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SBCC MEASURE V CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NAMES NEW OFFICERS

Community members Ed Heron and Sally Green were elected chair and co-chair, respectively of the Santa Barbara City College Measure V Citizens' Oversight Committee on February 17. Measure V, a \$77.2 million construction improvement bond issue, was passed on June 3, 2008. Funds are helping the college doing much needed renovation of aging buildings and upgrading its infrastructure.*

Consisting of seven members, the purpose of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is to ensure that bond expenditures are properly made for projects consistent with those identified in the bond measure. They represent different constituent groups based on requirements in the California Education Code. Current members are: Joseph Bailey (community member), Lanny Ebenstein (taxpayer organization), Sally Green (community member), Ed Heron (business organization), Nicole Ridgell (student); Mark Levine (senior citizen group), and Lee Moldaver (organization supportive of the college).

"The Citizens' Oversight Committee is a great partner in our efforts to improve our buildings and infrastructure," said SBCC Superintendent/President Dr. Andreea Serban. "The college has experienced unprecedented student growth in the last three years and the judicious use of Measure V funds helps SBCC to have a physical environment that supports student learning and community engagement. I thank the current and prior members of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for their important service to the college and the community."

Since 2008, Measure V funds have supported major capital improvement projects at SBCC including the renovation of the pedestrian bridge connecting the east and west campuses, the resurfacing of the La Playa Stadium track and field, and the construction of the Luria Conference and Press Center. Other projects currently under way are the modernization of the Drama/Music and Garvin Theatre complex and the completion of design for the renovation of the Humanities Building and Campus Center.

For more details regarding Measure V activities, please go to: <u>http://www.sbcc.edu/measurev/</u> * By law, Measure V funds cannot be used for operational expenditures or salaries.