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CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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Since I last reported to you, the CBOC has not met so there's little to report to the Board and the community.

The CBOC hosted two site visits so we might have a better feel for the status of the projects being worked on by the District.

The first was at Pinole Valley HS where we saw the different aspects first hand. If anyone thinks that the materials cost a fortune or maybe the labor, they need to see the humongous amount of scaffolding on this site. Maybe the District's Bond Program can save a few bucks by either investing in scaffolding companies or supplying their own. Yes, I'm being facetious but scaffolding can be a major expense—especially when the work it was erected for drags on interminably and we still get to pay a daily rental for every piece of that scaffolding.

It's a beautiful looking project and the people of Pinole should be proud of their new school once it's completed.

I was surprised, though, to learn that there are no solar panels to be erected on this site. There are structures in a courtyard to be used to shade the students while eating but no solar panels on top of these structures. The design of these structures looks eerily similar to those carport style structures used to hold up solar panels in parking lots so it makes me wonder why these are not a part of the design. And, unlike several other schools where the roofs of these schools are covered with solar panels. Pinole Valley HS's roofs will be barren. This can be used as a good example of the value of running designs by the community AND the various committees that might provide insight to the Board. Just a thought.

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The other site visit was to Woodrow Wilson Elementary. This was after the rooms were largely stripped with the contents shipped to their temporary campus.

I was looking very hard to find those parts of the school that demanded that it be torn down and replaced before the many other campuses that also need replacing.

Guess what? I must have blinked or something because I couldn't find that school that absolutely positively needed to be torn down.

What I saw was a campus that was overgrown with weeds, several benches that needed replacing, walls that could use a fresh coat of paint and a few adjustments to bring the buildings up to code.

With all of that, I couldn't see anything that would cost in excess of \$40 million to repair.

We have school communities all over the District that think that their schools are in worse shape than any other school in the District and they'll lobby the Board, they'll organize, they'll show up at Board meetings with their kids dressed in their school t-shirts—they'll do whatever is necessary to convince the Board that they need a new school ahead of all of the other parent groups.

It was this kind of lobbying that lead to the overspending at many of the schools already completed and one of the reasons why the Bond Program doesn't have enough money to take care of the other schools that will have to wait their turn.

Aside from the site visits, the CBOC is trying to put the finishing touches on their Annual Report so the Board and the public might be able to see in

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one document what's been happening with their tax dollars over the course of the last year.

We're still working to fill the vacancies on the CBOC. We still have vacancies from the Building Trades Council, the Solutions Team, Pinole, Richmond and a couple from the unincorporated areas. Help from the public and help from the District would be appreciated so we can man up to our full compliment of the people's representatives. At a recent meeting the Board approved Vanessa Hill to serve on the CBOC and from the moment the Board approved her application—actually even before then—we put her to work so she could be a full partner in the work we have before us.

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 6:00 PM and all are welcome.

