

## Chair Report and Recommendations

**Agenda Item:** Performance Audit Update (Review of District Financial Information-Assistance by the California League of Bond Oversight Committees)

**Date:** January 16, 2013

**Summary.** Our Bond Oversight Committee has previously recommended that the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) be provided an independent financial consultant to assist us in review of Proposition "O" spending. The District has responded that they do not have the resources to finance such an effort. The California League of Bond Oversight Committees has offered training and assistance pro bono to us, if we as members want to do "detail work" ie. review of financial information. The policy issues before the CBOC is whether and if so when should such an effort proceed.

**Context.** This discussion is made in the context of the Education Code that relates to the overall role and missions of the CBOC. For instance there is broad Education Code language, which states:

*"The purpose of the citizens' oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The citizens' oversight committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction (Section 15278 (b))"*

In short, the information presented below is well within our jurisdiction and review.

The California League of Bond Oversight Committees (Calboc) has offered training and pro bono advice if our CBOC wishes to have a detailed review of the financial transactions related to the Proposition O Bond Program. This effort would involve Committee members doing a lot of the detail work and review of documents. Calboc would be available for consultation, training, and advice.

In order to facilitate such a detailed review, Calboc recommends that the following information be provided to the CBOC:

## **General Ledger and Related Transactions**

- General ledger (can also be known as a transaction journal) showing every transaction that occurred in the Prop. O Building Fund.
- Legend of codes necessary to decipher the General Ledger.
- A list of Vendors that have received Prop. O bond proceeds.
- Records showing all inter-fund borrowings between Prop. O's Building Fund and the district's general fund.

## **Transcripts**

- Official Transcript for Proposition O's \$180 million bond sale (see the Official Statement at: <http://emma.msrb.org/MS268984-MS264917-MD510978.pdf> )
- Official Transcript for the most recent Bond Anticipation Note.

## **Lease/Leaseback**

- Copies of invoices, purchase orders, billings, receipts, checks, wire instructions, wires, reimbursements pertaining to Balfour Beatty Construction or any affiliate of Balfour Beatty for the same time periods requested under General Ledger Section.
- Record showing funds available to pay the lease lease-back arrangement with Balfour Beatty Construction. Also, provide the record identifying the source of funds that are being committed to pay off such lease lease-back.

## **Chair Recommendations**

I have had a discussion with three other CBOC members of the Audit Committee. Based upon that discussion but solely as Chair, the following is recommended:

1. No financial review begin until after the completion of the Annual Financial and Performance Audit (assumed to be March 31, 2013).
2. Begin data collection now of the financial information discussed above.
3. Consult with Calboc on the methodology/approach and analyses required of financial data and seek their guidance during all elements of the CBOC member(s) review.

This is clearly a policy discussion by the CBOC. There was an Audit Committee meeting on this issue. I believe these recommendations represent a blend of the Committee consensus on doing such a review.

I discussed this issue with a very helpful Rick Knott Interim Chief Financial Officer on the morning of January 15, 2013. He like myself recommended we focus on our review after the Performance Audit and that Calboc provide us with specific Guidelines or Standards for review and consideration so our detailed analyses would be judicious and focused.

Fortunately, much of the information mentioned above would be available electronically. I believe we should begin some of the data collection now so we can get a "10,000" foot level idea of the amount and extent of information that is available.

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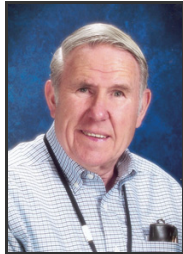
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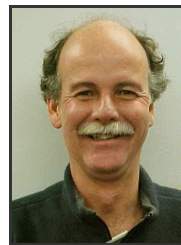
**Michael Day**  
**President & Co- Founder**  
 President of BESTCO Division Beutler Corporation. Mr. Day was a member of the Sacramento City Unified School District BOC for four years, including 18 months as chair. He attended University of Long Beach majoring in mechanical engineering and International relations, and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Power School.



**Alicia M. Minyen, CPA, CFE**  
**Member of the Board**  
 Former member of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. She has extensive work experience as a Staff Accountant with the Federal government and is also a Certified Fraud Examiner. Previously she worked as an Analyst with the Federal Reserve and the FDIC. Ms. Minyen has a BS in Finance from San Jose State and is a Certified Public Accountant.



**Anton Jungherr**  
**Executive Director & Co-Founder**  
 Business Manager for Making Waves Academy (charter) in Richmond. Former member of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Jungherr has a BS in Business Administration/Accounting from University of Connecticut, a MPA in Public Administration from Syracuse University, and a M.Ed in Education Administration from Columbia University.



**Nick Marinovich**  
**Member of the Board**  
 Nick Marinovich retired after 32 years at the County of San Diego in March 2010. He held the positions of Analyst, Staff Officer and Project Manager. He worked in a variety of Departments. These included Planning, Office of Management and Budget, Chief Administrative Office and General Services. In his retirement he has been Editor of the C3 Newsletter, on the Board of Directors, Co Chair of the Waterfront Committee and is the active Chair of the Sweetwater School Bond Oversight Committee.



**Michael Turnipseed**  
**Vice President**  
 President of Kern County Taxpayer's Association, which currently has members sitting on 16 BOCs. He has been a member of the Bakersfield City School District Bond Oversight Committee since 2009. He graduated from University of



**George Reppucci**  
**Member of the Board**  
 Member of the Manhattan Beach USD CBOC. He retired in 2009 after a 44 year engineering/consulting career with TRW/Northrop Grumman where he managed major defense, earth observation and communication satellite projects. He has a BS in Electrical Engineering and MS in Systems Management, both from the University of Southern California and completed the UCLA

California, Davis, with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Economics, California Agricultural Leadership Program, Anderson Graduate School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles Executive Program in Management.



**David Ginsborg,  
Co-Founder**

Deputy to the Assessor for County Assessor Larry Stone in Santa Clara County. Chair for the San Jose Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee from 2004 to 2008. Mr. Ginsborg has a Master in Management from the Graduate school of Political Management and a BA from University of California, Berkeley. He is licensed as real estate salesperson and State Board of Equalization certified appraiser.



**Brian W. Carver  
Member of the Board**

Mr. Carver is an attorney and Assistant Professor at the UC Berkeley School of Information. He has served as the Chair of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Emery Unified School District.

University of Southern California and completed the UCLA Executive Management Program.



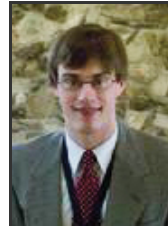
**John Stump  
Member of the Board**

Mr. Stump is a California Attorney where he serves the legal profession as a State Bar Commissioner for the Legal Services Trust Fund. He has served as a member of the Independent Bond Oversight Committee for the San Diego Unified School District. Mr. Stump graduated from Western State and Thomas Jefferson School of Law.



**Jack Weir  
Member of the Board**

Mr. Weir serves on the Pleasant Hill City Council, and is a delegate to the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority and the Association of Bay Area Governments. He is a board member of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, and is the founder of the Pleasant Hill Taxpayers Association, and has served on three Citizen Bond Oversight Committees. He holds a BS in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco, and an MA in Organizational Transformation from JFK University.



**David Wolfe  
Member of the Board**

Currently serves as Legislative Director at the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association. Mr. Wolfe graduated cum laude from Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA with a BA in History and a minor in Political Science.

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The Board of Advisors consists of citizens who are passionate about Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees having independent training and the capacity to provide independent oversight of Proposition 39 bond construction projects. Many Board of Advisors members have served on or are now serving on Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees and/or have expertise in training, school governance, school construction or auditing. Members of the Board of Advisors are appointed by the CALBOC Board of Directors. There are no meeting requirements for Board of Advisor members. Members will be requested to provide advice from time to time on various training courses, programs, web site, proposed legislation and publications. Communication will be via email and occasional conference calls. Members will be invited to the annual planning retreat held each May in Sacramento. If you are interested in serving as a member of the CALBOC Board of Advisors please contact Anton Jungherr, CALBOC Executive Director, at [calboc1@aol.com](mailto:calboc1@aol.com)



### David Adams

Dave Adams currently sits on the Oversight Committee Board for Proposition R at Southwestern College (this Board oversees the \$326M bond funds that are to be spent on construction and renovations to the college), is a member of Rotary International and holds a California Real Estate license. He has been a licensed contractor in the State of California since 1977. Dave is manager of Aerial

Construction and has been building in the San Diego, California area for over twenty five years. Dave is also a construction consultant and a long time resident of San Diego. Mr. Adams knows and understands a wide scope of the construction industry from the actual hands on construction, planning, permit processing, mapping, estimating, cost analysis, and the financial aspects.

### Gerard Boulanger

Member of West Contra Costa Unified School District CBOC. He was elected to the Hercules City Council as part of a recall effort in a Special Election held in June 2011. Council Member Boulanger is serving the remainder of the recalled Council Member's term which will expire in November, 2012. Council Member Boulanger has been a Hercules resident since 1996 and is a local business owner. He has been an active member of the Rotary Club of

Hercules.

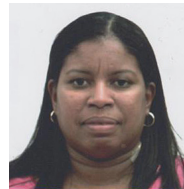
### Leon Brauning, Former Vice President of CaLBOC

Leon Brauning is a current member and past Vice Chairman of the Napa Valley Unified School District Measures M & G Bond Oversight Committee. Founder and Past President, and currently the Director Emeritus of the Napa County Taxpayers Association. He holds a BA degree in Economics. He is a longtime Community anti-tax activist and an active member of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. He is a longtime Rotarian and a former President of the St. Helena Rotary Club



### Bob Blymyer

Executive Director for the Sacramento County Taxpayers' League. Mr. Blymyer serves as chair for two different Bond Oversight committees, Los Rios Community College from 2006 to the present and Sacramento City Unified School District from 2008 to the present. Mr. Blymyer has three



### Monica Jones

Monica has served as the State VP for the Association for Black Correctional Workers, Sacramento Chapter VP for Black Women Organized for Political Action, Past President of the Leroy Greene MS Site Council, PTA Member at Leroy Greene MS, Member of the Natomas Parents Alliance, Member of the Legacy of Change for Natomas, and a Certified Parent Involvement

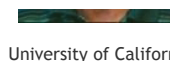
Coordinator. Monica began her career with Corrections in 1986. She retired from Corrections in 2010. Monica has always been involved in youth activities wherever she resided. She has served as a yard duty volunteer in her children's elementary schools, cheerleader coach in middle school, Girl Scout troupe leader and soccer mom. In 2006, Monica began volunteering at Leroy Greene MS in Natomas, facilitating a group of girl's grades 6-8th grade called the Sisterhood. Monica found working with challenged teens was her passion and decided to broaden her works and advocacy for underserved youth. In 2009, Monica founded the nonprofit, *Lights of Tomorrow* which focuses on the underserved population of youth ages 11-24 years old teaching leadership skills and involving them in community service projects.



### Jordan Kaufman

Jordan has worked for the County of Kern for the past 18 years. Since 2006, Jordan has held the position of the Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector overseeing the day to day operations of the \$2.4 billion County Treasury Investment Pool and annual collection of over \$1.0 billion in local property taxes. Prior to 2006, the majority of his time with the County was in the County Administrative Office in the Budget and Finance Division as a budget analyst and debt finance administrator.

Jordan performed budget and policy analysis for various County departments and was involved in the issuance of various types of municipal bonds including Certificates of Participation (COPs), Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS), Lease Revenue bonds and Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs). He is currently the Chairman of the statewide CACTTC School Finance Committee, Vice Chairman of the United Way of Kern County, treasurer of BSA Troop 442, and alternate board member on the Kern County Employees Retirement Association (KCERA). Jordan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from the

 years toward a BA in business and a certificate in PR and marketing from University of California, Davis.

**Janet C. Campbell**

Janet Campbell is an Architect in private practice in San Francisco. She earned a Bachelor's and Master of Architecture degree from Georgia Tech, and an MS in Real Estate in the two-year MBA college at Georgia State. She owned her own architecture and real estate development companies in Atlanta. As Senior Architect at the University of California, San Francisco and due to her training in two Atlanta firms, she stumbled upon an international scam and has become known as the "Erin Brockovich" of the roofing industry. Her reports to the FBI and the California State Auditor's Offices (BSA) have garnered "Strong recommendations for prosecutions" from the San Francisco office of the FBI and a blistering Investigative Report by the BSA. Her story has been featured in newspapers in other parts of the country and in trade magazines, and she has been asked to assist other states, investigators and those attempting to open the specs in other parts of the US and Canada. She has also been instrumental in obtaining California Legislative hearings and one law passed to assist in stopping the scams. The methodologies she uncovered targeting School and other Bond funds have helped to uncover more such scams, primarily targeting school facilities.

**Greg Coladonato**

Greg Coladonato is a member of the Mountain View Whisman School District Measure C Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Advisory Committee. He has one child in the MVWSD public school system, with two more on the way. Mr. Coladonato is also on the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association



**Charles Cowens**

Member of West Contra Costa Unified School District CBOC. Charles lives in Kensington (Contra Costa County) and works for a computer software company. Both of his children attended and graduated from WCCUSD schools. Over the years, he has held many volunteer positions in the school district including President of the Bayside Council of PTAs (2 years) and chair of the WCCUSD Community



Budget Advisory Committee (5 years)

**Kevin Dayton**

Kevin Dayton is the President and CEO of Labor Issues Solutions, LLC, based in the Sacramento suburb of Roseville, California. Web site is: [www.laborissuesolutions.com](http://www.laborissuesolutions.com) His firm performs public policy contract work: issue research and analysis, strategic planning and management of policy initiatives, political campaign strategy, and writing services. Areas of specialty include labor issues,



environmental issues, and budget and tax policy. After graduating from Yale University in 1992 with a B.A. in History, Dayton spent a few years in legislative branch public service analyzing federal public policies as an aide to U.S. Representative Gary A. Franks (R-Connecticut) in Washington, D.C. He then held various government affairs management positions for more than 17 years for Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) at the federal level and then at the state and local levels in California.

**Sam Dennison**

Sam Dennison consults in higher education and with non-profits. Her expertise in strategic planning, assessment, and creativity has served diverse organizations ranging from an alternative school for at-risk students in Portland, Oregon to creating video artist statements. Currently, Sam lives and works with Faithful Fools Street Ministry in the Tenderloin of San Francisco where she is both business manager and arts program director. She is also the primary assessment and institutional effectiveness consultant for Santa University of

California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and he has lived in Bakersfield for 18 years with his wife and four children.

**Wendy McKeever Lack**

Ms. Lack has worked in city government human resources management for over 25 years. She runs a small business and volunteers extensively in her community. Serves on the Board of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association and is an active blogger on issues of interest to taxpayers. She blogs regularly on Halfway to Concord and her articles have been published at American Thinker, Fox and Hounds Daily and other blogs focused on local politics and government. Wendy has a B.S. in Public Affairs from the University of Southern California and an M.B.A. from Golden Gate University, San Francisco. She and her husband have been married for over 30 years, have two adult children and live in Contra Costa County, California.



**Timothy Leong**

Director of Communications and Community Relations at the Contra Costa Community College District. Tim joined the District in 2008 and has over 28 years of communications, community and governmental relations experience. He attended San Jose State University and graduated from San Francisco State University with a Liberal Studies undergraduate degree, and later completed his MBA at Golden Gate University. Tim's communications



experience includes producing and reporting at KRON-TV in San Francisco and KCRA-TV in Sacramento before becoming Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) first Asian American company spokesperson. His community and governmental relations experience includes grassroots advocacy, stakeholder relations on a state and national level, and charitable contributions. After leaving PG&E, Tim became the first President and Executive Director of the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, provided external relations consulting to non-profits and Fortune 500 companies, and recently was the Vice President, Corporate Communications, for GreenPoint Mortgage, a subsidiary of Capital One.

**Norma Martinez-Rubin**

Member of West Contra Costa Unified School District CBOC. Norma is the Representative for the Contra Costa County Office of Education on the City of Pinole Oversight Board, required by California Assembly Bill 26. She is also a member of the City of Pinole's Planning Commission. She is an independent program evaluation consultant, public health practitioner, and occasional trainer. As adjunct faculty, she has taught program planning and evaluation to graduate students in the Department of Political Science at Sonoma State University. Norma earned a Master of Business Administration degree from John F. Kennedy University, a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola Marymount University. She is an active member of the American Evaluation Association.



**Larry Masuoka**

Larry Masuoka, D.M.D. was elected as a Trustee on the Board of Education for the San Juan Unified School District in 2006. Larry graduated from the University of Southern California with a B.S in Biology and from the University of Pennsylvania with a Doctorate in Dental Medicine. After dental school he served for six years in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps, and also earned Fellowship status in the Academy of General Dentistry. Larry and his wife Sharon have four daughters, two attend Bella Vista High School and Barrett Middle School. Within the San Juan School District, Larry has served as chairman of the Citizens Bond Oversight, and the Facilities, Transportation and Finance Committees, and on the 3280 Committee. Larry has served as an elected director of the Fair Oaks Recreation and Parks District, currently serves on the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Commission, and is a UC Master Gardene.



**Lori Raineri**

Lori Raineri is a Certified Independent Public Finance Advisor and is a Certified Fraud Examiner. She has served on the



Art and Design in New Mexico. She believes in the power of education as an economic engine. She holds a JD from the Santa Clara University and an MA in Teaching Composition from Colorado State University. She taught for nearly 20 years including 15 years at the University of Minnesota. She was also the Dean of a small art and design college in Minnesota and the VP of assessment/institutional effectiveness for a national university system consisting of more than 100 campus and a large online university.



**Bill Effinger**

Bill Effinger has been successful in a number of areas, including developer, home builder, mortgage lending, sales and land acquisition specialist. He served as the Mayor of Buena Park, CA and is a long time member of the National Association of Home Builders, where he was appointed to the National Marketing Committee. His writings have appeared in many building industry, real estate and mortgage banking journals, as well as local and national newspapers. Bill has lectured on entrepreneurship at leading colleges and universities, such as Babson, Massachusetts

Institute of Technology, Arizona State and National University. He is much in demand as a building industry seminar leader; his "How to Survive, Succeed and Grow in the Building & Contracting Business" continues to win him friends. Bill has also authored five books on a variety of subjects, his most recent are: "When you can't find a JOB- Create One!" and "Revolution A Citizens War on Congress" have been published as e-books on Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and are on sale in stores as soft-cover. Bill is active in community and civic affairs serving on a number of boards and advisory groups, including the Escondido Housing Commission, San Marcos Community Development Agency and the San Marcos Unified School District Community Oversight Commission. As a business consultant and coach, he fosters a warm, inclusive style of communications.

**Angelina Garcia**

**Michele A. Huntoon**

Michele A. Huntoon, CPA, Associate Vice President, has more than 19 years of experience with and knowledge of the demands with which school district administrators contend on a daily basis. Her roles have provided a unique look from the outside looking in and the inside looking out in her capacity as an employee of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), an independent consultant, a county office of education employee, and an independent auditor for school districts and county offices of education. Her experience is both wide and deep, and includes the areas of finance, budgeting, categorical reporting, charter schools, payroll and management information systems issues, revenue limits, and policies and procedures. She serves SSC clients by conducting fiscal health analyses and budget reviews for school districts and charter schools, functioning as fiscal advisor, performing multiyear financial projections, evaluating school district reorganizations and unifications, performing special education reviews, preparing enrollment projections, performing school district efficiency studies, and addressing accounting standards and compliance issues (i.e., Governmental Accounting Standards Board and Office of Management and Budget).



**Kris Hunt**

Member of West Contra Costa Unified School District CBOC. Ms. Hunt became the Executive Director of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association (CoCoTax) in April of 2003, having previously served on their Board of Directors. Founded in 1937, CoCoTax is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization comprised of taxpayers who live or do business in Contra Costa County. Kris has a strong financial background in both the governmental and private sectors. In addition to her job as Executive Director, she co-authored a bi-weekly column on tax-related issues in the Contra Costa Times called "Tax Mechanics". She has been involved in a number of civic and volunteer pursuits including Rotary International, and California Women Lead (where she currently serves as the Treasurer of the East Bay Chapter.) She is also on the Advisory Board of the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility. Kris is a graduate of the Leadership Contra Costa program. Kris earned her BA in Political Science from UCLA and an MBA from CSULA. Kris has been married to Jim, a professor at UC Berkeley since 1972. Their daughter, Dana, recently joined the faculty of Duke University.



Board of the National Association of Independent Public Finance Advisors. Lori has developed long-range capital financing plans for hundreds of public agencies and is well known for her ability in financial analysis and public speaking. Recently, Lori has been a featured speaker for the California Treasurer-Tax Collectors Annual Education Conference, the California

Auditor-Controllers' Annual Conference, and the California County School Superintendents Annual Business and Administration Conference, among others. The focus of each of these presentations has been the principles of debt financing, including numerous case studies that demonstrate the value of best practices, and ethics. During her career, Lori has been personally involved in the planning and structuring of well over seven billion dollars of financing. At the age of 26, Lori founded Government Financial Strategies after having worked as an investment banker. Lori is the author of more than two dozen articles and publications and is in high demand as a public speaker. Lori received her B.A. in Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley and received her M.S. in Financial Analysis from the University of San Francisco. Additionally, Lori has been an avid consumer of continuing education, taking courses from UCLA Extension, UC Davis Extension, and many professional

organizations for government officials. Lori demonstrated her interest in government early in life, serving as the student School Board Member for the Santa Clara Unified School District, and was thrilled to be inducted into the Santa Clara Unified School District Hall of Fame in 2011.

**Phil Reyes**



**Linda Ruiz-Lozito**

Formerly served as the Taxpayer representative on the CBOC, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, for WCCUSD. She served for two terms as Board Chair of a charter middle school during major transitions including moving to new facility, Operational and Special Education MOU negotiations and the successful renewal of the charter. Linda's longtime and current profession is as a graphic artist and a fine artist, owner of Wildcat Graphics and

WildcatArts.com.



**Ourania Riddle**

Vice President of the Solano County Taxpayers Association. Served on the Solano County Grand Jury two terms. Served on the Board of Directors of the California Grand Jurors Association and a trainer for California's grand Juries. Ms. Riddle has been an investigating reporter for Dixon's Independent Voice and a member of Californian's Aware (CalAware). Born and educated in Athens Greece, her family immigrated to the United States in 1967 and made San Francisco their home.

When Ms. Riddle took her oath of citizenship she took her duties seriously and has worked hard to be an informed and involved citizen.



**Jeff Vaca**

Jeff Vaca joined the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) in February 2012 as deputy executive director, governmental relations. In this role he serves as the association's primary legislative advocate, and works with the legislative and executive branches of government to implement CASBO's legislative, fiscal and policy priorities. He has a depth and breadth of experience in legislative advocacy and

policy analysis, as well as association leadership, through his past roles with the California State University (CSU) system and the California School Boards Association (CSBA). Vaca joined CSBA as principal director of administration in September 2004, and served as assistant executive director of administration and financial services from September 2005 until August 2009. From 2009 to 2012, he was the chief deputy executive director/chief operations officer. From October 2010 through May 2011, Vaca was the association's interim executive director. His responsibilities included oversight of the association's daily business functions, including financial services, human resources administration, technological infrastructure and facilities management. Prior to joining CSBA, Vaca spent 13 years as a legislative advocate and policy analyst for the CSU system. At CSU, he served as a legislative analyst, governmental affairs specialist, interim chief of staff, senior policy analyst and associate director. Vaca earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of





**Lance Izumi, JD**

Mr. Izumi is Koret Senior Fellow and Senior Director of Education Studies at the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and served two terms as President from 2008 to 2009. He is the co-executive producer of a highly praised film documentary, author and co-author of critically acclaimed books, and the author of several major Pacific Research Institute studies. In 2008, he served as an online contributor for the New York Times on the presidential race and education issues. Mr. Izumi has also served as a member of the professional development working group of the California Legislature's Joint Committee to develop a master plan for education and as chief speech writer for Governor George Deukmejian. He is a president of the advisory board for the U.S. Army's Sacramento Recruiting Battalion and serves on the executive committee of the advisory board for the U.S. Army's Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion. He holds a juris doctorate from the University of Southern California School of Law, a Master of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

California, Berkeley. He lives with his wife Debra, an interior and landscape designer, in Elk Grove. His two sons are

currently attending CSU, Long Beach and San Diego State University.



**Vern Weber**

Vern Weber is an active consultant with Total School Solutions serving as a member of that firm's performance audit team, and over the past ten years has worked on 70 performance audits for 20 school districts in 15 counties, as well as numerous demographic studies, developer fee studies, facilities/financial plans and the State School Facility Program. TSS and every member of the audit team are certified to provide performance audit services under the newly-adopted GAGAS requirements. Vern was previously a member of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Acalanes Union High School District's 2002 \$44 million Measure B. Vern has 42 years of experience in every aspect of school district business, financial and facilities programs - 10 years in a Northern California district and 32 years providing consulting services to hundreds of school districts. He has been a speaker at CSBA, CASBO and CASH conferences and workshops and is on the instructional staff of TSS's CBO certification program. He previously served on a State Department of Education Advisory Committee on School Facilities ("Recommendations for Planning, Funding, and Administering the California Public School Facilities Program") and contributed to the Price Waterhouse "Study of the School Facilities Application Process". Prior to his work with school districts, Vern worked for 10 years in the computer industry in various management, consulting, teaching and technical capacities. His education includes a B.S., Engineering and completion of the course requirements for an M.S., Business Administration/ Management Information Science.

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