Public Oversight Report from Peralta’s Independent Eyes on Measure A

The 2006 passage of Peralta Colleges’ $390 million Measure A bond continues to deliver great educational support value in the form of district-wide construction and rehabilitation of educational and administrative buildings, grounds and infrastructure, furnishings and equipment acquisition, and the purchase or lease of real property. District facilities are now safer and more secure with improved and expanded capacity. Measure A expenditures are overseen and publicly reported by the Citizens’ Oversight Committee, which provides for transparency and public accountability in the use of these funds.

Measure A Audits

Peralta has been in compliance with legally mandated audit requirements since Measure A’s inception. Separate, independent audits of financial statements and performance are conducted by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP, CPAs. The Financial Statements Audit examines bond fiscal management and the Performance Audit determines whether expenditures have been made in line with bond requirements, state law, and the District’s legal dictates and policies.

The most recent audits in each area earned “Unqualified” opinions, confirming that the Bond is being handled correctly and within the legal requirements, and the auditor has no qualifications that need to be addressed or other performance concerns.

“Our facilities are improving to support the hard work of students, faculty and staff, and provide a learning environment that promotes our full range of educational objectives – from transfer education to workplace training – that prepare our students to meet the demands of tomorrow.”

– Michael Mills, Committee Chair
Measure A provides $390 million to improve Peralta’s four colleges. As of May 2015, bond sales have generated $275 million, $12,456,311 has been earned in interest, and $115 million remains available to be cash out. A total of $264,092,154 has been spent with an additional $119,193,178 committed or encumbered. Here are a few highlights…

- **April 2008**
  - New District-wide signage starts
  - $1,864,763

- **February 2009**
  - Integrated Facilities Master Plan completed
  - District-wide
  - $4,000,000

- **March 2011**
  - Solar panels installed
  - Merritt College
  - $7,867,544

- **June 2009**
  - Comprehensive Capital Plan approved
  - District-wide
  - (covers $390 million)

- **November 2011**
  - New athletic complex
  - Laney College
  - $19,817,959
**February 2013**
860 Atlantic buildout completed
College of Alameda and Merritt College
$7,337,389

**June 2013**
Security Center renovation
District Administrative Center
(cameras installed district-wide)
$6,156,367

**October 2013**
Athletic fields renovation at Laney College, Merritt College and College of Alameda
$2,280,634

**November 2015**
Barbara Lee Science and Allied Health Building dedicated
Merritt College
$47,731,869

**May 2015**
2118 Milvia St. acquired
Berkeley City College
$4,052,033
Major and notable completed projects – by campus

**Berkeley City College**

- Center St. Campus buildout and improvements ........................................... $8,236,015
- Milvia St. Building acquired ................................................................. $4,052,033
- Roof-mounted solar panels ................................................................. $363,190
- ADA accessibility improvements .......................................................... $1,485,930
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment ....................................................... $1,432,433
- Information Technology Phase 2 ......................................................... $976,486

**College of Alameda**

- Student Welcome Center ................................................................. $3,896,052
- Building modernizations ................................................................. $9,860,859
- (Dental Center, weight room, flooring, lighting, other small projects)
- Sidewalks replacement ................................................................. $2,636,779
- Aviation School parking lot ............................................................... $9,800
- Access road realignment and landscaping ........................................... $669,355
- 860 Atlantic Annex refurbishing ....................................................... $6,990,645
- Veterans’ Center buildout ................................................................. $308,873
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment ....................................................... $2,263,142
- Information Technology ................................................................. $253,286

**Laney College**

- Athletic complex, field & parking ....................................................... $19,817,959
- Building modernizations ................................................................. $23,505,375
  (Theater, Tower reception, instructional space, offices and beautification)
- Solar panels ................................................................................. $4,059,596
- Beginners Inn culinary kitchen ......................................................... $7,275,736
  and dining room

**Merritt College**

- Barbara Lee Science and Allied Health Building ................................ $47,731,869
- Solar panels ................................................................................. $7,867,544
- Library/Learning Resource Center .................................................... $7,148,123
  renovation
- Building modernizations ................................................................. $9,499,307
  (instructional spaces, lighting, sidewalks, athletic facilities, waterproofing)
- Utility infrastructure and upgrades ................................................... $8,151,876
- Building modernization ................................................................. $9,499,307
- small projects
- Temporary instructional and administrative space ......................... $11,800
- Genomics accommodations ............................................................. $346,743
  (at 860 Atlantic)
- Africana Center ............................................................................. $399,500
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment ................................................... $4,591,134
- Information Technology ................................................................. $1,535,839

**District-wide Projects**

- Integrated Educational and Facilities Master Plan ......................... $2,931,322
- Smart classrooms ........................................................................... $8,378,723
- Security Center renovation ............................................................. $6,156,367
- Paving and parking meters ............................................................ $1,584,914
- Signage ......................................................................................... $1,864,763
- Sidewalk and lighting upgrades ....................................................... $518,690
- Solar panels and sustainable upgrades ........................................... $664,549
- Recycling equipment .................................................................... $283,830
- Renewable energy ......................................................................... $2,146,450
- Water fountains ............................................................................ $455,004
- Library technology upgrades ......................................................... $248,532
- Athletic field renovations ............................................................... $2,280,634
- Distance education apps ................................................................. $435,005
- Financial aid system ....................................................................... $83,103
- IT infrastructure ............................................................................. $11,981,011

**District Administrative Center**

- District Office renovation ............................................................... $1,853,494
- Emergency service upgrade ........................................................... $268,141
- HVAC ....................................................................................... $1,446,376
- Service Centers ............................................................................ $3,534,117
- International Program facility ......................................................... $1,619,245
- and sidewalks
- Furniture, fixtures/equipment ....................................................... $1,642,629
  and Information Technology

**860 Atlantic Center Partnership:** The College of Alameda and Merritt College collaborated on design and shared the expense to deliver a state-of-the-art science facility to their students.
**MEASURE A BOND SALES AND EXPENDITURES**

**Expenditures in a Nutshell**

The majority of Measure A expenditures are directed by specific, college-determined needs and objectives, and made through careful planning. At the beginning, a small portion of these funds were immediately spent on pressing health and safety situations and badly needed technology equipment for Peralta campuses.

**Measure A Bond Sales**

Voters approved Measure A in **June 2006**, authorizing the sale of $390 million in bond funding for Peralta.

- **August 2006** 1st bond sale = $75 million
- **November 2007** 2nd bond sale = $100 million
- **September 2009** 3rd bond sale = $100 million

> Remaining amount available: $115 million

### Total Measure A Funds Spent, Allocated & Earned

As of December 31, 2015, $279,885,075 of the $390 million bond has been spent and $8,337,525 encumbered. An additional $107,694,244 is committed (projects approved and awaiting contracts or state matching funds). $15,241,638 in interest has been earned on bond proceeds.

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**In progress and in the pipeline**

- **Berkeley City College**
  Milvia campus buildout .................................. $7,767,966

- **College of Alameda**
  New Building “C” construction .......................... $38,103,948
  Utilities .................................................. $634,020
  Temporary instructional and office space .............. $1,903,612
  Furniture, fixtures and equipment ................... $1,480,222
  Information Technology .................................. $2,358,709

- **Laney College**
  Library and Resource Center ........................... $31,735,811
  (contingent on receipt of state bond funding)
  Sustainability Building (B.E.S.T. Center) ........... $6,008,281
  Student Center .......................................... $15,822,608
  Health Clinic ........................................... $1,925,200
  Additional Tower improvements ........................ $414,979
  Utility infrastructure .................................... $92,039
  Information Technology .................................. $1,643,693

- **Merritt College**
  Furniture, fixtures and equipment ................... $4,439,251
  Information Technology .................................. $914,523

- **District-wide Projects**
  Solar power and sustainability ...................... $1,627,994
  Smart-classroom streaming ............................ $1,489,418
  Electronic marquee signs ............................. $1,065,737
  Emergency blue phones .................................. $300,000
  Information Technology .................................. $18,989

- **District Administration Center**
  Furniture, fixtures/equipment and IT .............. $1,116,649
A Message from the Committee Chair

Michael Mills

Voters in our six cities provided the funding to improve College of Alameda, Berkeley City College, Laney College and Merritt College. Our Oversight Committee is responsible for ensuring that these monies are spent wisely. The Committee ensures that bond expenditures adhere to voter approved dictates, delivers an annual progress report to the public, and certifies that ballot language and statutory requirements were met during the reporting period. We take our charge and responsibility very seriously.

To the best of our knowledge, based on current auditor reports and regular reporting by the District, the Committee finds that the Peralta Community College District is in full compliance with the responsibilities described in Article XIII-A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California State Constitution addressing community college districts’ bond indebtedness.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in us.