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**GGUSD Invites Applicants for New
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

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The Garden Grove Unified School District is seeking qualified individuals to serve on the independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the implementation of Measure A, the \$250 million school modernization bond measure approved by GGUSD voters in the June 8, 2010, election.

An information sheet with application is available online from the district's website at www.ggusd.us or from the Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503. Completed applications must be received by the Public Information Office, Garden Grove Unified School District, 10331 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove 92840, or faxed to (714) 663-6100 no later than 4 p.m. on September 17, 2010. All committee members must be GGUSD residents.

The seven-member committee is being established to provide transparency and maintain public confidence in the use of Measure A bond proceeds. California state law requires that a Citizens' Oversight Committee be appointed by the Board of Education to monitor bond expenditures and ensure no bond revenues are appropriated for teacher or administrator salaries or general district operating expenses.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee will be composed of the following members:

- Business representative
- Senior citizens' organization member
- Active member of a bona-fide taxpayers' association
- Parent or guardian of a GGUSD student
- District parent active in a GGUSD parent-teacher organization or school site council
- Two at-large members

The committee generally will meet several times yearly, with all meetings open to the public. Membership is voluntary and without compensation. Employees, vendors, contractors, consultants, or GGUSD officials are ineligible for appointment to the committee. Six committee members are appointed for two-year terms, while one at-large member serves for one year.

Measure A, approved by 63.8 percent of district voters in June, authorizes \$250 million in general obligation bonds and enables the GGUSD to qualify for as much as \$200 million in matching state school bond funds for large-scale infrastructure repair, improvement, and

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modernization projects.

Bond proceeds, coupled with state matching funds, will help finance such major improvements as renovating electrical circuitry, plumbing, lighting, roofing, intercom, and fire safety systems; improving energy efficiency; replacing doors, windows, and outdated heating and ventilation systems; updating playground safety matting; upgrading telecommunications systems to accommodate current technology; replacing restroom and drinking fountain fixtures; and retrofitting schools for better accessibility for the disabled.

By law, bond revenue may only be directed for school facility improvements such as repair and modernization projects, new construction, land acquisition, and furniture and equipment.

Bond funds will be kept and monitored by the Orange County Treasurer, and will be subject to scrutiny by the new citizens' committee, with annual independent audits open for public inspection.

For additional information, call the district's Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503, or go online to 'Measure A' link from the GGUSD website, or navigate directly to www.ggusd.us/measurea.html. Measure A questions may also be directed by e-mail to askmeasurea@ggusd.us.

The Garden Grove Unified School District serves most of Garden Grove and portions of Santa Ana, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Cypress, Stanton, and Anaheim.