Legal Foundation for the Committee
The Measure R 2010 Citizens’ Oversight Committee (“COC”) submits this report to the Board of Education. This report is issued in conformance with the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (“Proposition 39”) and Assembly Bill 1908 (“AB 1908”) requiring that the School District Board of Education form an independent citizens oversight committee and that this committee inform the public about the expenditures of bond funds.

The COC wishes to thank the SBUSD staff who has assisted us with ongoing support for the activities of the committee. We appreciate the opportunity to serve as the “citizens’ watchdog” for residents of SBUSD, verifying that Bond proceeds are expended only for the school projects on the ballot in conformity with guidelines established with Proposition 39 and AB1908.

Formation of the Committee and Charges
The Measure R 2010 COC was formed on February 22, 2011 as a result of the passage of SBUSD Bond Measure R 2010 under Proposition 39 rules which allowed for the passage of the bond measure with a 55% vote as opposed to 2/3 vote required under Proposition 13. The school district must adhere to strict accountability guidelines in the execution of the bond spending per Proposition 39 and AB 1908 including the formation of the COC. Bond Measure R 2010, a $35 Million Bond authorization, was passed by the voters in the SBUSD in November 2010, for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.

The COC is appointed by the Board of Education and is charged by State law to review the School District’s use of Measure R 2010 funds and to inform the public about those uses. The committee continues to see turnover in members, but currently retains the appropriate community representation.

Executive Summary – Citizens Oversight Committee
The COC met for the first time on September 12, 2011 and has continued to meet and receive updates from District staff regarding District facilities activities. The COC has reviewed the project expenditure reports for Measure R 2010, discussed the expenditures amongst members and questioned staff to ensure that the expenditures are consistent with and in compliance with the Measure R 2010 ballot language. Additionally, the COC has visited sites under construction and received regular project updates for the work scheduled through the program. The most recent reports contain data through October 31, 2017 and indicate that as of that date, from the total $35,000,000 in bonds sold, there is $1,567,445 remaining of Measure R2010 bond funds. We identified that no proceeds were spent on teacher salaries, administrative salaries or on operational expenses. As reported to the Committee, all of the funds have been spent on Measure R2010 projects and the associated resources necessary to administer the projects and bond delivery costs. The Committee has also received copies of the annual independent performance and financial audits for Measure R2010.

This report was approved by the Committee at their meeting on January 29, 2018 Please do not hesitate to contact this committee if you have any concerns or questions regarding the expenditure of Measure R 2010 funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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