



California  
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Vice Chancellor  
College Finance and Facilities Planning

October 9, 2020

Dr. Keith Curry  
President/CEO  
Compton College  
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Dear President Curry:

The Chancellor's Office has established standards for sound fiscal management and a process to monitor and evaluate the financial health of community college districts. In monitoring the fiscal condition of community college districts, the Chancellor's Office primary goals are to prevent cases where it would be necessary to seek an emergency appropriation or appoint a special trustee. The Chancellor's Office utilizes existing data (e.g., budget and financial reports and audit data) and aims to proactively provide support in cases where data suggests risks in a district's viability. Based on the results of ongoing fiscal health monitoring, the Chancellor has the authority to provide technical assistance; authorize a Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) fiscal health risk analysis, review, or audit; or appoint a fiscal monitor or special trustee.

With the goal of moving beyond critical stage engagement towards destigmatizing fiscal health monitoring and proactive approaches to support districts at every stage, the College Finance and Facilities Planning division has refined its fiscal health and resiliency portfolio to recognize the important intersection of fiscal health, governance, and accreditation.

In May 2017, California Community Colleges Chancellor Oakley appointed Gene Farrell as the Special Trustee for Compton Community College District (Compton CCCD) with stay and rescind authority to monitor the college's transition to an independent institution. Since June 7, 2019, Compton CCD has operated as an independent



institution under the authority of the Compton CCD Board of Trustees. This was achieved after many years of diligent and effective planning and implementation to restore the college's accreditation status and improve its fiscal health. Though much progress has been made, we recognize sustained and lasting progress is achieved over time. To further support Compton College and to evaluate key components of its fiscal health, including the necessity of a Special Trustee for Compton CCD, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is requesting the following assessments and updates by April 15, 2021.

**Assessment of Fiscal Health.** The Chancellor's Office requests a Fiscal Health Risk Analysis to be conducted by the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance team (FCMAT). Specifically, the FCMAT will review Compton CCD's fiscal health, Line of Credit; Line of Credit Repayment Schedule; and Recovery Funds that were authorized in the 2017-2018 California State Budget.

**Governance Assessment.** Conduct a review of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees governance health and risks working with the Pullias Center, specifically Dr. Adrianna Kezar, Dean's Professor of Leadership, Director of the Pullias Center, and Director Delphi Project, University of Southern California.

**Accreditation Update.** Provide an update on the Compton College Accreditation activities and the Mid-Term Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

Please address the documents to Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and submit via email to [lnavarette@cccoco.edu](mailto:lnavarette@cccoco.edu). We appreciate your timely attention to this matter. If you need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizette Navarette".

Lizette Navarette  
Vice Chancellor  
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