

WCCUSD CBOC CHAIRPERSON TOM PANAS REPORT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 20, 2016

Good Evening President Enos, members of the Board, and district staff. My name is Tom Panas and I am the chair of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.

Ivette Ricco, the chair of the CBOC for the last three years, and I would like to discuss the contents the 2015 CBOC annual report. We'll start with Ivette's comments.

Comments by Ivette Ricco

Thank you so much Ivette. As she said, the last three years have been ones of growth and true independence for the CBOC. This has all been because of Ivette's strong leadership and her dedication to the function of the CBOC. We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for Ivette's determination and I'd like to personally thank her for what she has done for the District and the CBOC.

We also wouldn't be where we are today without the cooperation of the District's staff, everyone from Miss Gamba, Lisa Leblanc, Mark Bonnett, and Luis Freese, through the many other people who have worked with us to make the CBOC a truly effective oversight committee. All of the staff who supported the CBOC are listed in the Annual report. Plus, we also wouldn't be where we are today if the Board hadn't directed the staff to assist the CBOC as we worked to fulfill our mission.

The Annual Report that was included in your packet is a comprehensive review of 2015 for the CBOC. The complete report is available on the CBOC website. I'd like to highlight four significant things that happened last year that are documented in the Annual report.

First, the Grand Jury issued a report on June 11, 2015 titled "A case in stymied oversight." This report is one of the 22 Appendices to the Annual report. Significantly, it suggested that nominations for the CBOC should not come directly from Board members or from the Supervisors or City Councils. Even more importantly, as a result of the Grand Jury report there is now an open and transparent process for vetting all nominations to the CBOC. This is a wonderful step for our district and in my opinion this same kind of process should be mirrored for the appointments to our new budget and parcel tax committees. The annual report includes a list of the members and their terms. As you know the Grand Jury had many other findings as well.

Second, one of the important tasks for the CBOC each year is to make a statement about the adequacy of the performance audit. The conclusion of the report for the year ended 6-30-15 was that for Bond Measures D (2010) and E (2012), the District was in compliance with the provisions of the California Constitution except that the project lists were not well-enough

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defined to allow the CBOC to state an opinion as to whether expenditures of bond funds were made in accordance with the voter approved project lists.

The CBOC hopes that when the district does the performance audit for the year ended 6-30-17, it will be performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards for compliance and program effectiveness and results performance audits. Such a performance audit would be an extremely useful document for all parties to receive and review.

Number three is that the CBOC's website in the past year has moved forward by leaps and bounds. We have an extraordinary amount of data available to the public on the website now. This includes everything from our bylaws, our membership list and meeting minutes to check registers, bond program reports, meeting packets, and much more. It is an extraordinary resource for the public and for the CBOC members.

The forth area that I would like to highlight is the progress that we have made on reports. A Several of our members have taken part in working with the staff to create a comprehensive package of reports that not only reveals to the CBOC data that has never been previously available but also is for the first time easily accessible to the staff. Tom's insistence that we have a comprehensive set of simple reports that clearly describe how we have spent our money versus what we had planned to spend has been eye-opening for many people. We owe a great debt to Tom and the staff members he worked with in creating these reports.

Please take a careful look at the annual report. It will be worth the time. It is the hope of your CBOC chair and the annual report committee that our annual report will be even better next year and we would welcome any suggestions to improve it.

Thank you for your time this evening.