

E.1 Community Report on Grand Jury Report on Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees

Anton Jungherr, Former Member of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Thank you for moving up E.1 item on agenda

The District has Proposition 39 Bonds -- received by benefit of 55% vote rather than 67%
The law required the appointment of an independent citizens' oversight committee – watchdog.

The Contra Costa Grand Jury issued a report this month on the operation of the District's Bond Oversight Committee and eight other Districts in Contra Costa County. The report made 12 recommendations.

The District is required to respond to the Grand Jury Report.

In my opinion the District's Bond Oversight is not an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as required by law.

Prop 39 law required an oversight committee with at least seven members: *(pick example)*

- Tax Payer Rep
- Business Rep
- Senior Citizen Rep
- Parent
- Parent / PTA member
- Two other members

Nominated by each group

The District's committee has 19 members

In my opinion the District appointed 12 additional members to dilute the independence of the 7 legally required members.

Consider: Each Board member appoints ONE member for a total of FIVE members
Then five board appointments dilute the independence of the five legally required members.

It is a conflict of interest.

West Contra Costa is the only Bond Oversight Committee in California where each board member appointed their own personal representative to the committee.

The senior citizen member was not nominated by a senior citizen's organization.

The business position has been vacant for several months.

The Contra Costa Taxpayer nominee was rejected by the board in an illegal Parliamentary procedure

The Chair of the CBOC lobbied the Hercules City Council to prevent the appointment of their nominee

A joint meeting of the Board and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is planned for August 1st.

I urge that the District responds to the Grand Jury Report be placed on the Agenda for that meeting.

E.1 Community Request on Grand Jury Report on Citizens Bond Oversight Committees

Comment:

Anton Jungherr requested that the Contra Costa Grand Jury report regarding school bond oversight committees entitled "School Bond Oversight Committees: Raising the Bar" be placed on the agenda for June 27, 2012. The report provides specific findings and recommendations to which the District is required to respond.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

Not determined