

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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**RESOLUTION 2008-44**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REGARDING: THE PROPOSED NOVEMBER 2008 LOCAL SCHOOL BOND**

WHEREAS, the LAUSD School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee ("Oversight Committee") finds that additional resources are necessary to build, modernize, and repair schools for the children of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD); and to improve health and safety, reduce overcrowding, and enhance the educational opportunities of the students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee has been advised that LAUSD is proposing a local school bond to be on the November 4, 2008 ballot; and

WHEREAS, following the voters' passage of Proposition BB, Measure K, Measure R and Measure Y, LAUSD and the Oversight Committee have worked together to implement a bond-funded school construction and modernization program pursuant to a shared vision to build and repair schools that promote the full development of the child, are educationally and environmentally sound, enhance their neighborhoods through design and programming as centers of community, and reflect the wise and efficient use of scarce land and public resources; and

WHEREAS, with the Oversight Committee's encouragement and guidance, LAUSD's bond-funded school construction and modernization program has proceeded in accordance with strategic execution plans for school construction, repair and modernization to help ensure projects are completed as planned, on time, within budget and as the voters wanted; and

WHEREAS, at the insistence of the Oversight Committee, LAUSD has put into place qualified professional staff and management systems to develop and implement the strategic execution plans for school construction, repair and modernization; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the Oversight Committee, LAUSD has provided the information and resources for

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the Oversight Committee to engage in effective oversight, not hindsight, including, but not limited to, resources for staff, independent counsel, and an oversight consultant to prepare reports and evaluations under the direction of the Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, provided the LAUSD Board, the Superintendent, and the facilities management team remain steadfastly committed to the foregoing, the Oversight Committee is confident in the District's ability to build, modernize and repair schools for the children of Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Based on the safeguards and requirements for LAUSD's continuing school construction and modernization programs enunciated in the language proposed for the full text of the ballot measure for the November 2008 bond which are the result of the collaboration between the Oversight Committee and the District and have been formulated in accordance with the goals and principles cited above, the Oversight Committee recommends that the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education utilize such language in any Resolution of the Board of Education to authorize up to approximately \$3.0 to 3.5 billion of general obligation bonds, and establishing specifications of the election order, for the purpose of placing a bond measure on the November 4, 2008, election ballot to provide funds for the construction, modernization and expansion of school facilities.
2. At this time the Oversight Committee reserves endorsing the anticipated bond measure for the November 4, 2008, election ballot pending: (a) review of the final language of any ballot measure authorized by the Board of Education; (b) an assessment of the advisability of placing a school bond measure on the November 4, 2008 ballot; and (c) achievement of substantial progress in current efforts to amend the Oversight Committee's Charter and Memorandum of Understanding in order to enhance the fiscal independence and political integrity of the Oversight Committee and to establish independent outside review of Oversight Committee operations. The Oversight Committee Executive Committee is hereby authorized to act for the Oversight Committee in reviewing the development of the final language for this Bond and approving the BOC's endorsement of the Proposition to be brought before the Board of Education for its presentation to the LAUSD electorate for approval. If the Oversight Committee Chair and/or Executive Committee believes that there are major issues of importance that should be considered by the full Oversight Committee, (s)he/it may, at its option, elect to call a special meeting of the Oversight Committee for that purpose.
3. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
4. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection or pending status of the recommendation as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the District.

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ADOPTED on June 18, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: 9 ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4

*Constance Rice*  
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Chair

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Vice Chair