

South Bay Union School District Prop X Newsletter



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South Bay Union School District Appoints Citizens Oversight Committee

Members will track \$59.4 million school bond measure

South County, San Diego - The South Bay Union School District (SBUSD) announced the appointment of its seven-member Independent Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. The committee will oversee the expenditure of the recently approved Proposition X, a \$59.4 million school safety and repair bond.

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Dear Friend of Prop X,

Welcome to the Prop X Newsletter! We will be sending these out quarterly to keep you informed about activities surrounding Prop X. Additionally, we have launched a website, www.BuildingPropX.com and a hotline, 1-888-62-PROP-X. We encourage you to visit the website and hotline frequently.

It is an exciting time here at South Bay Union School District. The Proposition X bond measure passed last November and we are beginning the planning and design phases for improvements to the District's schools.

The District has appointed the Citizens' Bond Oversite Committee. The committee has been formed and is poised for action. Read below for more details on the committee

The students, faculty, staff and community of South Bay Union School District are grateful for your support and dedication to the well-being of the students and employees of our District. If you have any questions or concerns that are not answered by these resources, you can reply to this email and we will get you the information you need.

Thank you!

Dr. Carol Parish, Superintendent South Bay Union School District

Prop X now has a brand new website

www.buildingpropx.com.

Visit us to get more details on the bond program, schedules and progress.



Oversite Committee

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Newly appointed members include:

- Member at large Duane Leach, a veteran employee of SBUSD
- Business representative Casey Broach, former Board Member of the Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Parent representative Harold Phelps, current member of the Imperial Beach Design Review Board
- PTA representative Alexis Pena, current U.S. Border Patrol employee
- Member at large Bob Vasquez, former Imperial Beach City Planning Director
- Senior citizen appointee Dee McLean, former SBUSD Board of Trustees member
- Taxpayer representative Jim Doud, member of the Chula Vista Taxpayers Association.

"We are confident this group will work hard to ensure the proper use of bond expenditures and construction quality," said Dr. Carol Parish, South Bay Union School District Superintendent. "The District is committed to excellence in its work, holding the highest standards for the oversight of Prop X."

This Independent Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee will work to ensure that school bond funds are invested as the voters intended and that the construction projects are completed wisely and competently. Furthermore, the committee will communicate its findings to the Board of Trustees and the public at large. The committee's first meeting is expected to take place in June. Committee meeting schedules, agendas and minutes will soon be available on the website www.buildingpropx.com.

What is Proposition X?

Proposition X is a school classroom, safety and repair measure that provides \$59.4 million in funds necessary to address the critical and urgent needs of schools in the South Bay Union School District

Many schools in the South Bay Union School District are no longer adequate to provide students with the environment and learning tools they need to succeed. While facilities have been well-maintained over the years, the average age of our schools is over 44 years. Emory School, our oldest, was first constructed in 1931.

Proposition X will fund the repairs and improvements needed to ensure that the 9,000 elementary students attending our schools are in a safe, healthy and quality learning environment.

What specific improvements will Proposition X fund?

Some specific improvements that Proposition X will fund include:

- Making health and safety improvements, including removing asbestos, upgrading electrical systems, and replacing outdated fire alarms
- Improving student access to computers and modern technology
- Modernizing classrooms, restrooms and cafeterias
- Making handicap accessibility (ADA) improvements
- Repairing and replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems

HOTLINE AVAILABLE!

A hotline has been dedicated to Prop X progress. Feel free to call anytime and find out more information about the bond program.

1-888-62-PROP-X (se habla español)





