

# Measure R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee San José Unified School District

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Dear Residents of the San José Unified School District,

On behalf of the Measure R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC or Committee), I am pleased to present the first Annual Report on the expenditure of San José Unified School District (SJUSD or District) Measure R bond funds. This report provides an overview of the Measure R bond program and CBOC activities for the year ending December 31, 2025.

### **About Measure R**

Measure R, which was passed by voters in November 2024 with 64.7% of the vote, authorized SJUSD to issue and sell up to \$1,150,000,000 in general obligation bonds for facility improvements to:

- improve school safety;
- upgrade neighborhood schools and classrooms for science, technology, engineering, math, athletics and multipurpose use;
- update electrical, roofing, ventilation, and plumbing systems; and
- provide affordable housing to attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff.

The bonds will be paid off through an increase in the property tax rate of no more than \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation while bonds are outstanding. In addition to completion of projects broadly outlined in the ballot statement, Measure R requires annual independent performance and financial audits and independent citizens' oversight through creation of the CBOC.

Additional information regarding Measure R can be found at <https://www.sjUSD.org/about/measurer>.

### **Measure R Bond Program Status**

On July 16, 2025, SJUSD sold the first series of bonds (Series A) under Measure R for a total par amount of \$150 million. The transactions successfully closed on August 5, 2025, with a true interest cost of 4.23% and a final maturity of August 1, 2050. Over 60% of the Series A bonds amortize in the first two years to minimize interest costs while leaving ample capacity for future issuances. The District's general obligation bonds are rated "Aaa" by Moody's and "AAA" by S&P Global, the highest ratings possible.

SJUSD is currently developing a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) to guide strategic investments under Measure R. The FMP will be a ten-to-fifteen-year roadmap aligning facility improvements with the District's strategic plan, Local Control and Accountability Plan goals, enrollment trends and Measure R priorities.

The FMP development process involves engagement and collaboration with students, families, employees, community members and other educational partners. Community outreach meetings and an associated survey will be held in the spring of 2026. Presentation and approval of the final FMP is tentatively scheduled for a Board meeting in the summer of 2026.

Another aspect of the Measure R program is to develop affordable workforce housing. The current proposal is to provide 288 units in a seven-story structure (five floors of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom residential units over a two-story garage podium) on District-owned property in front of the Silicon Valley Career Technical Education facility located at 760 Hillsdale Avenue.

No Measure R funds were expended prior to December 31, 2025. Accordingly, no independent financial or performance audits have been performed. Subsequent audits will be performed on a fiscal year basis (July 1 through June 30), starting with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

### **Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

The Board of Education (Board) established the Measure R CBOC at its December 12, 2024 meeting. Subsequently, at its March 13, 2025 meeting, the Board approved CBOC Bylaws and appointed seven members to two-year terms commencing on March 14, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026. After the resignation of a Committee member was approved by the Board at its September 25, 2025 meeting, one or more new members must now be appointed to ensure compliance with the requirement that the Committee shall consist of at least seven members.

The initial Committee Chair was appointed by the Superintendent as required by the CBOC Bylaws, while the Vice Chair and Secretary were elected by the Committee. In subsequent years, all officers will be elected.

Pursuant to Education Code section 15278, the purpose of the Committee is to inform the public and the Board regarding the expenditure of Measure R bond proceeds. It is the Committee's responsibility to actively review and report on the proper expenditure of funds for school construction in accordance with voter approved projects. Committee members are non-compensated volunteers who must live or work within the borders of the District and may serve for up to three consecutive two-year terms. SJUSD employees and contractors are not eligible to serve on the CBOC.

The CBOC will typically meet four times per year. Meetings are subject to the open-meeting laws of the Ralph M. Brown Act and are open to the public. In 2025, the CBOC met on May 19 at the District Office for orientation and training and on September 15 at the Metropolitan Education District (Metro ED) site to review ongoing program activities. In addition, the Committee reviewed and approved the 2025 CBOC Annual Report at a meeting held on February 9, 2026 at the District Office. Committee meeting agendas and minutes as well as administrative documents such as the CBOC Bylaws can be found at <https://www.sjUSD.org/about/advisory-committees-groups/measure-r-citizens-bond-oversight-committee>.

### **Conclusion**

Since there were no Measure R expenditures in 2025, the CBOC cannot draw any conclusions at this time regarding the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money in accordance with voter-approved projects.

On behalf of the CBOC, I hope you find this report helpful and informative. For more information, please visit the SJUSD website at <https://www.sjUSD.org/>.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Measure R CBOC Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Smith", written in a cursive style.

Michael Smith  
Chair