

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

“Bond Oversight Done Right”

To all Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Members,

A core part of our mission at CABOC is to advocate for our collective interests at the state level by communicating with legislators, financial oversight agencies and by sponsoring legislative initiatives that will serve to more clearly define and strengthen the role of CBOC’s statewide.

Although the legislative intent was clear in 2000 with the passage of Proposition 39 which mandated citizen oversight of school bond measures through district CBOC’s, it is our experience that this goal has not been realized. We frequently hear from CBOC members that you often lack the independence, information and financial resources to carry out your responsibilities to accurately report bond expenditures to the district, taxpayers and the general public.

Over the past 18 months, CABOC’s Legislative Committee has developed a core set of legislative initiatives that focus on CBOC independence and accountability which we intend to present to a select group of legislators, some of whom may be interested in sponsoring our legislation and some who may be newly elected.

It is our goal to see these initiatives enacted into law during the upcoming 2023 legislative session and we are asking for your support by signing the attached petition after examining the slate of legislative initiatives we intend to submit to legislators. We will also include the responses to this petition so that legislators fully appreciate the need for both CBOC independence and the tools required to be truly accountable to the taxpayers and general public.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Anton Jungherr

Executive Director
California Association of Bond Oversight Committees

CABOC LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR 2023

For the upcoming 2023 California Legislative Session, our Legislative Committee has focused on two key areas that are key to strengthening Citizens Bond Oversight Committees statewide:

- * CBOC Independence and Support
- * Ensuring and Enhancing Accountability and Transparency

In order for a CBOC to carry out its reporting responsibilities to the public, it is imperative that they be completely independent bodies and key to that, is to change the way members are appointed and how they will be supported. Specifically we propose that:

* A Nominating Committee will be established to nominate the first slate of members for any newly established CBOC. The initial committee will be composed of:..... who will then present the slate of independent and qualified candidates to the governing board of the district for approval.

Subsequently, a permanent Nominating Committee composed of 2 CBOC members and 2 governing board members will recruit, screen and present qualified and independent candidates to the governing board to fill any vacant positions.

* A CBOC shall receive adequate financial support from the district in order to execute their oversight and reporting responsibilities. The budget will include financial resources to pay for independent legal counsel.

* A CBOC will establish its own bylaws to determine how they will govern.

* CBOC's will work with the Bond Program Staff to select the auditors and set the scope for financial and program audits.

* Every Bond Measure will include a long-range master facility plan with specific project lists that will be undertaken with the bond monies approved by voters.

*A CBOC will establish a Website presence to communicate with the public and report at least annually on bond program expenditures. The website will include member bios, agendas, reports and bylaws.

PETITION

_____ I SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

CBOC _____

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT # _____ SENATE DISTRICT # _____