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Compton College to Hold Community Forum About Student Residential Housing February 26

Compton College will host a Community Forum about Student Residential Housing at 6 p.m. on February 26, 2020 at the Dollarhide Community Center, located at 301 N. Tamarind Avenue, Compton, CA 90220. This Community Forum is open to the public; community members, residents served by the Compton Community College District, business partners, students and parents are all encouraged to attend. At the Forum, plans for future student housing at Compton College will be discussed and we want your input on student housing on campus.

“Compton College is working to develop student residential housing with a goal of merging current and future capacities, attributes, and outcomes to deliver on its mission to provide solutions to challenges, and provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where diverse students are supported to pursue and attain student success,” said Compton College President Keith Curry. The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees approved the Compton College 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan, on June 16, 2019, which includes plans for student residential housing. The Compton College 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan is available online at <http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/masterplan/Compton-College-2024.pdf>.

The California Community College #RealCollege Survey Report released last year found that 68 percent of the Compton College students surveyed said they experience housing insecurity. Statewide, the report indicated 60 percent of community college students reported having housing insecurity. Housing insecurity includes a wide array of challenges such as the inability to pay rent or utilities, or the need to move frequently, in addition to not having a regular place to live. The complete Compton College #RealCollege Survey Report is available online at http://www.compton.edu/academics/ir/docs/RC2018_SchoolReports_ComptonCollege.pdf.

The first planning objective for transforming Compton College’s student housing vision into reality is to complete a demand analysis to determine the cost of prefabricated units. With this data, Compton College will work with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to generate a statewide request for proposal (RFP) for preliminary Division of the State Architect approval of prefabricated housing units. Potential funding sources for this type of student residential housing are currently being identified.

Compton College is proposing changes to the California State Education Code which will allow colleges to utilize capital outlay/scheduled maintenance funding for student residential housing, something colleges are not currently able to do. Additionally, through the 2020-2021 California State Budget process, the Compton Community College District also is requesting funds to support building the first phase of the student residential housing at Compton College. The first phase of housing will include 100 beds, but the college’s ultimate goal is 540 beds by the 2028-2029 year.

For more information about the scheduled Community Forum, please call the Compton College Office of Compton President at 310-900-1600, ext. 2000.

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About Compton College

Compton College is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.