

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 18-004 in Appreciation of
Stephanie Allan, Nicolie Bolster-Ott, Carl Bridgers,
David Goldin, Susi Marzuola, Allen Nudel and Eric Weaver
For Six Years of Exemplary Service on the
Construction Budget Oversight Committee**

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District's Construction Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), known also as the Measure I Citizens' Construction Oversight Committee, plays a crucial role in providing citizen review and recommendations regarding District spending on construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was established and its members appointed by the Board in 2001 following the passage in 2000 of Measure I, a \$210-million bond measure for construction, facility upgrades and school safety approved by 77% of Berkeley voters, and

WHEREAS, all seven original members of the Committee – Stephanie Allan, Nicolie Bolster-Ott, Carl Bridgers, David Goldin, Susi Marzuola, Allen Nudel and Eric Weaver – rendered invaluable volunteer service for the allowed maximum of six years (three terms); and

WHEREAS, the seven members collectively possess an extraordinary range of relevant experience and expertise, with two architects, a facilities director for a nearby school district, a structural engineer, a member of the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee, a member who helped write the first successful parcel tax measure for the BUSD Maintenance Department, a historian of the Community Theater and members who served on construction committees at individual schools and on district-wide surplus property committees; and

WHEREAS, all seven members are parents of children who attended BUSD schools, and most of the members participated in writing and/or campaigning for passage of construction bonds that, beginning in 1990, seismically upgraded and modernized our schools; and

WHEREAS, the Committee never lacked a quorum and met its goal of holding monthly meetings, even though it was required to meet only quarterly; and

WHEREAS, the Committee expertly and diligently fulfilled the responsibilities it was charged with by its bylaws and the California Education Code – including reviewing and reporting on expenditures of bond proceeds from Measure I, Measure A of 1992 and Measure AA of 2000 – in addition to reviewing annual audits of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Committee received special congratulations from the outside auditors for the thoroughness of the Committee's review of the annual audit; and

WHEREAS, the Committee took on many responsibilities above and beyond those required and conducted its business with a high degree of collaboration, usually reaching decisions by consensus and casting unanimous votes on the few occasions when formal votes were needed; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns from families and neighbors of BUSD sites about receiving information about construction projects, the Committee created a new notification process that included mailings and "big yellow sign" notice boards now used for all District projects; and

WHEREAS, the Committee developed a comprehensive reporting form for regular updates from the Facilities Department to the Board and Committee on ongoing projects; and

WHEREAS, the Committee helped mediate many contentious discussions among stakeholders concerning various project proposals, serving as a helpful, efficient alternative to Board meetings as a forum to investigate legitimate concerns and develop recommendations for the Board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Committee created an Audit Subcommittee to enhance its review of the annual audit and a Design Review Subcommittee to assist the Board with design issues; and

WHEREAS, the Committee functioned with notable stability in organization and leadership, with Stephanie Allan and Susi Marzuola serving as Co-Chairs for the entire six years, and with other leadership roles performed by Eric Weaver as the Audit Subcommittee Chair and Susi Marzuola as the Design Review Subcommittee Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's additional contributions included taking an active role in selecting architects and project managers, saving the District millions of dollars by the timely discovery of a flaw in plans for the new Longfellow Middle School Cafeteria, working with former Director of Facilities Lew Jones to facilitate completion of the South of Bancroft Project at Berkeley High, assisting current Executive Director of Facilities Timothy White in developing Educational Specifications as a prerequisite to a facilities master plan and the restructuring of Measure I projects to maximize the value of remaining bond funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education honors Stephanie Allan, Nicolie Bolster-Ott, Carl Bridgers, David Goldin, Susi Marzuola, Allen Nudel and Eric Weaver and expresses the

District's gratitude for their invaluable and unstinting six years of volunteer service as the original members of the Construction Bond Oversight Committee and their enduring contributions toward ensuring that revenues from Berkeley taxpayers for construction have been used in accordance with bond requirements and the provision of excellent facilities for the education of students.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District, this 27th day of September, 2017, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education