

Citizens Oversight Committee

Role: To fulfill the commitment of 2016 Measure B to have an independent oversight committee audit and report on the performance of VTA and the various project sponsors to ensure the funds are being expended consistent with the approved programs.

Membership: Eight citizens of Santa Clara County who are eligible voters.

- A retired federal or state judge or administrative law judge or an individual with experience as a mediator or arbitrator.
- A professional from the field of municipal/public finance with a minimum of four years relevant experience.
- A professional with a minimum of four years of experience in management and administration of financial policies, performance measurement and reviews.
- A professional with demonstrated experience of four years or more in the management of large scale construction projects.
- A regional community organization representative with at least one year of decision making experience.
- A regional business organization representative with at least one year of decision making experience.
- A professional with four years of experience in organized labor.
- A professional with a minimum of four years of experience in educational administration at the high school or college level.

Application: Application period will be posted and applicants will apply on line.

Terms: 4 years. First appointees to be randomly selected (or volunteer) for either two or four year terms (three [3] for two years and four [4] for four years). Membership will be limited to two consecutive terms only.

Appointment: The application period will be posted. Applications will be submitted on line at a dedicated site. Applications will be forwarded to an Evaluation Subcommittee of the Board of Directors appointed by the Chair. The Subcommittee will submit eligible candidates to the Governance & Audit Committee. G&A will recommend finalist candidates to the Chair for appointment with ratification by the full Board of Directors.

Responsibilities: Provide independent verification that the tax revenue collected under 2016 Measure B is expended appropriately to deliver the projects and programs described in the ballot measure.

Establish the scope and work plan for the independent audit. Hire a qualified, independent professional audit firm to conduct an audit of the revenues and expenditures on an annual basis.

Conduct a Public Hearing to inform the general public that based upon the independent audit that the public's money is expended for the purposes as described in the ballot measure or adjusted as circumstances warrant through the required approval process.

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Publish a report indicating the results of the Independent Audit, Public Hearing and any additional findings the Committee may have.

Request from time to time a report and/or presentation from project sponsors charged with delivering the various projects under this measure on their progress and expenditures.

Meetings: Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. All meeting will be publicly noticed and conducted under the requirements of the Brown Act. The first meeting is targeted to 2nd Quarter FY2018.