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**RE: Little Hoover Commission Written Testimony September 22, 2016
Proposition 39 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees Members Training**

Dear Ms. D'Elia:

I am the current Chairperson of the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Proposition 39 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). WCCUSD has operated a consolidated CBOC since March 2002 for four bond measures totaling \$1.4 billion.

Currently we have seventeen (17) authorized positions on our CBOC. During the past three years (3) years our CBOC has had twenty-four (24) new members.

Training of new members is a critical need for us. We have a continuing need to train new members. Independently prepared online training courses would be an enormous benefit for our CBOC.

I personally support the California League of Bond Oversight Committees training recommendation to the Little Hoover Commission:

“Specifically, the state must provide independent training for some 3,500 bond oversight committee members, organized in about 500 oversight committees. The California Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team in collaboration with the California League of Bond Oversight Committees should develop a website with easy-to-access training materials and easy-to-understand descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of the local citizens' oversight committee members.”

Sincerely,

Tom Panas