# OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PROPOSITION 39 AND MEASURE G GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

PERFORMANCE AUDIT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees Ohlone Community College District Fremont, California

We have conducted a performance audit of the Ohlone Community College District's (the District's) Measure G General Obligation Bonds for the year ended June 30, 2016.

We conducted our performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed on page 2 of this report, which includes determining the compliance with the performance requirements for the Proposition 39 Measure G General Obligation Bonds under the applicable provisions of Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution and Proposition 39 as they apply to the bonds and the net proceeds thereof. Management is responsible for Ohlone Community College District's compliance with those requirements.

Solely to assist us in planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the internal controls of the District to determine if internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution. Accordingly, we do not express any assurance on the internal controls.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Ohlone Community College District expended Measure G General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2016, only for the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees and approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.

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**December 2, 2016** 

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of our performance audit were to document the expenditures charged to Measure G General Obligation Bonds (Measure G) which were approved under Proposition 39; determine whether expenditures for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, charged to the General Obligation Bond Fund have been made in accordance with project budgets and guidelines; note any incongruities or system weaknesses; and provide recommendations for improvement.

#### SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

The scope of our performance audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Expenditures incurred after the issuance of the bonds and prior to July 01, 2015, were covered in a previous examination. The expenditures included all object and project codes associated with the Bond projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other State or local funding sources were not included within the scope of our audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2016, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On November 2, 2010, the electorate of the District approved Measure G, a \$349,000,000 general obligation bond authorization for the District with greater than 55% of voters in favor.

On October 19, 2011, the District issued its Election of 2010 General Obligation bonds Series A and A-1 in the amounts of \$70,000,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively. On September 4, 2014 the District issued its Election of 2010 General Obligation bonds Series B in the amount of \$74,995,430. The District issued its Election of 2010 General Obligation bonds Series C, in the amount of \$155,000,000 on May 18, 2016.

A Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (the Committee) was appointed on March 5, 2002, to comply with the California Constitution and the Education Code. The purpose of the Committee is to inform the public, at least annually, regarding the appropriate use of the Bond proceeds. California Constitution, Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3), requires an annual performance audit be conducted to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects publicized by the District.

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#### PROCEDURES PERFORMED

We obtained the General Obligation Bond Fund general ledger and the project expenditure summary reports and detail prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Within the year audited, we obtained the actual invoices and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with Proposition 39 and Measure G General Obligation Bond funding. We performed the following procedures:

- We reviewed the list of projects being performed to verify that the list of intended projects is consistent with the District's Facilities Projects Lists.
- We verified that the District created the required debt service fund and capital outlay fund in order to account for the bond proceeds and expenditures.
- We verified that the proceeds from the sale of bonds were deposited in an appropriate debt service fund and a capital outlay projects fund.
- We verified the mathematical accuracy of the expenditures included in the Measure G detailed general ledger for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.
- We selected a sample of expenditures in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. For each selection, we performed the following procedures:
  - 1. Reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that funds were properly expended on the specific projects outlined on the publicized list and met the requirements for bidding, if applicable.
  - 2. Verified the expenditure was for construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including furnishing and equipping of District facilities, and we verified that funding was not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenditures of the District.

# **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the procedures performed, we found that, for the items tested, the Ohlone Community College District has properly accounted for the expenditures of the Measure G General Obligation Bonds. Further, it was noted that the funds were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenditures. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specific requirements.

## MANAGEMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.