President/CEO Message - October 30, 2026

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Campus Community,

I hope everyone had a great week as we approach the Holiday season and the end of the fall 2026 semester. As a result, many of our schedules are filled with additional meetings and last-minute requests as we work to keep the institution moving forward. Thank you for all you do to support our students, and I know this is a busy time in the semester.

Over the next couple of months, you will see a lot of work happening on our campus related to facilities improvements, including the following:

- We are close to finishing the Math/Science Building Walkway Project, with the bollard installation planned for ***mid-December 2026***.
- The campus-wide curb & parking lot painting will begin on ***Monday, November 2, 2026***, which includes curb painting, parking lot striping, and thermoplastic markings, pavement markings, arrows, STOP legends and bars, crosswalks, lane lines, and lane markings.
- The concrete bench upgrades will begin on ***Tuesday, November 10, 2026***, and include the replacement and grouting of concrete bench tops south of Administration Building and east of Library-Student Success Building.
- The track refresh and restriping will begin on ***Monday, November 23, 2026***, which means there will be no access to the track area from ***November 23, 2026***, through ***November 30, 2026***.
- We have multiple areas – landscape & decorative ground cover improvements that will begin on ***Monday, November 23, 2026***. We anticipate this improvement to take 6 to 8 weeks.

For more information on these improvements, please refer to the email from Dr. Linda Owens-Jackson, Chief Facilities Officer, sent on ***Friday, October 30, 2026***, at 2:01 p.m. The schedule may change due to weather, and we will keep you posted.

In the President/CEO Message - October 9, 2026, I provided the grand opening ceremony dates for several facility construction projects. I would like to add another one to the list: the Compton College Swimming Pool Grand Opening Ceremony is scheduled for ***Saturday, August 21, 2027***, at 10:00 a.m. If we need to change the grand opening ceremony dates, we will communicate that in a future President/CEO Message.

Also, I want to remind everyone: Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night.

Today's President/CEO Message includes Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 enrollment, Student Fees and Holds, an update on Los Angeles County Vote Centers, Coyotes Athletics Update, President/CEO Student Forum, and much more.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update
As of ***yesterday, October 29, 2026***, Compton College has generated 1,792 full-time equivalent students (FTES) for fall 2026 (3% more than this time last year). Currently, 13,195 seats are filled, representing 71% of available seats (6% greater than this time last year). Fall headcount is 6,849 students, up 16% from the same time last year.

Compton College Winter 2027 Enrollment Update

Winter 2027 registration opened ***October 20, 2026***, and as of ***yesterday, October 29, 2026***, Compton College has generated 162 FTES for winter 2027 (14.1% less than at this same time last year). Currently, 1,376 seats are filled, representing 40% of available seats (18% less than this time last year). However, we anticipate the gap between this year and last year to close in the next few weeks. Winter 2027 Headcount is 984, 11% less than at the same time last year.

Reminder: Compton College students are encouraged to take advantage of the five-week Winter 2027 term to stay on track with their educational goals. Registration opens ***Tuesday, October 20, 2026***, and the class schedule is now available online at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule.

The five-week winter intersession gives students a chance to complete a class quickly and keep making progress toward graduation.

Student Fees & Holds
If students ask about account balances, registration holds, or drops for nonpayment, please direct them to the Bursar's Office or Admissions & Records, both located on the first floor of the Student Services Building. Students must pay required fees by the posted payment deadlines, or they may be dropped from classes and/or have a registration hold placed on their accounts. Registration holds may prevent enrollment in the Winter and Spring 2027 terms and limit access to certain College services. Payment deadlines and additional information are available at https://www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/holds/index.aspx.

Los Angeles County Vote Center
Working with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office, the Compton College Multipurpose Room will serve as a Vote Center. In-person voting will be held on campus on the following dates and times:

- ***Saturday-Monday, October 31 – November 2***: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ***Tuesday, November 3, 2026*** (Election Day): 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Vote by Mail Drop Box will also be available inside the Multipurpose Room for voters who prefer to drop off their ballots.

Coyotes Athletics Update
Our Coyotes continue fall competition as our basketball teams prepare for the 2026–27 season. Please join me in supporting our student-athletes and cheering on our teams.

- Soccer: Our men's and women's teams are continuing South Coast Conference play. Follow their remaining matches and results on the athletics website.
- Women's Volleyball: The Coyotes are also continuing South Coast Conference competition. Check the team's schedule for opportunities to attend a match and show your support.
- Basketball: Our men's and women's teams are preparing for the 2026–27 season, with men's basketball beginning competition next week. I look forward to seeing our campus community support the Coyotes this season.
- The football season ended after six games because injuries reduced the roster and raised concerns about player safety. The health and safety of our student-athletes remain our priority.

For schedules, results, team rosters, and the latest news, visit the Compton College Athletics website.

Help Shape Our 2027 Legislative Priorities
All Compton CCD employees are invited to share their insights through our 2027 Legislative Priorities Survey. Your feedback will help guide our advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels, including developing talking

points for meetings with elected officials in early 2027. Please submit your responses by ***Tuesday, November 12, 2026***. Click here to access the survey.

Compton College Grant Application Process
Compton College strategically and intentionally pursues grants that align with the institution's mission, existing grants, and current and upcoming priorities. The process to apply for a grant is documented in Administrative Regulation 3280 - Grant Applications. If you are interested in applying for a grant, please complete the Compton College grant proposal application as the first step. All grant proposals we pursue must be linked to the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan. Please note that we can't do it all, and we will have to decline potential partnerships and grant opportunities that are not aligned with Compton College 2035.

Your request will be reviewed by the Cabinet and me, and you will be notified about whether the College will proceed with the formal proposal to the outside agency or foundation.

President/CEO Student Forum
I will host an in-person President/CEO Student Forum next week, on ***Wednesday, November 4, 2026,*** at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Room 212. This forum provides students with an opportunity to share their experiences, ask questions, and learn more about what is happening at Compton College. Please encourage students to attend and participate.

Compton College Campuswide Forum
I am hosting a virtual Campuswide Forum on ***Tuesday, November 17, 2026,*** at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The forum will provide an opportunity to ask questions, stay informed, and engage in topics related to student success, including the Student-Centered Funding Formula, Compton CCD Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, the Compton College 2035 Institutional Set Goals, and the follow-up items from the ***September 15, 2026***, Campuswide Forums. Please register in advance using this link: Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration.

President/CEO Closing the Loop
The updated Compton Community College District Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan was shared with the Planning and Budget Committee on ***October 27, 2026***. The plan includes funding for approved new positions and provides a longer-term view of the district's projected revenues, expenditures, and reserves. As presented, projected revenues do not cover all expenditures in some of the future years. These projections underscore the need to address the funding gap early and align ongoing commitments with available resources to support the College's long-term financial stability. The updated Compton Community College District Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan is available here. The plan will be presented to the Consultative Council and to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees at their ***November 16, 2026,*** Board meeting.

Final Thoughts
In the President/CEO Message - May 29, 2026, I shared our plans to sell the remaining $27 million in Measure C bonds approved by voters in 2014. We are moving forward with that process in anticipation of the design and construction phases of multiple campus projects, including the following:

- Vocational Technology Building Renovation
- Child Development Center Renovation
- Urgent Care/Community Health Clinic
- Building D – Basic Needs Center
- Science Building
- Student Union Replacement

Coordinating the bond sale with upcoming project expenses will help fund these improvements as they move forward. Please note that we anticipate another bond sale in spring 2028 for $142 million in Measure CC Bonds that was approved by voters in 2024. On ***November 12, 2026,*** I will meet with representatives from Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the agencies that evaluate the district's creditworthiness. Our goal during these meetings is to advocate for a higher credit rating, which can help the District obtain more favorable borrowing terms and manage costs for our local taxpayers. We have tracked the district's credit ratings since 2004, including the downgrades that occurred when our accreditation was revoked and the progress we have made since. The Compton CCD Credit Rating History is available here. I look forward to sharing the results of these discussions and additional updates on the bond sale.

Congratulations to the Business Office, the winner of the 3rd Annual Department Halloween Decorating Contest.

In closing, wishing you a safe and fun Halloween weekend with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

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President/CEO
Compton College