

## **Measure A Oversight Committee Report 2013-2014**

In 2011, Alameda voters approved Measure A, a \$12 million per year parcel tax designed to support core values and programs in the Alameda Unified School District. This parcel tax will sunset after the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Pursuant to the terms of Measure A, an Oversight Committee was formed to annually review the District's compliance with the terms of the measure. It is important to note that the Measure A Oversight Committee is not responsible for auditing the financial statements of AUSD. As per Board Policy 3221, an audit is performed by an independent, professional accounting firm annually.

The Measure A Oversight Committee met on five different occasions to review the status of the revenues and expenditures associated with the Measure A parcel tax. Agendas and minutes of those meetings can be found on the AUSD website: <http://www.alameda.k12.ca.us/>. The work of the Committee included the review of AUSD staff reports on Measure A expenditures, more detailed reviews of individual areas of spending, and the development of recommendations for AUSD staff for tracking and reporting of Measure A revenues and expenditures for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, as well as recommendations for subsequent fiscal years.

Recommendations made by current and previous Measure A Oversight Committees, and adopted by AUSD staff in the attached report, included suggestions for reporting carryover funds and simplifying the presentation of associated reports for easier public comprehension. As recommended previously by this Committee, in 2013-2014 the district's auditors included specific procedures related to Measure A revenues and expenditures in their annual audit.

The Committee concludes that the attached staff report properly reflects AUSD's expenditures of the Measure A Parcel tax revenues for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and that AUSD has complied with the funding priorities established in Measure A as passed by the voting citizens of Alameda and as approved by the Board of Education.

The Committee appreciates the efforts of AUSD staff in support of our work as a Committee. We recommend that the community remain engaged in the discussion around Measure A and that interested community members consider volunteering to serve on the Measure A Oversight Committee in future years.

2013-2014 Measure A Oversight Committee

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