



**2017-2018  
INDEPENDENT  
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE**

# A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

A Letter from the Committee Chair

Dear Community Member:

On November 7, 2006, voters in the Palomar Community College District approved a \$694 million facilities bond measure (Proposition M) under the rules established by Prop 39. Under the rules of Prop 29, a citizen's oversight committee (ICOC) was first established September 26, 2006. It is now my pleasure to present the 2017-2018 ICOC Annual Report.

The District saw a significant amount of construction activity in 2017-2018 within the Prop M projects, including completion of four new facilities. This Annual Report is made available to District residents, in fulfillment of the role of the ICOC, as specified by law, and to provide a report on the investment activities accomplished in these past 12 months.

The ICOC is responsible for reviewing expenditures to ensure that bond proceeds are spent only for the purposes set forth in Proposition M. To the best of its knowledge, the Committee reports Palomar Community College District is in full compliance with the responsibilities as described in Article XIII A of the California State Constitution. With this report, the ICOC members assure the community that Proposition M bond expenditures have been issued properly, and only for projects identified in the bond measure and that no measures or monies were used unlawfully for teacher and administration salaries or other operating expenses.

The members of the ICOC look forward to continuing our work with District staff. We thank you for your ongoing support and confidence in Palomar College and the vision it has for the future of education in North San Diego County and the region.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rosenfield  
Chair  
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee



## 2017-2018 Committee Members

Michael Hunsaker	<i>Member of a Taxpayers' Association</i>
Athenea Luciano	<i>Member of a Local Business Organization</i>
Sarah Rosenfield, Chair	<i>Member of the Community at Large</i>
Beverly Ann Tolbert	<i>Member in a Senior Citizens' Organization</i>
Emily Williamson	<i>Student in a Community College Support Group</i>
Glen Winn, Co-Chair	<i>Member in a Senior Citizens' Organization</i>
Jeffrey Wohler	<i>Member of the Palomar College Foundation</i>

## Governing Board

Paul P. McNamara, *President*  
John J. Halcón, Ph.D., *Vice President*  
Mark Evilsizer, *Secretary*  
Nancy Ann Hensch, *Trustee*  
Nina Deerfield, *Trustee*  
Chris Hopp, *Student Trustee*

## Superintendent/President

Joi Lin Blake, Ed.D.



Left to right: Associated Student Government President and Student Trustee Chris Hopp; Palomar College Superintendent/President Dr. Joi Lin Blake; Palomar Community College District Governing Board President Paul McNamara; Trustee Emeritus Nancy Chadwick; Board Vice President John Halcón; and Board Secretary Mark Evilsizer.

## ABOUT PROPOSITION M

On November 7, 2006, voters in the District's service area approved Proposition M, a \$694 million facilities bond measure, enabling the District to:

- Upgrade nursing and emergency medical career training labs
- Modernize outdated science, computer and job training labs/equipment
- Upgrade electrical and technology infrastructure
- Repair/replace deteriorated roofs, plumbing, lighting, heating and ventilation systems
- Improve energy efficiency
- Modernize/replace outdated classrooms and student support facilities
- Complete safety upgrades to College buildings and grounds

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee monitors the expenditure of funds from the Proposition M General Obligation Bond to ensure that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described and that no bond funds are used for any faculty or administrative salaries or other operating expenses. Proposition M was authorized pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution in accordance with the requirements of the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bond Act of 2000 (Prop 39).

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee was appointed by the Palomar College Governing Board on May 8, 2007, and met five times in fiscal year 2007-2008. Proceedings of these meetings have included:

- Organization meeting to include appointment of Chair; review bylaws and roles and responsibilities of ICOC
- Development of ICOC Website <http://www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc/>
- Review of financial reports
- Review of construction projects



### Committee Meetings

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee meets on a quarterly basis. All meetings are open to the public.

Agendas and meeting minutes from all committee meetings are available on the ICOC website at [www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc](http://www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc/). All meetings are held on the San Marcos campus unless noted differently on the ICOC website.

Meetings held or scheduled during the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 fiscal years include:

HELD	SCHEDULED
September 1, 2017	September 7, 2018
December 1, 2017	December 7, 2018
March 2, 2018	March 1, 2019
June 1, 2018	June 7, 2019

### Series A Bond Issuance

In May 2007, the Palomar Community College District issued Series A bonds in the amount of \$160 million. The bonds were sold with a qualified tax opinion and investors were restricted to approved institutional buyers.

### Series B Bond Issuance

In November 2010, the Palomar Community College District issued Series B bonds in the amount of \$175 million. The bonds consisted of \$83.5 million in federally taxable Build America Bonds and \$91.5 million in tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds.

### Series C Bond Issuance

In April 2015, the Palomar Community College District issued Series C bonds in the amount of \$220 million in tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds.

### Series D Bond Issuance

In April 2017, the Palomar Community College District issued Series D bonds in the amount of \$139 million in tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds.

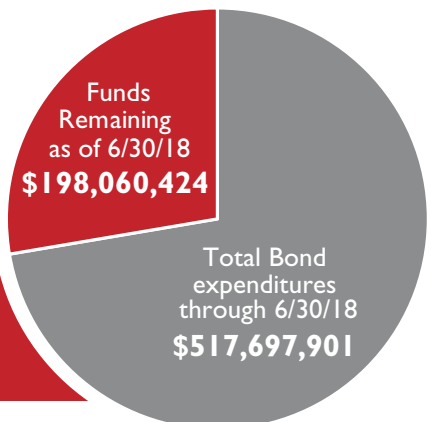
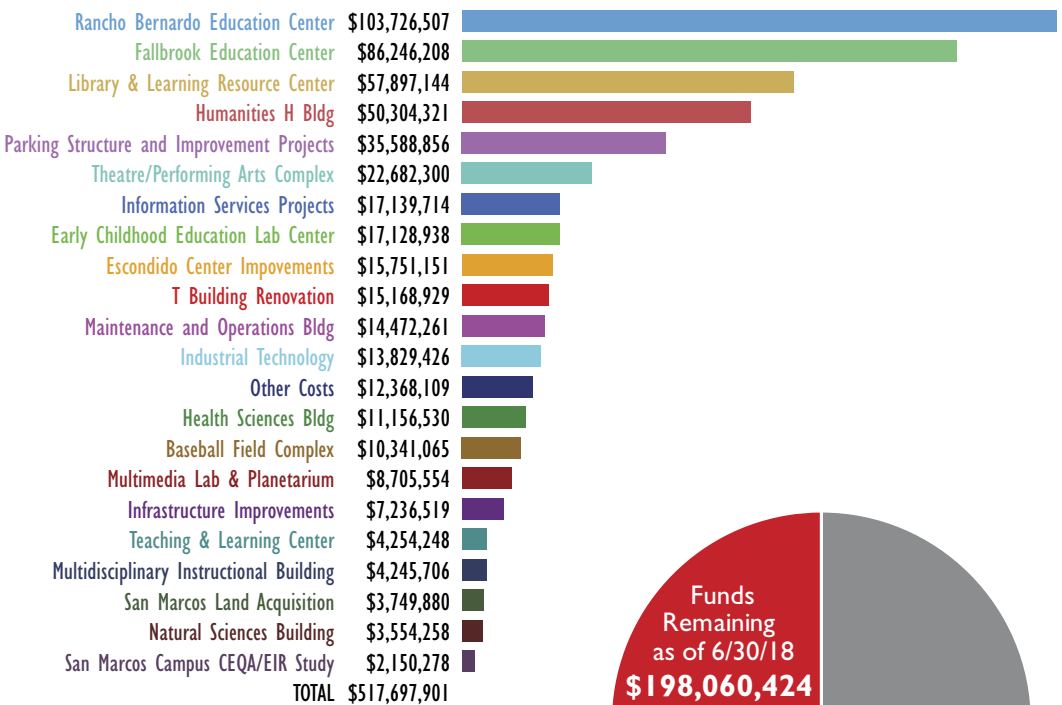
### Review of Expenditures

The firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP., Certified Public Accountants conducted the Financial and Performance Audits for proceeds and use of general obligation bonds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, as required by Proposition 39. The results of the procedure performed indicated that expenditures were made for authorized bond projects.

The finding of no discrepancies validates the success of internal controls established by the Palomar College Finance and Administrative Services Department and implemented by staff.

To view the complete independent accountant's report, please visit <https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/propm/financial-and-performance-audits/>.

## BREAKDOWN OF BOND EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018



**TOTAL BOND MONIES AVAILABLE, INCLUDING INTEREST THROUGH 6/30/18**

## PROPOSITION M PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Continued construction of the Learning Resource Center.
- Completed construction and opened the Rancho Bernardo Education Center.
- Completed construction and opened the new Parking Structure and Campus Police facility.
- Continued construction of the new Maintenance & Operations facility.
- Completed construction and opened the new interim Fallbrook Education Center.



## LEVERAGING OF THIS INVESTMENT

- Included a complete Photovoltaic Electrical system in the design for the Learning Resource Center, Rancho Bernardo Education Center, MD Building and Escondido Education Center.
- New projects have participated in the San Diego Gas & Electric “Savings By Design” program for energy efficiency and should qualify for rebates.
- Continued to implement LEED standards on all buildings through sustainable design, and recycling and sale of materials no longer usable to the District.



## PALOMAR COLLEGE MISSION

Our mission is to provide an engaging teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals. As a comprehensive college, we support and encourage students who are pursuing transfer-readiness, general education, basic skills, career and technical training, aesthetic and cultural enrichment, and lifelong education. We are committed to promoting the learning outcomes necessary for our students to contribute as individuals and global citizens living responsibly, effectively, and creatively in an interdependent and changing world.

## VISION

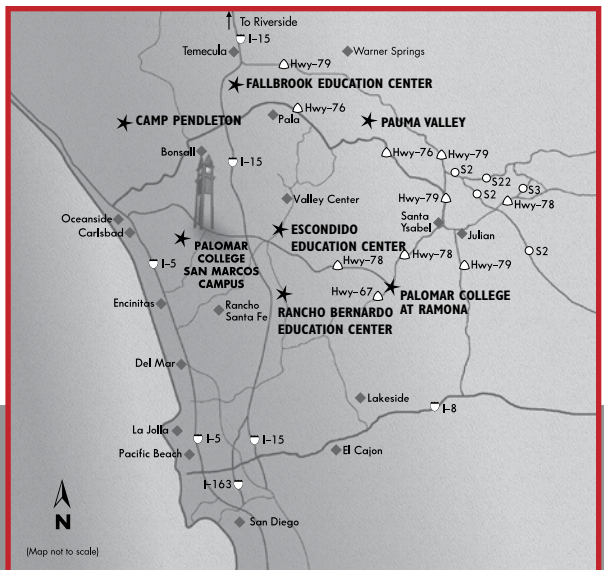
Learning for Success

## ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Palomar College has been providing quality education to the residents of the District for nearly 75 years. Our San Marcos campus is supplemented by three educational centers in Escondido, Rancho Bernardo and Fallbrook, as well as three additional sites located throughout inland North San Diego County. Palomar College offers over 250 associate degree and certificate programs and serves more than 25,000 students each semester.



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