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CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

05/23/18

Part 1

At the Board meeting of April 25, 2018 I reported on behalf of the CBOC. Here is the text of my report:

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting last Wednesday. It was a productive meeting even if most of the regular staff couldn't be there. This was because the Board chose to schedule another District meeting at the same time but in a different location. While I may disagree with the urgency of your newly scheduled meeting, it would have been nice had your own calendar been referenced before doubling up on the meetings.

Perception is always important and the perception last Wednesday night about the Board's partnership with the CBOC was not good.

Not only did this prevent several CBOC members from attending your critically important meeting but it kept several of your staff and Board members from attending ours.

Now we've learned that you've scheduled yet another meeting in a few months that will conflict. We'll discuss it at our next meeting with the intention of finding a replacement date for our meeting.

Some of the things we discussed were the need to update the CBOC web site. When the District and SGI parted ways, the CBOC lost their web site and it took 9 months for the District to get a replacement up and running. Now we'll be working to correct the typos and to fill in the many holes so when the public—and the CBOC members—go to the site looking for something, they can actually find what they're looking for.

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Since the weather has now cleared up, we hope to schedule site visits for the CBOC and the public at Pinole Valley HS, and at Wilson, Lake and Valley View Elementary Schools. Some things we want to include in these site visits are students (when possible), teachers and members of the community so we can learn from them. This has been HUGELY beneficial in the past.

We'll also be updating our By-Laws, expediting our Annual Report and looking very carefully at our audits.

Even though the size of our Bond Program is significantly smaller than a decade ago, the Bond funds—a lot of Bond funds—are still coming out of the pockets of the community and they deserve to know that even with all of the fresh oversight by this new Board and the extremely expensive Forensic Audit, that the problems they thought they saw in the past can't be seen today.

Something else that we discussed at great length was the disposition of a resolution from the CBOC Lessons Learned Subcommittee sent to this Board in December of 2016. It offered numerous suggestions on how to possibly keep from making the same mistakes over and over again.

The concerns being voiced at our meeting were that even though advice was submitted to the Board, it doesn't appear as if it was being considered with any seriousness. As a matter of fact, it didn't appear as if it was being considered at all. As you might imagine, after putting in a fair amount of time and effort from people that know something about which they speak, to have their advice fall on deaf ears is a concern for them.

The resolution that was brought before the CBOC for their consideration had a few language issues that could not be resolved that night but it's expected that an amended version will be brought back for consideration.

As always, whatever is sent from the CBOC to the Board is strictly advisory in nature and the Board always has the right, the option and the prerogative to accept or reject the advice from anyone they choose. After all, you're the elected officials and we're just the people you swore to represent. We would hope, however, that you would embrace advice proffered by the community

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groups that you appointed. You can always choose to go in a different direction but when you ignore groups like the CBOC completely, it sends a negative message to the community—the kind of message that come back to bite you in your collective rears when you ask the people for more funds either through a parcel tax ballot measure or another bond measure.

As always, members of the Board—as well as staff members—are welcome to reach out to the CBOC to discuss the issues that are of importance to us all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hon Gooney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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Part 2

At the Board meeting of May 16, 2018 I reported on behalf of the CBOC. Here is the text of my report:

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will host their monthly meeting next Wednesday at the Facilities Building at 1400 Marina Way South. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and all are welcome.

Since I last reported to you, the committee has not met so there's little to report on.

We will be coordinating site visits at Pinole Valley High School and Wilson, Grant, Valley View and Fairmont Elementary Schools so we can have first hand knowledge of the work being performed as well as the condition of schools that will or should be worked on.

We are also working to fill the vacancies on the CBOC. We are down to just ten members.

On first glance this might seem to be because interest in the CBOC is low but the primary reason for so many vacancies is that many of our members have either recently termed out, moved away or health issues have caused their premature departure.

Our Building Trades member had a health issue; our Pinole member moved to Washington, DC; our Solutions Team member took a new job elsewhere; our two members from the unincorporated areas just termed out as did one of our Richmond members and the member representing the Parent or Guardian.

We are working the social media sites and putting out the word to solicit new applications. What makes it difficult are the restrictions where an applicant

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must reside in a specific area—much as what will happen when the district breaks up into wards to elect members of the Board. We have interested and qualified people who want to serve but they don't reside in the right locations or otherwise represent a special interest group.

Nonetheless, we are optimistic that you will soon have numerous applications to review.

Although we routinely host our meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month, because the Board has scheduled a meeting on the same night that the CBOC would meet in July, we will look at rescheduling that meeting so we can have the full participation of our Board liaisons and staff without forcing CBOC members and members of the public to choose which District meeting they can attend. We'll keep you posted of any changes.

Aside from the membership issue, the meeting date issue and our efforts to visit some of our sites, things are running smoothly right now with nothing more to report at this time.

