



To: Bruce Baron, Chancellor

Date: 10/16/2014

From: Tim Oliver, District Budget Committee Chairperson

Re: District Budget Committee Recommendation #FY2015-02
**Request to Allow District Budget Committee to Review
Impact of Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) on the Bond Program**

At its **October 16, 2014** meeting, the District Budget Committee (DBC) approved the following recommendation to Chancellor's Cabinet.

The District Budget Committee requests that the Chancellor delay Board consideration of approval of the CBA to such time as the DBC, its constituents and others have had ample opportunity to discuss the CBA and its impacts, and to provide recommendations, if any, to the Chancellor.

At its October 9, 2014 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an Action Item entitled, "Consideration of Approval to Direct the District to Proceed Toward the Development of a Community Benefits Agreement for Measure M Projects". Contingent upon approval of this item by the Board of Trustees to proceed, the CBA was to be presented at the December 11, 2014 meeting for Board approval.

However, following approval of the Action Item, a Trustee urged the Chancellor to prepare the CBA for consideration of approval at the November Board meeting.

In the opinion of the District Budget Committee (DBC), the timeline for consideration of the proposed CBA program must provide adequate time for effective vetting by the District, the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee and the Program Management Team. They respectfully request that the DBC and its constituent groups be included in this process as the proposed CBA will include fiscal impacts on the Measure M Bond Program. The District Budget Committee (DBC) recommends that the District:

- ♦ *Conduct appropriate research and studies regarding CBA programs in order to identify and assess the pros, cons, benefits, costs and other impacts of implementing and maintaining a CBA program for Measure M projects.*
- ♦ *Share such research, studies and its findings with the DBC to enable its members and constituents to fully understand the fiscal impacts of the proposed CBA program.*
- ♦ *Delay Board consideration of approval of the CBA to such time as the DBC, its constituents and others have had an ample opportunity to discuss the CBA and its impacts; and, to provide recommendations, if any, to the Chancellor.*

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Attachments:

- ◆ SBCCD Board of Trustees Action Item, October 9, 2014: Consideration of Approval to Direct the District to Proceed Toward the Development of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) for Measure M Projects
- ◆ SBCCD District Budget Committee Membership List

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Chancellor Cabinet Response:

I have been directed by multiple members of the Board of Trustees to place the Community Benefits Agreement on the Board agenda for a vote as soon as possible. A Board member may ask that an item be placed on the agenda for a vote as part of their authority as a member of the Board of Trustees.

A commitment was made to place the item on the December agenda. A Board member asked if it could be presented on the November agenda and it can be placed on the November agenda.

I recognize the pros and cons expressed by advocates and detractors of these types of agreements. However, I have not had personal experience in managing a Community Benefits Agreement and cannot personally speak to the matter. We have been studying the literature regarding Community Benefit Agreements for several years and understand why these agreements are supported and why they are not supported by different groups of constituents.

During public comment, the public will have a chance to address the Board to express the opinions, facts, etc. which support both sides of the argument for or against these types of labor agreements. At that point, it will up to the Board to vote on the item.



Chancellor

Date

10/27/14