



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 03/20/19

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee met just last Thursday for our regular meeting so we could take care of critical business before next

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expect District staff to rat themselves out and tell the auditors how they're mismanaging the Bond Program?

There has to be a balanced approach to this audit. As a very long time member of the CBOC I was able to play the part of the old guy to remind people of the way we used to do things and insisted on that open line of communication between the auditors and key members of the CBOC.

The Performance Audit was just released but after just a cursory review it appears as if the auditors—Moss Adams—found

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A couple of weeks ago, as CBOC Chair, I met with Board President Panas, Superintendent Duffy and Associate Superintendent LeBlanc to come up with a draft agenda for our joint meeting on the 27th.

Typically, at these joint meetings the District tries to limit the length of the meeting to 90 minutes. This year, they graciously allotted two hours. Typically, we're allowed only three items to discuss but this year they agreed to six critical agenda items.

As Chair of the CBOC, I'm grateful for this cooperation.

As for the CBOC, however, their reaction to only being allotted 2 hours (when the three audits were budgeted for 90 minutes and basic opening and closing items are budgeted for nine minutes) was not pleasant so

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Now that vinyl records are back in vogue, I can use a phrase where younger people might understand my reference: I know I'm sounding like a broken record but if this Board wants to convince the voters to tax themselves even further to come up with funds to finish SOME of the remaining restorations, then they need to convince the voters that they can be trusted. You can change the faces of the people sitting at the dais but unless you change the way the people perceive of them, then any ballot measure is doomed to failure. We saw that last year when your proposed parcel tax to pay for the well deserved pay increases for our teachers was met with disdain by the voters when the pollsters called.

Prop 39 requires a bond oversight committee. We have one of those but if the Board and the District don't work with them, then it becomes obvious to the voters that it's all a charade and they look upon the Board and staff through the same lens of distrust. You have the ability to reverse this but it's going to take a concerted effort.