects
- Update on Measure S Expenditures/Current Financials
- Adjournment

VI. **Bond Projects and Financial Summary**

Measure S active projects for the 2022/2023 fiscal year included Compton High School improvements.

Measure AAA active projects for the 2022/2023 fiscal year included modernization and construction at Centennial High School and the Dominguez High School cafeteria/kitchen project.

VII. **Bond Annual Audit Report for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year**

In accordance with Proposition 39, both Measure S and Measure AAA contains strict financial safeguards, including a requirement that independent audits be conducted annually to ensure bond funds are spent on the acquisitions, expansions, upgrades, construction, equipping, furnishing, and/or improvements identified in the Bond Measure.

The Auditor, Christy White, Inc., found that the District properly accounted for the expenditures and bond funds were spent on authorized projects.

The Financial and Performance Audit Report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is available on the District's website:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1713459425/comptonk12caus/gx3dvw1coquw3xttraad/ComptonUSDMeasureSRpt23.pdf>

VIII. CBOC Compliance Statement

Bond expenditures and bond projects have been reviewed by the CBOC to ensure that bond funds are spent only on school facility improvements authorized by Measure S and Measure AAA. Bond expenditures are audited annually by an independent audit firm retained by the District. The CBOC has reviewed the Annual Audits, and other materials requested from/provided by the District as set forth above, and believes, to the best of its knowledge, that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

EXHIBIT A

<https://www.compton.k12.ca.us/departments/business-services/facilities-department/measure-s/citizens-bond-oversight-committee>