

# Measure I Citizens' Oversight Committee

## 2006-07 Annual Report

### to the Arcadia Unified School District Governing Board

*"Creating places and spaces that enrich the lives of those who use them"*

#### **What is Measure I**

On November 7, 2006, voters residing within the Arcadia Unified School District passed Measure I, a \$218 million Proposition 39 school bond measure which authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the schools within the Arcadia Unified School District. Proposition 39 requires a 55% supermajority for approval; this bond was passed by 67%.

#### **Establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee**

After a bond authorized under Proposition 39 is passed, state law requires that the Arcadia Unified School District Governing Board appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee to work with the District. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of Measure I bond proceeds, review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that Measure I bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure I and to present to the Governing Board, in public session, an annual written report outlining their activities and conclusions regarding the expenditure of Measure I bond proceeds.

Community members were encouraged to apply and in March the Board of Education appointed the individuals shown in the photo below to serve their respective area of representation.



Seated, left to right: **David Lee** (At-Large Community Member), **Vern Whitaker** (Senior Citizen Group Representative), **Peter Ulrich** (Taxpayer Organization Member), and **Michael Lattanzio** (Business Representative). Standing: **Bob Hoherd** (At-Large Community Member), **Aili Gardea** (Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District and Active in Parent-Teacher Organization), **Janet Chew** (Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District and Active in Parent-Teacher Organization), **Susan Lawi Ayad** (Parent or Guardian of Child Enrolled in District), **Karen Acosta** (Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District & Active in Parent-Teacher Organization) and **Felipe Chuang** (At-Large Community Member).

#### **A Message from COC Chair Vern Whitaker**

We are pleased to present the first Arcadia Unified School District (AUSD) Measure I Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) Annual Report. The COC was established in January 2007 by the School Board and the committee members were appointed in March 2007. Our first committee meeting was on June 11, 2007; that also was our only meeting during this fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2007.

At that initial meeting, we were introduced to the Project Architect and Construction Manager, both of whom gave us a general overview of the Facilities Master Plan for improvements to the various schools throughout the District, particularly those at Arcadia High School which will be the first school to receive the benefit of the bond proceeds.

We also reviewed the proposed program budget at that meeting. Approximately \$3 million has been expended through June 30, 2007. We take our responsibilities to be the "eyes and ears" of the community very seriously. We will be reviewing the expenditures carefully to be sure all such expenditures are for the purposes for which the bond issue was presented to and approved by the community.

The independent accountancy firm of Nigro, Nigro & White conducted an audit of Measure I as of June 30, 2007 and issued an unqualified opinion stating that AUSD has complied with all requirements of the bond proceeds. On the reverse side of this Report you will see some pertinent figures from that audit as well as comments about several of the schools.

#### **Citizens' Oversight Committee Contact Information**

The Measure I Citizens' Oversight Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review construction plans and for the general purpose of informing the public concerning expenditure of the bond proceeds. Meetings are held in the Board Room of the District Office located at 234 Campus Drive, Arcadia, unless otherwise noted. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Additionally, agendas, minutes and other information are posted on the COC's website at: <http://coc.ausd.net/>

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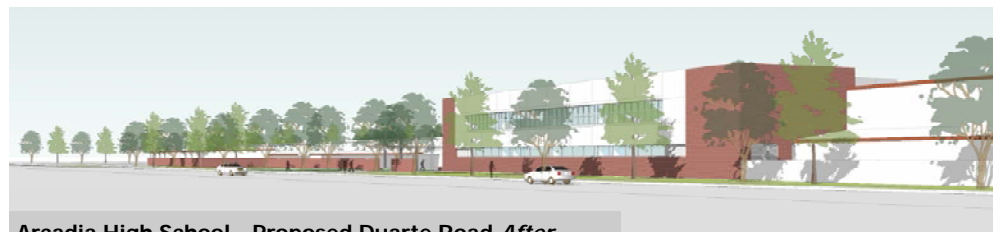
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#### Projects in progress since passage of Measure I in November 2006:

**Phase One** projects include the Arcadia High School Science Center on the Duarte Road side of the campus and the Student Services Center on the Campus Drive side. Temporary classrooms are due to arrive in December with demolition and groundbreaking set for the summer of 2008.



Arcadia High School - Duarte Road *Before*



Arcadia High School - Proposed Duarte Road *After*

**Phase One** also includes design work and planning for projects at First Avenue Middle School, Highland Oaks Elementary and Holly Avenue Elementary.



First Avenue Middle School



Highland Oaks Elementary



Holly Avenue Elementary

### Bond Expenditure Update

In February 2007 the first series of bonds under Measure I were sold, yielding \$164 million. Funding, estimated budget, payments, and status as of June 30, 2007, are shown in these tables.

**Funding:**

Measure I - Local School Bond	\$ 218,000,000
State Funding	\$ 11,000,000
State Escalation & Site Development	\$ 4,000,000
State Joint Use Funding	\$ 1,500,000
City Joint Use Funding	\$ 1,200,000
Developer Fees	\$ 7,500,000
<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 243,200,000</b>

School	Estimated Budget	Payments to date thru 6/30/07	Status as of 6/30/07
Arcadia High School	\$ 133,760,430	\$ 2,253,582	Student Services & Science Building submitted to State for approval; balance of work in design phase
First Ave. Middle School	\$ 13,119,795	\$ 221,852	Design phase
Dana Middle School	\$ 13,648,014	\$ -	Phase 2 - design not started
Foothills Middle School	\$ 20,050,232	\$ 90,094	Phase 1 & 3
Hugo Reid Elementary	\$ 12,639,094	\$ -	Phase 2 - design not started
Longley Way Elementary	\$ 8,216,941	\$ -	Phase 3 - design not started
Highland Oaks Elementary	\$ 9,769,506	\$ 222,804	Submitted to State for approval
Holly Ave. Elementary	\$ 9,229,894	\$ 211,289	Submitted to State for approval
Camino Grove Elementary	\$ 9,705,252	\$ -	Phase 3 - design not started
Baldwin Stocker Elementary	\$ 9,326,177	\$ -	Phase 3 - design not started
Rancho Bonita Improvements	\$ 2,911,617	\$ -	Phase 3 - design not started
School Maintenance Sites	\$ 629,000	\$ -	Phase 3 - design not started
<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 243,005,952</b>	<b>\$ 2,999,621</b>	<b>(1.2% - total spent)</b>