

WCCUSD School Board Meeting, March 4, 2015.

Dear President Groves, Trustees, Dr. Harter and Staff:

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Chair's Report presented by Ivette Ricco, Chair.

This Chair's report is not a report on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee's recent activities, rather it is a statement:

On February 25, Lisa LeBlanc presented a report to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee titled "Framing the Next Steps". It presented a clear and concise but sobering picture of the current state of the Bond program.

Lisa and her team are working to prioritize, manage and budget the remaining Bond Funds, approximately \$592 million, with about half of that amount slated for projects in progress.

The WCCUSD bond program is at critical juncture. Communities are left asking if, or when, their schools will ever be the beneficiaries of the 6 bond measures they helped pass.

Lisa and her team have asked for the support of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as they begin the process of prioritizing, managing and budgeting the balance of \$1.6 billion in approved bond measures. There is a need to establish priorities, develop criteria and implement stringent cost controls,

I applaud Lisa LeBlanc and her team for setting new standards. We all understand that making these changes will result in pushback, primarily from those who would like to continue to do business as usual. We simply cannot afford business as usual.

I am here as the Chair of the CBOC to voice my support and the support of the CBOC to Lisa and her team. We are ready to work hand in hand with you in this very important effort.

Sincerely,
Ivette Ricco