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Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Two Seats Now Open
College of the Desert seeks dedicated members 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 or Member-at-Large for the committee, playing a crucial role in ensuring the prudent use of bond funds and maintaining transparency in the process.

The primary responsibility of CBOC is to conduct an annual audit of costs pertaining to Measure B (2004) and Measure C (2016) bond proceeds 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.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply by mailing their submissions to the Bond Program and Facilities Planning Office, Attention John White at 43-500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert, CA, 92260. The deadline to apply is November 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.

To be eligible for the Member-at-Large position, applicants must be at least 18 years of age and live in the state.

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 in any capacity such 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. It exists to carry out Proposition 39 and its bylaws. Successful appointees serve a two-year term, which is renewable for a maximum of three terms.

As an essential component of this commitment, all 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.