

**BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE E - CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT ETHICS/LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSAL RE: COC MEMBER PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following policy supersedes any prior policies adopted by the Measure E Bond Fund's Citizens' Oversight Committee ("COC") related to public comments made by members. The following policy does not in any way impact, amend, or modify the obligations of the COC to comply with the requirements of the Brown Act:

Members of the Beverly Hills Unified School District Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee ("COC") and its subcommittees are provided with publically available information and are required to hold their meetings in public settings. However, meetings of the COC are not broadcast and although its agendas, along with other materials, are made available to the public before and after their meetings, the materials are often not accessed by the general public.

Accordingly, it is recognized that some members of the public look to authorized reports, publications, and statements from the COC as well as comments and opinions of COC members as a major source of information related to Measure E plans, expenditures and school site improvements.

Members of the COC must be cognizant of their appointed role and only make comments regarding Measure E which reflect the contents of approved and authorized reports, minutes, agendas, statements, and/or positions adopted by the COC. The only official COC comments to the public are made by the Chair of the COC or his/her designee.

It is recognized that members of the COC hold individual opinions related to Measure E as well as other matters involving the Beverly Hills Unified School District, public officials, individuals seeking election or appointment to governmental positions, and issues which may be the subject of a ballot measure or referendum.

Members must refrain from expressing any individually held opinions on any topic, positive or negative, in any interviews, publications, internet postings, meetings such as political campaign events/rallies or Parent Teacher Association, union and community meetings, or other settings, in a manner which could reasonably be construed as being opinions or statements approved by or made by that individual in his/her capacity as a member of the COC.

In the event a member of the COC is contacted by the press or any social media outlet, all requests for public comment should be referred to the Chair of the COC or his/her designee.

Any questions related to this policy should be directed to the Chair of the COC or the Chair of the Ethics/Legal Subcommittee.

Upon ratification of this policy by the full COC, the Ethics/Legal Subcommittee will discuss and present for consideration and approval of the full COC recommended guidelines and procedures to be followed in the event of noncompliance with this policy.