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Honorable Andres Ramos
Compton Community College District Board of Trustees
1111 E. Artesia Blvd.
Compton, CA 90221

Dear Honorable Ramos:

I am writing to formally express my interest in the forthcoming appointment to represent Trustee Area #2 of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees.

Compton College is a special place, which serves as an economic engine for our region and an important source of pride for our local communities. I am a graduate of Compton College, and the associate degree I earned, coupled with my baccalaureate degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills put me on a path to a rewarding career as a social worker.

A champion for public education, I have been an ardent advocate for Federal TRiO programs and increased investment in Pell Grants, programs that have allowed many in our community to attend institutions of higher learning.

I have a long record of involvement and advocacy for progressive policies within the County of Los Angeles and the City of Compton. As an active member of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721, I have fought on the front lines for economic and political gains for Los Angeles County's public employees. My community service has been recognized by the Compton City Council and the Compton High School Alumni Association. I also served as a member of the City of Compton Planning Commission.

If appointed as Trustee, I would work closely with my Board colleagues and College leadership to help lead our school through this important period of transition. I would also provide my fullest level of devotion to being an effective, responsive, and accessible advocate for the communities of Trustee Area #2.

Your consideration of my candidacy is very much appreciated.



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Related Experience

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Social Services, Compton, CA 3/11 – Present

In-home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Social Worker

- Assess, investigate and recommend solutions ensuring clients receive the most appropriate services
- Represent Los Angeles County at various meetings, judicial hearings and plenary sessions
- In accordance with departmental policies and procedures, maintain confidential and privileged data related to case management
- Mediating potential conflicts and protecting Los Angeles County from waste, fraud and abuse.

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Social Services, City of Industry, CA 3/06 – 3/11

Bureau of Special Operations/In-home Support Services (Administrative Headquarters)

Quality Assurance Monitor/Quality Improvement Monitor

- Analyzed IHSS cases to ensure compliance with provisions detailed in Senate Bill 1104; analyze and interpret new and revised State and County regulations
- Audited cases and initiate research, analysis and execution of changes in operational policies
- Developed and generated training that is utilized throughout each region to ensure uniformity; sustain integrity; and detect any fraudulent practices
- Conducted follow-up home visits to promote awareness and community relations

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Social Services, Hawthorne, CA 2/03 – 3/06

In-home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Social Worker

- Monitored and observe the safety of customers while at their respective domiciles
- Represented Los Angeles County before court with qualitative reports and recommendations
- Analyzed psycho, mental and medical state of customers in accordance with California state Welfare and Institutions Code
- Prudently promoted collaboration between the public and private sector

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Social Services, Los Angeles, CA 6/99 – 2/03

Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)

Gain Service Worker

- Promoted self-esteem, self-sufficiency and maximum independence for welfare participants
- Successfully developed employment opportunities through collaborative efforts with external entities
- Analyzed and lead educational and creative expression employment training seminars
- Managed special projects entailing: records expunge process; California driver's license attainment; and job fair development
- Served as official liaison to One Stop agencies

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Social Services, Rancho Dominguez, CA 11/89 – 6/99

General Relief (GR)

Eligibility Worker II/ Employment Specialist

- Lead operational aspects of various units as interim supervisor; processed applicants; and resourcefully managed cases
- Championed General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) program
- Served as employment specialist assisting employable GR participants obtain jobs and achieve self-sufficiency

Civic Involvement

City of Compton Planning Commission; City of Compton Commission for Women; Compton High School Alumni Association; California Democratic Party Los Angeles Central Committee Alternate Member; Service Employees International Union Local 721 Steward; and Service Employees International Union Local 721 Committee on Political Education (COPE)

Education

California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

- *Minor – Sociology*

Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA

Certificate, Drug and Alcohol Counseling

Compton Community College, Compton, CA

Associate of Arts, Psychology – *Minor – Sociology*

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Computer Skills: Windows – Word, Outlook, etc.
- Exceptional Verbal and Written Communication Skills
- Knowledge of applicable Federal, State and Los Angeles County policies

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

Name: Elizabeth Atkinson

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Occupation: Social Work

Company: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services

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City, State, Zip: Compton, CA 90222

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)

1. California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA -- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Minor – Sociology
2. Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA -- Certificate, Drug and Alcohol Counseling
3. Compton Community College, Compton, CA -- Associate of Arts, Psychology – Minor – Sociology

Employment History (most recent 10 years)

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services

Public and Community Service

City of Compton Planning Commission; City of Compton Commission for Women; Compton High School Alumni Association; California Democratic Party Los Angeles Central Committee Alternate Member; Service Employees International Union Local 721 Steward; and Service Employees International Union Local 721 Committee on Political Education (COPE)

(Check if applicable) I am related to a current employee of the District. If yes, name of employee and relationship Not Applicable

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: _____

Elizabeth Atkinson

Date: _____

10/06/2014

**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.

My understanding is Compton Community College District Trustees serve as local education agency officials, responsible for policy and oversight matters (fiscal and educational) pertaining to the District. I believe Trustees are a bridge to the community, and help to set the climate in which educational goals can be achieved. I am interested in serving as a Trustee because the College has been an educational pillar of the community, and has been the launching point for many, who now have good solid jobs or careers. I feel that I have the right temperament, character, and experience to perform the important public service of College Trustee, and I have the time and passion to do so. I have been blessed with being able to raise a family and live in the community for over 55 years. I really want our young adults to have greater opportunities to succeed, and I feel that service on the Board would allow for me to play a role in providing these opportunities to young adults throughout the community.

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.

I have a long record of involvement and advocacy for progressive policies within the county of Los Angeles and the city of Compton. As an active member of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721, I have fought on the front lines for economic and political gains for Los Angeles County's public employees. My community service has been recognized by the Compton City Council and the Compton High School Alumni Association. I also serve as a member of the City of Compton Planning Commission.

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?

I see the Board as a policy-making and outreach body, whose focus should be on big-picture issues. In a broad sense, the Board should focus on whether the District is fulfilling its educational mandate, and whether we can be more effective and efficient in delivering the services we are mandated to offer and provide.

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

I feel we are undergoing a second industrial revolution, which is manifesting itself in once-in-a-generation changes in the nature of necessary work-skills, and in profound changes in the delivery of academic services. I feel that we need to be at the forefront of these changes. This means understanding and embracing elements of distance learning, and revising the curriculum choices to include the delivery of services needed in an increasingly technical and technological society. I feel that there will be substantial financial pressure and competition in higher education, and that we may very well see students forego the 4-year colleges and universities in order to obtain from the community colleges real-life skills that are immediately marketable.

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?

Some in our community are disadvantaged, and do not start from an equal footing on a trajectory to obtain necessary job skills. I feel that we need to help the disadvantaged by assisting students in securing the financial and social services necessary to get onto an equal footing and to then thrive and succeed. This also includes providing educational support in reading and writing to ensure that students have a solid foundation to compete for higher-paying service-sector and professional opportunities.

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

If I am fortunate enough to be appointed to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, I will be representing the residents of the District, including the students who attend classes and build careers at our schools and the families, businesses and educational institutions who are all stakeholders in Compton Community College.

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

I would hold regularly scheduled town hall meetings at which members of the community could voice concern on matters of importance to them and to the District. I would also receive comment and input through community outreach, including frequent traveling within the District sites and local events to ensure I'm fully informed of matters of concern to my constituents.