

Why CBOCs Are Important

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CBOC Mission: Monitor district bond management and report to the public

- **Did the district do what they promised voters?**
(Note: bond language is often vague; insist on seeing specific project plans.)
- **Did the district obey all pertinent laws regarding bond program management?**
(Note: watch for bond money being used for operating costs.)
- **Did the district complete required annual financial and performance audits**

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CBOC Methods

- **Meet as often as necessary to discharge your duty to the public; you are NOT obliged to meet on a schedule dictated by the district or bond counsel.**
- **Ensure that all CBOC meetings are compliant with the Brown Act, which requires that the public is fully informed of CBOC agendas and actions...the public does Not surrender its right to participate in public agency actions when it elects board members.**

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CBOC Methods

- **Consider establishing subcommittees to facilitate division of CBOC work:**
 - **Audit subcommittee**
 - **Site Visit subcommittee**
 - **Project Invoice and Costs subcommittee**
(including review of “Change Orders”)
 - **Annual Report subcommittee**

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Common New CBOC Misdirections

- **“The CBOC works for the district”**
 - **No, we work for the public.**

- **“The CBOC should participate in bond program management decisions”**
 - **No: the CBOC must remain “at arms length” from all management decisions, in order to be objective.**

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Common New CBOC Misdirections

- **“The CBOC is obliged to follow district (or bond counsel) templates and procedures for its operations and reports”**
 - **No. The CBOC is an independant committee of the school board, we are free to use procedures and methods that allow us to fulfill our duty to the public: CABOC offers assistance in this regard.**