

*Compton  
Community College District*

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**Trustee Area 2**

Application packet

by:

**Jonathan Taylor**

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Signature

  
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Date

**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF TRUSTEE**

1. Applicants for appointment to the position of Trustee Area 2 (Willowbrook, Enterprise, Compton, and West Rancho Dominguez) must submit a completed application packet which includes:
  - A letter of interest addressed to the Vice President of the Board of Trustees
  - A resume, including community service and leadership
  - A completed application form and questionnaire (enclosed)
  
2. The application packet must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Compton Community College District, 1111 East Artesia Blvd, Compton Ca 90221; or by email to [pvanbrown@elcamino.edu](mailto:pvanbrown@elcamino.edu).
  
3. The amount of material submitted by an applicant may not exceed 8 pages.
  
4. **Applicant materials are due to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 7, 2016.**
  
5. Applicants are advised that their applications and all accompanying materials are public documents and will be posted to the Compton Community College District website.
  
6. The Board will review the applications at a Special Board Meeting on **Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** Interviews for selected applicants will take place at a Special Board Meeting of the Board on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

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October 4, 2016

***Letter of Interest***

*Compton Community College*  
**Honorable Andres Ramos**  
**Vice President of the Board of Trustees**  
1111 E. Artesia Blvd.  
Compton, California 90221

Dear Vice President Ramos:

My interest in serving Compton Community College District as the Area 2 Trustee arises from having acquired the passions for teaching and other roles in community service. These passions have never abandoned me. While I will not be serving in a teaching role, I will be in the educational environment.

Along with my passion for service, also driving my interest is a personal history of myself and several family members having attended the Compton Community College at various intervals, during our over forty-years of residency in the Trustee 2 Area.

Ten months advocating for the College have unavoidably prepared me for service as Area 2 Trustee. I am aware of specific needs of the College; specific persons who must be contacted and specific protocols, which must be followed in order to accomplish those needs. This preparation will be an effective resource in my service as Compton Community College Trustee Area 2.

It will be my honor to serve the students and residents of Trustee Area 2 as a member of the Compton Community College District Board. I anticipate meeting to discuss with you my qualifications for service.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Taylor, Applicant  
Trustee Area 2

Attachments:

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

Name: Jonathan Taylor  
Home Address: 1440 E. 122<sup>nd</sup> Street  
City, State, Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90059  
Phone: Home: 310-605-5346 Business: 310-639-4321 X55092 Cell: 323-541-7007  
Email Address: [jbtayloreducator@aol.com](mailto:jbtayloreducator@aol.com)  
Occupation: Public School Teacher-Retired  
Company: Compton Unified School District Personnel Commission  
Business Address: 501 S. Santa Fe Avenue  
City, State, Zip: Compton, CA 90221

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)

California State University Long Beach	Masters of Art	12/2002
California State University Long Beach	Bachelor Vocational Education	5/1999
Lynwood Academy	High School Diploma	1969

Employment History (most recent 10 years)

California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation	Norco, CA	06/13-02/14
WINTER/Women In Non Traditional Emloyment Roles-Rosie Riveter Charter H. S.		06/11-0612
LAUSD David Starr Jordan Senior High School		10/06-06/11


Public and Community Service

Compton Unified School District Classified Personnel Commission	Commissioner	12/13-present
National Association For Equal Justice In America/NAEJA	Advocate; Education Cmte.	02/98-present
East 120Blocks Neighbors Association	Block Club Organizer	02/05-present

(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: 

Date: 10/4/2016

COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE VACANCY  
QUESTIONNAIRE  
(Required information)

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:

*A California Community College District Trustee is one member of a governing board that serves as ultimate care-taker of a particular Community College. A Trustee is a policy-maker and does not singularly or collectively involve him/herself in the hands-on day-to-day operation of the College. A Trustee as Board Member shares in the hiring of the College Superintendent/CEO who oversees functional operations and ensures mandated obligations of the College are met. I am interested in serving as a Trustee in this Community College District for among others, I am acutely aware of the critical challenges facing Compton Community College at this point in time. I am further interested in serving as a Compton Community College Trustee because my formal training and service in intense learning environments enable me to be measurably effective guiding the college in its growing process.*

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 am organizer of the East 120 Blocks Neighbors Association. This Association is a confederation of neighbors in the E. 1400 blocks of 121st, 122nd and 123rd Streets in unincorporated Willowbrook. In my role as Organizer, I serve as an information bridge between residents and Office of the Second District Supervisor. I also serve as National Association For Equal Justice In America/NAEJA, Education Committee Vice Chair. In this role, I advocate for educational and student justice issues. For the immediate past 10 months, I have been actively advocating for end of Compton College's receivership status. I also currently serve as Personnel Commissioner at the Compton Unified School District. In this role, I serve as one member of a three-member Commission. This panel serves as policy-makers for Classified Personnel Employment in the Compton public school district.*

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?

*The primary responsibility of the Board is to set policy, which ensures short and long-term, immediate and long-range plans, goals and requirements of the College are met. To achieve this end it will be my role and duty as an individual member to attend regular Board meetings, enter into discussions, meet with various elected officials, meet with the Superintendent/CEO, meet with students, meet with Administrators, residents and business owners within my Trustee Area and any other professional, community member or stakeholder expressing interest in the Compton Community College District.*

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

*Dwindling tax revenues, maintaining sufficient student enrollment and continuing to provide courses that render students immediately employable upon graduation are major educational issues I believe will challenge California community colleges in the next 3-5 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?

*Fewer and fewer students seeking formal education beyond their high school graduations is a major educational issue challenging communities served in Trustee Area 2 in the coming 3 – 5 years. In addition to fewer students, many of those students will be in need of remedial coursework to sufficiently prepare them for transfer to 4-year universities. In completing this cycle of education challenge, students requiring remediation will too often not remain continuously enrolled at the Community College for a long enough period to acquire a transferable level of competency.*

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

*Initially I represent interests of the deserving students enrolled at the College developing themselves academically and professionally. That representation will best be accomplished as a Trustee by insuring a comprehensive catalogue of courses are offered at the College, taught by a faculty of Professors and Instructors, fully knowledgeable in their subject discipline. Ultimately, my representation finally extends to each tax-paying resident and business owner within the District. As Trustee, representation to this end can best be accomplished by ensuring the college is operated in a fiscally sound and academically challenging manner, in compliance with legal, ethical and prudent standards for college operations.*

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

*Verbal, written, electronic or sign-language communications are forms by which all constituent groups internal and external will be enabled to voice input regarding governance of the college. Notice of Governing Board meetings and other mandated meetings will be publicly posted as legally required. Information regarding the Board agenda and other decisions will be regularly maintained on the District computer website. I will additionally request District member cities and feeder school districts to regularly display college matters on their public access television channels. Local newspapers will likewise be asked to publish articles related to the college. At the campus site, I will require a protocol for delivery of messages through the Trustee Office is maintained for my direct receipt. During my service as Area 2 Compton Community College District Trustee, I will insist upon full communication in and out, enabling stakeholders to monitor institutional performance. I consider open communication essentially as the lifeblood of success for what will be an era of revitalization for Compton College.*



# Jonathan Taylor

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## OBJECTIVE

Apply formal knowledge, specialized training, ability to create policy to be appointed Community College Trustee

## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Compton Unified School District, 12/13-present**

**Classified Personnel Commissioner**-Create policy to operate Classified Personnel Department of a Merit System public school district; conduct full evidentiary hearings, draft decisions, issue compulsory orders; approve vacancies, approve hiring lists, hold public meetings; make recommendations to the Governing Board.

**National Association For Equal Justice In America/NAEJA, 11/98-present**

**Justice Advocate**-Utilize local, state and federal laws when advocating resolution of allegations of discrimination Investigate discrimination allegations; determine steps for compliance, monitor actions for compliance; facilitate public meetings, confer with civic officials, write official communications, prepare and maintain reports and files.

## PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation**

- California Rehabilitation Center-Norco, CA - Vocational Instructor - 06/13 -- 02/14

**WINTER/Women In Non-Traditional Employment Roles**

- YouthBuild at Rosie the Riveter Charter High School - Construction/Academic Teacher - 06/11 -- 06/12

**Los Angeles Unified School District**

- David Starr Jordan Senior High School - CTE/ROP Teacher - 10/06 -- 06/11

**Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)**

- Title I Contract Teacher - Group Home - 11/03 -- 07/11
- Substitute Teacher - Probation Camp, Central Juvenile Hall - 01/06 -- 09/06

**Compton Unified School District**

- Independent Learning Center - Continuation High School - 10/03 -- 08/06
- Compton Adult School - Teacher ABE/ESL - Iterant Sites - 10/03 -- 01/06
- Marian Anderson School - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade General Curriculum - 09/00 -- 06/02
- Exceptional Adult Center/Special Day Center - Functional Woodworking Instructor - 09/95 -- 06/00

## EDUCATION

**Master of Arts, Occupational Studies:** California State University Long Beach

Fall 2005

**Bachelor of Vocational Education:** California State University Long Beach

Spring 1999

**Teacher Credentials:** Designated Subject/Vocational Education -- Carpentry

Adult-Basic Skills

English as a Second Language

Multiple Subjects K-12

## RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

**Carpenter** -- Compton Unified School District, Compton, California

05/86 -- 07/95

**General Manager** -- Taylor Construction Company, Los Angeles, California

12/84 -- 04/86

**FireFighter; FF/Paramedic** -- County of Los Angeles Fire Department

03/75 -- 11/84

**Pipefitter** -- Todd Shipyards Corporation, San Pedro, California

09/73 -- 02/75

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

California Association of Personnel Commissioners

National Education Association

Epsilon Pi Tau

California Teachers Association

Association of Career & Technical Educators

Omicron Thau Theta

## SPECIAL SKILLS

California General Contractor, B-1 No. 800965 Personnel Appeals Hearing Officer (12/13-present)

Reading Instruction Competency Assessment/RICA (2004) Cultural Language Academic Development/CLAD (2005)

Certified M.I.C.U. Paramedic, No. 1276 (inactive)

References upon request