

# CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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## Chairman's Message

By **Melvin Jordan, Chairman**

The inaugural issue of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee ("CBOC") monthly newsletter letter last month was successfully executed through the efforts of the Business Operations Coordinator, Camille James. Ms. James' communication skill set if not already evident by the means of this second issue of the newsletter will be definitely apparent when the Measure Q website is launched in the coming months.

The magic touch of the CBOC monthly newsletter is that it provides a continuous means for the District staff and CBOC to stay connected between their quarterly meetings. The CBOC newsletter is an essential communication bridge for all stakeholders to build upon their Measure Q project knowledge and awareness base in order to always be in the position to be part of the solution and to make that collaborative difference.

As the Chair of the CBOC and on behalf of the entire CBOC it is our privilege and we are encouraged by the information provided in the monthly CBOC newsletter as it stimulates us to stay in tune, provide feedback and stay positively engaged with the Magic of the Measure Q.

*"More information is always better than less. When people know the reason things are happening, even if it's bad news, they can adjust their expectations and react accordingly. Keeping people in the dark only serves to stir negative emotions."*

*– Simon Sinek*

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## ICON Partnering with SCCD

By **Camille James**

On May 15, 2014 ICON Aircraft, Inc. announced that it would be moving its manufacturing, sales, training, service, and corporate headquarters to Vacaville, California, near the Nut Tree Airport. Once the manufacturing plant is in place, later this year, production should begin within a few weeks and the first plane is expected to be completed in early 2015.

ICON's move to Vacaville is great news for the Solano Community District as the District has not only been working with the Jimmy Doolittle Museum, at Nut Tree Airport, to expand its aviation program but it has been working with ICON on developing a partnership that will further enhance its aviation program and possibly create a labor pipeline for ICON and guaranteed careers for SCC graduates.

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, President-Superintendent, said that SCC's aviation program is being redesigned with ICON Aircrafts in mind and is looking towards expanding current curriculum to include broader aspects of aviation. Kirk Hawkins, CEO of ICON Aircraft Inc., has said he wants to work with the District to develop a special program to train students to work with specific composites used to

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build ICON's airplanes. Those students who complete the training program will substantially expand their aviation knowledge and will have a direct shot at employment with ICON.

Though the District has not directly spent any funds for the ICON project it has built a solid relationship with the company that will not only benefit SCC students, but has indirectly contributed to the creation of 500 high-paying jobs for Solano County citizens.



## Jimmy Doolittle Project Takes Shape

By Leigh Sata, Executive Bond Manager

The Aeronautics program at Nut Tree Airport is a diamond in the rough. The program, under the leadership of Dean Maira Morinec, Faculty member Kevin Spoelstra, Adjunct Faculty member Rusty Mayes, and Laboratory Technician Tim Atahey, has prospered with little fanfare. Located at the Nut Tree airport, and operating under a non-descript hangar building alongside other hangars. The FAA approved program teaches students to repair and maintain airplanes and students that complete the program may gain certification to work on sophisticated airplane engines.

The Jimmy Doolittle Museum approached the College with an exciting offer in 2011. They have airplanes that require servicing and SCC has students that need airplanes to work on. This programmatic collaboration is celebrated in the new design of a jointly developed project at the



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south end of the Nut Tree airport. The project is envisioned to encompass two large hangars to display the museum's airplanes and a third hangar occupied by SCC, connected by a gallery where airplanes can land at the airport and taxi directly into the hangars. The complex will also include a hotel so that guests may stay for a weekend event and multi-purpose rooms in various parts of the building for the college and museum to share. With ICON Aircraft making the announcement that they are moving their training, service, and corporate headquarters to Nut Tree airport as well, additional collaborations are envisioned.

An additional component of the project is the newly revitalized Workforce Development and Corporate Training program, led by Dean Thom Watkins. Leslie Fay, former President of the Vacaville Chamber, has been hired to assist in developing relationships with the business community in Solano County to create specialized training programs for corporate and community groups. The corporate training facility will share space with the museum, creating an exciting and rich environment for classes and events. Training will not be limited to aeronautics, Watkins envisions programs tailored to fit the needs of the community, taught by staff and faculty from the College - reiterating that Solano's "Community College" is truly part of the community.

*Education is for improving the lives of others  
and for leaving your community and world  
better than you found it.*

*- Marian Wright Edelman*

## Kitchell CEM Is Awarded Measure Q Program Management Contract

By **Camille James**

In May Kitchell CEM was selected as the Program Manager for the Measure Q Bond Program, along with Swinterton Management and Consulting and Gilbane Building Company as the two primary Construction Management firms.

As the Program Manager for the Measure Q Bond Program, Kitchell CEM will be responsible for the overall management of the bond program, which encompasses all program communication, budgets, schedules, financial controls and reporting, procurement and contracts, and design management. Kitchell will also coordinate the work of the District's construction management firms and provide construction management of the District's State funded projects.

Swinterton Management and Consulting will be assisting in two design-build projects for the Vacaville campus – the Aviation program joint venture with the Jimmy Doolittle Museum and the Biotechnology and Science building. The design process for both of these projects will start in the Summer/Fall of this year.

Gilbane Building Company will be responsible for the construction management of the science building and library on the Fairfield campus, a project that is slated to start construction in early 2016.

*Please send any questions or agenda item requests to [Camille.james@solano.edu](mailto:Camille.james@solano.edu).*



## Meet the Kitchell Team

By **Ines Zildzic, Kitchell Program Manager**

Kitchell is proud to be a partner with Solano Community College District for the past 11 years, managing significant projects of the Measure G Bond program. Together, our commitment and collaboration resulted in a number of new and modernized facilities, which factored into the voters' decision to pass the Measure Q Bond.

We are honored and very excited to continue this journey and support the District in transforming and enhancing its educational environment. As the team's Program Manager alongside Bob Fuselier, Program Executive, I lead a dynamic and passionate team that strives to support the vision and mission of Solano Community College. Our team includes: Mike Dossa – Design Manager, Lorna Harris – Fiscal Controls, John Lett and Ali Gharaviram – Senior Project Managers, Mony Thach – Project Manager and Lisa Dixon–Field Office Manager. Each team member plays an important role in supporting the bond program in managing a myriad of program management activities including budgets, schedules, communications, reporting, procedures, and design management. We will be involved in all of the Measure Q projects and will continue completing Measure G projects as they come to a close.

I am excited to continue working with all of Solano Community College faculty and staff in bringing their vision for this bond program into a reality.

## Measure G Progress Update

By Ines Zildzic, Kitchell Program Manager

### Building 600 Administration Building Renovation

Construction of this 13,000 SFT building commenced on May 27<sup>th</sup>! Renovation activities include both the interior and exterior areas. The project will feature a 1,000 sq. ft. expansion, state-of-the-art audio system and additional public seating in the Board Room. Construction is scheduled to be complete in December 2014. During the construction, periodic disruption to pedestrian pathways will occur between buildings 500 and 600. In the event of a scheduled disruption a notice and posting of upcoming activities will be posted to detail activity description, duration, and re-routing of pedestrian traffic.



Exterior Demolition



Interior Demolition

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### *JUNE*

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

SCCD Board of Trustees Meeting

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> and**

World Première ballet performance of *Prisms* at the SCC Theatre

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

World Première ballet performance of *Prisms* at the SCC Theatre

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Measure Q Steering Committee Meeting

SCCD Board of Trustees Meeting

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Campuses Closed

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Campuses Closed

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Newsletter Submissions Due

### *JULY*

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

SCCD Board of Trustees Meeting

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Campuses Closed – Holiday

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Campuses Closed

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Measure Q Steering Committee Meeting

SCCD Board of Trustees Meeting

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Campuses Closed

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Campuses Closed

### *AUGUST*

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting



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For Member Comments or general article submissions please send your submissions to Camille James, Business Operations Coordinator, at [Camille.James@solano.edu](mailto:Camille.James@solano.edu). Please keep all submission to no more than 350-words.

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