

April 24, 2024

Stephen Curtis Petzold



Dear Chancellor Van Hook and President Alonso,

Greetings, I hope that both of you are doing well.

In accordance with Board Policies 2340 and 2345 I am requesting that an item be placed before trustees this afternoon (as allowed by BP 2340 3b) at the self evaluation meeting. I respectfully ask President Alonso to make the motion for approval.

If the item fails to receive the necessary  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote or all members present as circumstance dictates, I ask that it appear on the trustees meeting agenda on May 8, (Chancellor Van Hook has sufficient time to prepare and consult with bond counsel), but in no case later than the Joint Meeting scheduled for May 22, 2024.

Action Item

“Shall the Board of Trustees instruct the Chancellor to place all members of the Measure M/E Citizens under the SCCCD Conflict of Interest code , subject to the Political Reform Act and require them to file Form 700 with the college and appropriate agencies” Yes or No

**Background**

The college administration at COC has chosen to not require CBOC members to file 700. Instead , they instruct members to voluntarily comply with an express Ethics Policy. Without an annual Form 700 filing it is not possible for members of the public and the press to monitor compliance with the Ethics Code.

In addition, it is absolutely clear that the purpose of the CBOC is not merely ministerial in nature , merely producing progress reports.

In fact, Education Code 15278-15282 requires action by the CBOC to affirm compliance with at least two important provisions and report their findings to the trustees.

1- The CBOC is instructed to ensure that revenues are expended only for the purposes described in paragraph (3) subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article III A of the California Constitution.

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2-The CBOC is required to report compliance with the portion of the CA Constitution (subparagraph A of paragraph 3 of subdivision b of Section 1 of Article XIII A) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

It is beyond any reasonable doubt that the CBOC is engaged in activity which is meant to influence decision makers about governmental decisions involving the expenditure of public funds.

The CBOC required activities far exceed those of being merely ministerial in nature.

I urge you to take immediate and decisive action requiring Measure E CBOC members to comply with the Political Reform Act, Government Code 81000.

The opinions expressed above are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of CABOC  
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Sincerely,

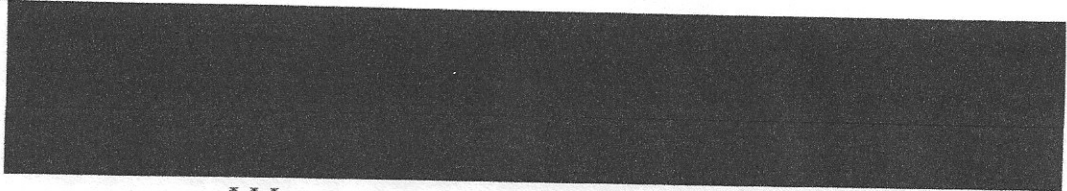
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CA Association of Bond Oversight Committees (Member)  
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Public Comment

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FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Ballot Text  
Measure E (2016)

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

1. All money will benefit College of the Canyons campuses and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.
2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES or pensions.
3. Require CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT and yearly reports to the community to keep the College accountable for how the funds are spent.
4. NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty and college administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.
5. FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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A CBOL is not sold to the voters as ministerial or ceremonial.