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**Compton Community College**

**District Candidate Trustee Area #2**

**2016**

**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE VACANCY LETTER OF INTEREST**

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ANDRE RAMOS  
VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
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DEAR HONORABLE TRUSTEE BOARD PRESIDENT ANDRE RAMOS:

I humbly submit my application to become an appointed member of the Compton Community College District Trustee Area #2, answering the call of duty until November 2017. My name is Barbara Calhoun. I am a tireless fighter for the college having submitted my application for the Special Trustee Board, a demonstration of commitment to duty, not of political advancement.

I am concerned about the future of the institution after having spent years as a community resident proud of the legacy of our college. I look forward to assisting in a return to local governance and accreditation as benchmarks to restore student confidence in the institution.

I bring to the table an unqualified knowledge of Trustee Area #2 having served for eight years as a Compton City Councilperson, and also as a Compton Unified School District Trustee. My ability to branch these three intersections—the college, the city, the school district—will prove an invaluable asset to the Board of Trustees and increasing enrollment and awareness.

There can be no greater honor than to serve our youth as they ascend to greater heights, just as I have found no greater honor than being in the service of veterans by founding the Veterans Annual Homeless Stand Down Event. Given President Curry has recently spoken of our students and homelessness, problems unique to our district, I can be an invaluable resource.

The challenges that now face the college are many, but with fortitude and dedication, I believe the possibilities for excellence are all around. If our students can believe, so should we.

Yours,



**Barbara Calhoun**  
**Candidate Trustee Area #2**

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**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE VACANCY APPLICATION FORM**

**Name:** **BARBARA JEAN CALHOUN**  
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Phone: Cell: 310-918-6667  
Email Address: [babs311lady@yahoo.com](mailto:babs311lady@yahoo.com)  
**Occupation:** Retired City of Los Angeles Employee (31 Years)/Volunteer  
Company: N/A

Please complete the following: (This information is required in addition to your resume)

**Education** (List degrees or highest year completed and the college or school)

Los Angeles Trade Technical College (Labor Law Candidate)  
John C. Fremont High School (High School Degree)

**Employment History** (Most recent 10 years)

City of Los Angeles (31 years)	City of Compton
Department of Transportation Central Division	City Council Member (2 Terms)
January 1979 – March 2010 ( Retired)	June 2003 – June 2011

**Public and Community Service**

Compton Homeless Veterans Stand Down Annual Event, Chair  
Los Angeles County Community Action Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District  
California Democratic Party Executive Board Member, Central Committee, 64<sup>th</sup> AD Delegate  
Union Affiliations—First female president SEIU Local 347, APRI, CBTU, CLUW  
City of Compton Annual Winter Wonderland, Juneteenth Celebration, and Senior Events

(Check if applicable) I am related to a current employee of the District. If yes, name of employee and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I may not simultaneously be an employee of the Compton Community College District and serve as a member of the Board or Trustees.

I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements. (Note: To be eligible, an individual must be at least 18 years old; must be a resident of the District and specifically Trustee Area 2; must be a U.S. citizen; must be a registered voter who would not be disqualified from holding civil office by the Constitution or any law of the state.)

**Signature:**

*Barbara Jean Calhoun*

**Date:**

*10-7-16*

# **COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TRUSTEE VACANCY QUESTIONNAIRE**

**(This information is required in addition to your resume)**

- 1. Please describe your understanding of the role of a California Community College District Trustee and explain why you are interested in serving as a Trustee for Compton Community College District.**

The main role of a California Community College District Trustee is to ensure quality education for its students through oversight of the college. This I will achieve through my conduct that will impart a standard of professionalism and ethics in the setting of institution policy, the selection of quality leadership, assuring the financial health and stability of the institution, advancing community relationships, offering insightful suggestions, and monitoring institutional performance. I am personally interested in using my extensive local, regional, and statewide connections to assist and advance the Compton Community College District in achieving its set goals of the restoral of local governance, the return of accreditation, and the enhancement of services and programs to improve the success, transfer, and graduation rates of our students.

- 2. Briefly share your public service and involvement in the Trustee Area 2 (Willowbrook, Enterprise, Compton, and West Rancho Dominguez) communities, and how this service would enhance your position as a member of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees.**

Having served for two terms as a Councilwoman for the City of Compton whose area encompassed most of CCCD Trustee District #2, I am poised with extensive knowledge of the area, a major sphere of influence, and contacts to immediately impact and effect support and understanding within the community for the college and the challenges it faces. I am personally known to students, parents, teachers, and CUSD administration having also served as a former member of the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees. As a former city councilwoman and CUSD Trustee, I have worked daily with the problems of the area, understand implicitly the educational needs and family challenges of residents within this district, and am uniquely poised to improve the low transfer rate from Centennial High School to El Camino Compton Center.

- 3. What is your understanding of the primary responsibilities of the Board; and how do you envision your role as one member of the Board?**

As a Trustee, my primary responsibility, at all times, is to students--to insure they receive quality education in a financially stable, professional and ethically run, nurturing institutional environment. Yet I also understand the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees face a unique challenge in state history—to gather community support and campus engagement in the return of local governance after more than a decade. I can personally remember college trustee board meetings that were standing room only in the past given the interest of the faculty, the certified staff, the administration, the city governments, the politicians, and residents. A strong institution requires the support of the people which they have twice demonstrated through their passage of the C and CC bonds. As a member of the board, I will work to assure respect and confidence is restored to the CCCD District, the Trustee Board, and the institution while assisting with the incredible undertaking of restoral of local governance and the return of accreditation.

**4. What do you see as the major educational issues facing California community colleges in the next 3-5 years?**

Community colleges, in general, around the nation are currently facing a dynamic change of events. The President of the United States and others are calling upon free secondary education, a major game changer. Several major chains of private universities have or will be closing under allegation of misuse of federal or state funds, leaving their students in distress. California colleges are in the midst of seeking another accreditor. The population size of students in California is diminishing while the cost of running a college continues to soar with legislation offering both comfort and concern. Technology is continuing its impact on the skillset needed by college graduates as we see in the burgeoning of *Silicon Beach*, the southern California equivalent to *Silicon Valley*. A competition to fill seats has become a part of the dynamic of maintaining a community college, this while addressing the changing needs and demands of the community which range from the basic need to get a job, acquire a new skill, or matriculate to a four-year university. In this community district, these pressures are further complicated by the challenge of restoring local governance and accreditation, the rebuilding of the campus, and economic deprivation. These are some of the major educational issues facing California colleges in the next years.

**5. What do you see as the major educational issues facing the communities of served in Trustee Area 2 in the next 3-5 years?**

To understand Trustee Area 2 is to understand the plight of its residents. The decision to attend El Camino Compton Center very much begins in the home, and many homes in Trustee Area #2 face economic uncertainty about basic necessities and even their status in America. The American Dream, however, still rings truest in the economic disadvantaged that still consider education the best route to success. Translating this burning desire into a pathway that leads to El Camino Compton Center, and helping to meet the basic needs of a family, is key to understanding and addressing the educational issues of this community. It is imperative that Compton Unified School District work in tandem with the Compton Community College District to proactively address some of these issues while restoring students' and parents' confidence in the college right down the street. Too many students see alternative colleges as better resources for them than Compton. Early college classes, easier application sign-up steps, better transportation options, campus visits, online classes, programs that bridge high school to college, scholarships, healthy means, events on campus, and other resources are needed to increase awareness and acceptance of El Camino Compton Center as once again being the home college.

**6. Who do you believe you will be representing if you are appointed to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees?**

Students—first, last, and foremost--by assuring the integrity, stability, and success of the institution.

**7. How would you ensure that all constituent groups – internal and external – have a voice in the governance of Compton Community College District?**

Having worked with unions, residents, and multiple community and political organization, I have a proven ability to work with a multitude of constituent groups-both internal and external. This is actually an area I find to be comfortable, and one in which I am known for my excellence in communication and brokering of understanding between dissident groups. I look forward to attending as many meetings--on campus and off campus-- to assure I personally hear and understand and can address the needs of all groups in order to ascertain the best method to assure the success of the campus. I am available by all means—telephone, email, Facebook, etc—to listen to the concerns and needs of my constituent groups.

# Barbara Jean Calhoun



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## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMPLOYEE**

**POLICE AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL DIVISION**

**January 1979 – March 2010**

Retired after 31 years of service to the City of Los Angeles. Began in 1979 as a Records and Identification (R&I) clerk typist working with booking numbers, filing reports, and communication with jailers. Promoted to Senior Clerk Typist and Police Service Representative for police officers, sergeants, lieutenants, and watch commanders, pulling information according to requests. Transferred to Southwest Police Department as a Records Supervisor supervising eight employees. Became a Traffic Officer in 1986 working with the the City of LA Department of Transportation writing citations, impounding vehicles, street maintenance, peak hour traffic control, radio communications, and walking a beat. Appointed training officer to train new recruits, followed by an appointment to on-site supervisor managing, recording, scheduling and coordinating various ranges of traffic officers in their assigned duties.

### **THE CITY OF COMPTON**

**DISTRICT #1 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

**June 2003 – June 2011**

Served eight years as a city councilwoman representing the constituents of District #1 in northern Compton. Attended council meetings voting on city issues, held meeting and events with constituents, acted as ambassador for the city on various appointed seats over the years. Involved in major improvement projects including the Gateway Plaza, the Downtown Compton Blue Line Transit Center, the Dollarhide Senior Citizen Building, and various youth and senior citizen projects. Founded the Winter Wonderland Toy Drive and the Veterans Homeless Stand Down serving 3,000 annually.



**COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
June 2003 – June 2011**

Served as legislative aide for two consecutive terms which saw the construction of the first elementary school built in 35 years named after President William Jefferson Clinton, the successful passage of School Bond Measure 1, an \$80 million dollar bond for restoration and renovation of existing schools, and the return of local governance to full control after ten years of management by the State of California.

**EDUCATION HISTORY**

**LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE (LABOR LAW CANDIDATE)  
JOHN C. FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL**

**ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP COURSES:**

*Brown Act and Ethics, Integrated Emergency Management Course (7/2012), Strategic Leadership and Decision Making in Local Government (12/2010), The Public Servant: What Great Leaders Know and Do Best ( 11/2010), Gold Certificate-Leadership Executive (3/2009), Silver Certificate-Leadership Executive (3/2009), Parliamentary Procedure II: Ten Mistakes Chairs Make and How to Avoid Them ( 11/2008), Adaptive Leadership: Surviving in the Challenging Times Of Change (11/2008), The Six Essentials Tools of Public Service (11/2007), Working with the Media (12/2006), Making the Case for Affordable Housing: Elements of a Media Relations Campaign (12/2006), and FBI Community Relations Executive Seminar Training and Demonstrating A Commitment to the FBI Mission (4/2015)*

**VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP HISTORY**

SEIU Local 347, First Female President  
A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI), Member  
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU)  
Coalition of Labor Women (CLUW)  
Western Region Women's Caucus of SEIU, Chair and the Vice Chair  
52<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District and Executive Board Member  
Delegate to the 64<sup>th</sup> AD  
Executive Board for the California Democratic Party  
State Democratic County Central Committee.  
Democrat of the Year Award in 2010  
Los Angeles County Community Action Board, Public Sector, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District  
Compton Homeless Veteran Stand Down (serving 3,000 annually), founder  
City of Compton Winter Wonderland

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**SENATOR  
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**CHAIR, GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**



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October 4, 2016

Mr. Andre Ramos  
Vice President  
Board of Trustees  
Compton Community College District  
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**RE: Barbara Jean Calhoun**

Dear Vice President Ramos :

I am writing to provide Ms. Barbara Jean Calhoun with my support for College Board of Trustee.

Ms. Calhoun has been a prominent figure in the City of Compton, as a former Board of Trustee for the Compton Unified School District she has proven to be an outstanding leader with many years of experience in providing much needed education services and resources to the community.

I was honored to have served next to Ms. Calhoun on the Compton City Council and worked closely with her to improve the City of Compton. Ms. Calhoun is a member of many civic and community organizations and has committed her life to serving the community and helping those in need and has been very instrumental in helping change the lives of many individuals in our community.

Ms. Calhoun would be an asset to the College Board of Trustees and it would be fitting to consider her application for a position as a member of your board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isadore Hall, III".

**ISADORE HALL, III**  
Senator, 35<sup>th</sup> District



## VanBrown Paula

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**From:** Velazquez, Erika <Erika.Velazquez@sen.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 11:48 AM  
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Hello Ms. Brown,

Attached is letter of recommendation on behalf of Senator Isadore Hall for Ms. Barbara Calhoun.

Thank you,  
Erika

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