



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

April 11, 2006

Ernest Ewin, Chair  
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee  
4420 Date Avenue  
La Mesa, CA 91941

Dear Mr. Ewin:

On behalf of the Governing Board, I want you to know that this Board greatly appreciates the work performed by you and the other members of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and our constituents. The East County has benefited enormously from your conscientious oversight, innovation and commitment to ongoing open communication. The members of this board have been impressed with your committee's web site, presentations to the Board, and reports to the public. We thank you for your service to the citizens of East County and to our community college district.

On February 21, 2006, on behalf of the CBOC, you presented a letter to the Governing Board along with your annual report. This letter is in response to issue, comments and recommendations contained in that letter. The Board agrees with the CBOC's evaluation of the two legally required audits, and we are as pleased as you are that both audits give the *Proposition R* program such a clean bill of fiscal and fiduciary health.

The Board appreciates your recommendation that the District continue to commission a yearly performance review of our capital construction program by an independent third party construction expert. As you stated, the report provided by Mr. Fulton last year was a valuable tool to both the District and the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. Chancellor Omero Suarez has confirmed that a similar study will be commissioned each fiscal year, and that the input of your committee will be considered in the preparation of the scope of work to be performed by the consultant.

Additionally, the moving of your quarterly meetings in order to allow you to review the quarterly and annual program reports before their presentation to the governing board certainly seems appropriate, and we will look forward to your input.

Finally, your offer to submit a list of considerations related to any of the projects that the Chancellor submits to the Board for consideration is accepted. Although your letter specifically addresses the Grossmont College parking challenge, the CBOC input will be appreciated on any of the *Proposition R* related recommendations.

Members of the CBOC clearly have a wealth of experience related to construction projects and financing. I've been encouraged to hear from you and others how actively members of the CBOC, including the CBOC subcommittees, have worked with District staff and the program team on reviewing the projects in the program before they come to the Board. I encourage the CBOC to keep up that close relationship with our

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implementation team so that the Board knows that the best minds of the CBOC have been involved and considered when the Chancellor forwards his recommendations to us. And, as has been our practice, the CBOC is always welcome to comment on any of the recommendations before the Governing Board.

Again, to you and to the entire CBOC, thank you for your service!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Weeks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "W".

Deanna Weeks, President  
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board