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Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Seat Now Open

College of the Desert seeks dedicated business representative to serve community

PALM DESERT, CA—The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) at College of the Desert (COD) is inviting area residents to apply as a Business Representative of the committee, playing a crucial role in ensuring the prudent use of bond funds and maintaining transparency in the process.

The primary responsibility of the Committee is to conduct an annual audit of costs pertaining to Measure B (2004) and Measure C (2016) bond proceeds that were previously approved by voters. The Committee ensures that bond funds are solely allocated for land acquisition, construction and equipment, with no disbursement towards salaries or pay increases. Transparency is a key focus, as the CBOC publicizes information about expenditures through an annual report.

"The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is responsible for managing the appropriate allocation of bond funds, providing valuable financial resources to our local communities, and assuring accountability," said Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Chair Diane Rubin, CPA. "Civic engagement and community involvement are at the heart of our mission, and we urge committed individuals to apply for this important position."

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply by mailing their submissions to the Office of the President at 43-500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert, CA, 92260. The deadline to apply is August 28, 2023, at 4 p.m. Application forms are available online at www.collegeofthedesert.edu/community/facility-plan/committee-member-applications.php.

To be eligible for the Business Representative position, applicants must be actively involved in a business within the Desert Community College District's service area, reside in California, and be able to effectively represent the interests of the business community. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and cannot be employees of the college, union representatives, officials of the Desert Community College District, or affiliated as vendors, contractors, or consultants of the District.

The Committee consists of a minimum of seven members appointed by the Desert Community College District Board of Trustees, following Proposition 39 and its bylaws. Successful appointees serve a two-year term, renewable for a maximum of three terms.

As an essential component of this commitment, all Committee members are required to sign an ethics statement, ensuring the highest standards of integrity. It is important to note that Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members do not receive compensation for their service. The CBOC bylaws are accessible at www.collegeofthedesert.edu/community/facility-plan/bylaws.php.