



# 2017-18 Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report



New 35,000 square foot Language Arts Building at Rowland High School features 22 classrooms with new learning environment for students and staff.

## Committee Established

The Rowland Unified School District ("District") was successful at elections conducted on June 6, 2006 in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$118 million of the District's general obligation bonds, and on November 6, 2012, authorizing the District to issue up to \$158 million in general obligation bonds (the 2006 and 2012 bond measures shall collectively be referred to as "Measure R"). The elections were conducted pursuant to Article XIII A, Section 1, subdivision (b)(3) of the California Constitution, which allows a 55% majority to pass the bond ("Proposition 39"). Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is now obligated to establish an "independent citizens' oversight committee" in order to satisfy the accountability requirements of Proposition 39.

• The CBOC attended the Grand Opening of the Language Arts building at Rowland High School. There were many parents and local government officials also in attendance.

• The CBOC regularly meets with the Construction Manager (CM) from Ledesma & Meyer on the various phasing plans, construction updates and budgetary matters of the Rowland High School project. At every meeting they have provided updates on the construction and planning so that any potential issues that could arise are dealt with before they could become a financial liability. They always answer our questions, explain things thoroughly when clarification is needed. Whenever additional reporting or information is requested, they provide it in a timely manner.

• The Accountants of Nigro & Nigro sought the Bond Oversight's input on the 2016-2017 Bond Audit by interviewing the past committee Chair. The CBOC is secure in their knowledge that the input from the CBOC will continue to be used to determine the parameters for the upcoming 2017-2018 Financial and Performance Audits.

• The CBOC has had training to assist members in becoming more knowledgeable, this will help the CBOC to better serve our community.

• The committee continues to use the customized reporting features of the COLBI financial reporting system. These customized reports are provided at every meeting to the CBOC.

• This year the CBOC attended the 7th Annual CalBOC conference in Sacramento. The CBOC was again, able to meet with different School District Staff and Bond Oversight members. This conference continues to be beneficial to the continual training and growth of the Rowland Unified CBOC. The subjects of this year's conference included what a financial report should include/look like. I am again, happy to report the RUSD goes beyond what other School Districts in California provide.

## Committee Members

At this time there are seven members on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC):

- **PTA and Parent Organization: Natalie Moreno**
- **PTA and Parent Organization: Wendy Zhong**
- **Seniors' Organization: Gerald Casterline**
- **Business Community: Jae Chun**
- **Tax Payers' Organization: Denise Jackson**
- **Community Member: Nat Ornelas**
- **Community Member: Yvette Romo**

## Purpose of Annual Report

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the CBOC, the Committee is charged with the responsibility to prepare regular reports in regards to its activities. This annual report shall include 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 proceeds and activities for the preceding year.

## CBOC Activities

• Agendas of the regularly scheduled meetings continue to include monthly updates related to construction issues, project progress, completion and financial updates to provide greater transparency and information to the CBOC and the public.

## Recommendations

- CBOC recommends training for the new members.

## Conclusion

Based on the information provided to the CBOC, the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.