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West Contra Costa Unified School District Community Budget Advisory Committee

Background

The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Community Budget Advisory Committee (the Committee) is a School Board appointed community-based advisory group which discusses budgetary issues. The Committee, consists of eleven (11) members.

Committee Purpose

- To **understand** the budget process for WCCUSD and public education as a whole
- To **communicate** information to the community about the budget process in a clear and transparent way including but not limited to informal dialogues
- To **advise and make recommendations to** the WCCUSD School Board on budgetary issues including overall priorities and revenue requirements based on its understanding of the budget process, and community feedback
- To **provide oversight** over the Measure D parcel tax passed in 2008 as required by the text of the measure

Membership

Composition

The Committee will be comprised of voting and non-voting members. There will be seven (7) voting members including one (1) teacher employed by WCCUSD, one (1) classified employee of WCCUSD, one (1) site principal, at least one (1) business leader, and at least one (1) parent of a child enrolled in the district. The additional two (2) voting members shall be a parent, business leader or community member. The non-voting members of the Committee will consist of two (2) members of the WCCUSD Board of Trustees appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees and two (2) staff members appointed by the Superintendent. A meeting quorum will consist of four (4) out of the seven (7) voting members. All voting positions may have designated alternates who may vote in the absence of a committee member.

Selection

Members of the Committee will be selected by the Committee based on Self-Nomination Forms approved by the Committee. The Self-Nomination Forms will be submitted to the Committee in October and April or when vacancies occur. The Committee will select new Committee members, including alternate members, in November and May. The selections will then be subject to ratification by the School Board.

Persistent Vacancies

If, after 6 months, no candidates apply who fulfill the requirement described in the **Composition** section above, then the Committee may choose any candidate to fulfill the unfilled slot.

Terms

The term for voting members will be two (2) years. The term will start on January 1st for three (3) members and July 1st for four (4) members. To stagger the terms properly, two (2) of the four (4) community members ratified for terms starting July 1, 2009 shall have special one-year terms.

Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly excluding December, February and June. The standard meeting time will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month. The standard meeting place will be the Adult Education Alvarado Campus. Meeting dates, locations, and agendas will be posted on the WCCUSD website at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

Officers

The Committee will elect its own officers. The elected officers will be a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The positions will be elected each year in January. The term of office for both positions will be one (1) year.

Chairperson

The duties of the chairperson (the "Chair") will be

- Preparing for the meetings (including preparing agendas)
- Facilitating the meetings by ensuring that each member has the ability to contribute to the discussion
- Ensuring a fair hearing for community participants
- Making a presentation to the School Board every 3 months

Vice Chairperson

The duties of the vice chairperson will be

- Assisting the Chair in facilitating meetings
- Filling in for the Chair when necessary

Staff Support

WCCUSD staff will provide necessary clerical and technical support to the Committee.

Parcel Tax Oversight

The new Measure D parcel tax that begins on July 1, 2009 requires "oversight by the Community Budget Advisory Committee." The Committee already has a broad advisory role over all

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operating budget issues including parcel tax expenditures. This required oversight role does not limit the existing scope of the Committee.

Parcel tax oversight will be exercised through (1) reviewing the expenditures of Measure D funds for compliance and (2) educating the public in how the parcel tax operates. For review, each year the Committee will receive, either at the same time or separately, a list of proposed Measure D parcel tax expenditures for the next fiscal year and a list of the actual parcel tax expenditure for the current year and previous years. Each year, the Committee will formally communicate to the School Board whether the Committee believes the current-year and planned uses of parcel tax funds can each be reasonably associated with a designated purpose set forth in Measure D. The Committee will also generally review the implementation of all aspects of the parcel tax. For education, the Committee will schedule one or more presentations each year to discuss the parcel tax including actual expenditures and the details of the parcel tax.

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