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Thursday, August 25, 2016

Mr. Erik Skinner Interim Chancellor, California Community Colleges 1102 Q Street, Suite 4550 Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Interim Chancellor Skinner:

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) is at an important milestone as it relates to the return of governing authority of the elected governing board of the CCCD. Since 2006, Compton Community College District under the authority of the Special Trustee has remained a legal entity having responsibilities of business and administrative activities including accounting services; budget development and administration; financial, credit and debt management; payroll services; purchasing, receiving and asset management; auxiliary services; risk management and insurance; management information services; facilities maintenance and operations; construction and other capital improvement projects; bond funds; human resources and labor relations; community and governmental relations that relate primarily to CCCD; and all other business, legal and administrative activities that relate primarily to the management of CCCD. CCCD works collegially and collaboratively with El Camino College in supporting the goal of moving the Compton Community Educational Center (Compton Center) to an accredited institution.

Assembly Bill 318 and applicable Education Code Section 71093 (a), provides the steps for the return of authority of the locally elected governing board of CCCD. On August 11, 2016, the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) submitted its 10<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Assessment Progress Report to CCCD. In its Executive Summary, FCMAT states, "the district has met FCMAT's required rating standards in all five operational areas of the comprehensive assessment and recovery plan, as prescribed in AB 318 and Education Code Section 71093 (a)." FCMAT has "concurred" with my recommendation, for two consecutive academic years, Compton Community College District has met the requirements of the FCMAT's comprehensive assessment and recovery plan pursuant to Education Code Section 41329.59.

As the California Community College's State Special Trustee assigned to CCCD and consistent with this provision, I am asking whether the State Chancellor "concurs" with my recommendation

that the district has, for two consecutive academic years, met the requirements of the comprehensive assessment conducted, and the plan prepared, pursuant to Section 41329.59. I am also requesting that the California Community College's Chancellor Office seek concurrence pursuant to Section 41329.59 from the State Department of Finance and the Governor of the State of California.

Whereas the return of local authority to the elected governing board is distinct and independent of the accreditation process of the Compton Center, it is an important and vital step in demonstrating to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC) that the CCCD has a well-functioning and legally constituted board that can ultimately assume the responsibilities of an accredited college.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if there is any additional information that you may need regarding my request.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Wenry
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Special Trustee, CCCD

c. Dr. Dena Maloney, Superintendent/President, El Camino College Dr. Keith Curry, Provost/CEO, El Camino College Compton Center/Compton Community College District