Role of CBOC

- Per Education Code, Sec 15278(b):
  “The purpose of the citizens’ oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The citizens’ oversight committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers’ money for school construction.”
Three Key Points

A. Activities included in role
B. Prospective involvement
C. Reporting
A. Activities Included in Role of CBOC per Sec 15278 of Ed Code

And included in initial CBOC bylaws:
1. Inform the Public
2. Review Bond Proceeds Expenditures
3. Annual Report
A. Activities Included in Role per Sec 15278 of Ed Code (cont’d)

And excluded from initial CBOC bylaws:

- Bylaws provided by SCC include some of activities in Education Code but not the prospective activities

- Excluded:
  - Inspecting school facilities and grounds to ensure that revenues are expended in compliance with the CA Constitution.
  - Receiving and reviewing copies of deferred maintenance proposals.
  - (cont’d)
A. Activities Included in Role per Sec 15278 of Ed Code (cont’d)

And excluded from initial CBOC bylaws:

- “Reviewing efforts by the community college district to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, including but not limited to:
  - Mechanisms designed to:
    - Reduce the costs of professional fees
    - Reduce the costs of site preparation
    - Reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in schoolsite design
  - Recommendation regarding
    - Joint use of core facilities
    - Use of cost-effective and efficient reusable facility plans”

Partly paraphrased for brevity
A. Bylaws of CBOCs with all provisions included

- Contra Costa Community College District
- Chabot-Las Positas Community College District
- San Jose Evergreen Community College District
- West Valley Mission Community College District
- Grossmont Union High School District
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
B. Prospective Involvement

- Roles excluded are prospective, not retrospective. (previous two slides)

- CBOC view:
  - Strong supporter of SCC. View our role as making funds go further. Good for SCC. Good for taxpayer.
  - Involvement prospectively in the development and execution of projects so can make recommendations that may stretch bond funds.
C. CBOC Reporting
C. CBOC is an independent entity
Sec 17278 Ed Code

• “If a bond measure authorized per...is approved, the governing board of the community college shall establish and appoint members to an independent citizens’ oversight committee.”

• An independent committee can establish its own bylaws.

• Our revised bylaws are taken largely from the Education Code and comparison with five other community college CBOCs.
Measure Q – Proposed Planning Matrix

Source: Measure Q Next Steps, Yulian Ligioso, VP Finance & Administration, 23 Jan 2013.
C. CBOC Reporting

- To SCC Board
- To Public

Recommendations:
1. Be involved prospectively
2. Report any observations or concerns to
   - Bond staff
   - Board
3. Report annually or more often to public, ideally many resolved concerns.
4. Rationale: goal is to stretch bond funds, not play out a public drama.
Requests

• SCC Board consider CBOC as useful resource
• CBOC be involved in bond team activities and have access to processes and products in order to have prospective:
  • Input to project decision making
  • Input to business decision making
• CBOC input to be considered
  • In the project processes
  • By the board, if raised to that level
  • In a CBOC periodic report
• Board liaison to CBOC
CBOC will

- Bring recommendations first to SCC bond staff and second to the board (assumes timely responses).
- Only use the bully public pulpit if we find that information is not timely forthcoming to allow us to fulfill our obligation or an important recommendation is not being considered.
- Give credit to SCC bond program, SCC board and Superintendent-President for considering and acting upon CBOC recommendations.
- Indicate in public reports recommendations taken as well as any issues that have not been resolved.
Q & A