

**Sonora Union High School District  
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

**Measure J \$23 Million General Obligation Bonds**

**Applicant Packet**

The Sonora Union High School District Board of Trustees has established a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee to review expenditures from construction activity associated with Measure J, which was approved by District voters on November 6, 2012. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that bond revenues are used only as voters intended and for informing the public of bond expenditures. The Board invites all interested community members to apply for service on the Bond Oversight Committee.

**Who will be on the Committee?**

The Bond Oversight Committee must have at least seven members. In addition to two members of the community at large, there must be at least one member from each of the following groups:

- One member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located within the school district.
- One member who is active in a senior citizen's organization.
- One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district.
- One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district and is active in a parent-teacher organization.
- One member who is active in a bona-fide taxpayer's organization.

The Bond Oversight Committee may not include any employee or official of the school district or any vendor, contractor, or consultant of the school district. Members must be at least 18 years old, and preference is given to members who live within the geographic boundary of the District.

**What does the Committee do?**

The committee is responsible for making reports to the Board of Trustees and the community about bond expenditures.

**How often does the Committee meet?**

The Committee meets quarterly, or more often if needed. Specific meeting dates are determined by the Committee. Committee members are appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve a two-year term, or until the construction and Bond expenditures are completed, whichever occurs first.

**How are the Committee members selected?**

The Board of Trustees selects the Committee members by taking into account the applicant's professional and/or practical experience, the applicant's recognition in or contribution to his/her community, the diversity of experience on the Committee as a whole, and representation on the Committee from various communities within the district.

**What else should the applicant know?**

Under the provisions of Education Code Section 35233, a member of the Committee shall not have any financial interests in any contracts made with the District during the member's two year term. Committee members may also be subject to the Political Reform Act of 1974 and its Conflict of Interest Provision. In order to ensure no conflicts of interests exist and ensure transparency of the Committee, members are required to acknowledge an Ethics Policy and have a Form 700 on file with the District (Statement of Economic Interests of the Fair Political Practices Commission).

All committee proceedings are open to the public and subject to the Brown Act. All documents and reports received or published by the Committee are a matter of public record, and are made available on the District's web site.

The Board of Trustees provides the Committee with administrative support and sufficient resources to publicize the committee reports.

**Where is more information available?**

Please call Cindy Costello at the Sonora Union High School District – (209) 533-8510, extension 12 - for additional information.

## Sonora Union High School District

### Application for Bond Oversight Committee

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Union High School District has established a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to monitor school construction activities associated with Measure J.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***The District has two current vacancies. Please check which category applies to you.***

1. \_\_\_\_ I am active in a parent-teacher organization (e.g. Site Council) and a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in Sonora Union High School District – Please specify:

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2. \_\_\_\_ I am active in a senior citizen's organization – Please specify:

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3. \_\_\_\_ I reside within the boundaries of the Sonora Union High school District – Please specify:

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**Please answer the following questions:**

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| 1. | Are you an employee of the Sonora Union High School District?<br><small>(Note: employees of the District are prohibited by law from being members of the Committee)</small>   | YES | NO |
| 2. | Are you a vender, contractor or consultant to the Sonora Union High School District?<br><small>(Note: vendors, contractors and consultants to the District are prohibited by law from serving on the Committee)</small> | YES | NO |
| 3. | Are you able to regularly attend meetings and complete a two year term as a member of the Committee and refrain from becoming an employee, vendor, contractor or consultant to the District?                            | YES | NO |

**Please send this completed application to:**

Patrick A. Chabot, Superintendent  
Sonora Union High School District  
100 School Street  
Sonora, California 95370