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**KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.**  
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Special Trustee

Special Trustee  
Compton Community College District

Dear Special Trustee Henry:

The holiday season is here and the New Year is quickly approaching. I am sure you join me in wishing all of the dedicated employees at the Compton Community College District a joyous Holiday Season and a most prosperous and Healthy New Year.

This has been a successful and productive year for Compton Community College District – full of positive changes and successes. We reached our FTES goal for the 2010-2011 academic year; hired five enthusiastic new faculty members for the 2011-2012 year; and we continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for our students.

On Friday, December 9, 2011, the District will sponsor a “Staff Appreciation Breakfast” in recognition of the contributions of all Compton Community College District employees. You and the elected Board of Trustees are invited to attend. The breakfast is scheduled from 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge Patio area.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Closed session will begin at 5:00 p.m., with open session beginning at 6:00 p.m. You may notice a slight change in the order of business on the December 6, board agenda. This change has been made to make the meeting operate more smoothly and the agenda easier to understand. There will be a Student Services Program Review Presentation by Barbara Perez, Vice President of the El Camino College Compton Center and Rebecca Mason, Faculty Coordinator for the First Year Experience Program.

The Board Agenda includes the following under the Consent Agenda:

- A. The CEO section includes a revised Board Presentations and Reports Schedule for 2011-2012; and the Redistricting Action Plan
- B. The Academic Affairs section contains a report on actions designed to increase student success and progress at the El Camino College Compton Center.
- C. The Administrative Services section includes the various purchase orders necessary for the operations of the District and El Camino College Compton Center.
- D. The Human Resources section contains all personnel actions.


The following items are included in the letter, for your perusal:

1. Message from Interim CEO, dated December 1, 2011.

2. Memo from Mr. Fred Sturner dated December 1, 2011, updating the Library/Learning Resource Center Construction Project.
3. Memo from Mr. Fred Sturner dated December 1, 2011, updating the MIS Stabilization Project.
4. Memo from Mr. Wayne Ward dated December 1, 2011, updating the Maintenance & Operations planned site improvements for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
5. Compton Community College District and El Camino College Compton Center News Releases and media coverage from November 16, 2011 through November 30, 2011.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the December 6, 2011, Board Meeting, please contact Ms. Paula VanBrown, Executive Assistant to the CEO, at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2001. Any additional back-up information will also be made available to the public at the December Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Keith Curry  
Interim CEO

c: CCCD Board of Trustees  
Vice President, Deans, Directors



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## MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CEO DR. KEITH CURRY

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday and celebrated the many things for which we have to be thankful.

In keeping with the holidays and appreciating what we have, please join your colleagues for the "Staff Appreciation Pancake Breakfast" on December 9, 8:00 –9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the Student Lounge Patio area. Come by and watch the members of Compton District Cabinet flip a few flap jacks!

Beginning December 1, 2011 Lend Lease Construction, Inc. will be serving as the construction management company responsible for Compton Community College District's state funded projects (allied health, infrastructure one and two, and the instructional building replacement). The project executive is Randy Hartman. Please join me in welcoming Lend Lease and Randy Hartman to our team.

Most of you have probably noticed the work that has taken place in recent weeks on the LRC building. All of the glass panels on the barrel vault have been secured. There are some additional finishing items that must be completed on the building before it begins the process of state review and approval. We do not have a date yet for when it will open, but as soon as there is solid date, I will share that information with all of you.

In other facilities news, projects that have been included in the revised Facilities Master Plan are listed below. All but one of these projects are jointly funded with Measure CC bond funds and state capital outlay funds.

**Allied Health Renovation:** Reprogramming of the existing Allied Health building; complete renovation of enclosure, structural, mechanical, electrical, security and equipment. **Measure CC Funded: \$2,000,000 / State Funded: \$8,946,000**

**Infrastructure Replacement Phase 1:** Replacement of infrastructure at the south half of the campus; includes construction of a new Central Plant. **Measure CC Funds: \$5,024,000 / State Funds: \$31,180,000**

**Infrastructure Replacement Phase 2:** Replace/upgrade the utility infrastructure; install new data communications and security electrical backbone. **Measure CC Funds: \$1,448,000 / State Funds: \$17,248,000**

**Instructional Building 1 Replacement:** New academic building will be approximately 20,000 square-feet; two-stories; will replace all or portions of the D, E, F and G building as shown in the Phase 2 of the Facilities Master Plan Bridge document. **Measure CC Funds: \$ 3,404,000 / State Funds: \$13,871,000**

**MIS Building Server Array Replacement:** Reprogramming and improvements to the MIS building to provide for technology growth and data needs at this campus.

**Measure CC Funded: \$ 1,300,000 / State Funds: \$1,107,000**

**Music Building (Little Theatre):** Significant renovation of the existing Little Theatre including: upgrades to almost all systems, code compliance and the installation of modern lighting and sound systems. **Measure CC Funds: \$1,400,000 / State Funds: \$0**

It's hard to believe that December 1<sup>st</sup> is upon us and the fall semester is winding down. As we go about the end of the semester business, please remember that every student is a success story – or has the potential to be, and with our help each student we serve will succeed.

As always, my Open Door is on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m., unless otherwise noticed. Please feel free to meet with me if you have any questions, concerns or stories of success to share.

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** KEITH CURRY, INTERIUM CEO  
**FROM:** FRED STURNER, DIRECTOR FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION  
**SUBJECT:** LIBRARY/ LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE  
**DATE:** 12/1/2011  
**CC:** JO ANN HIGDON

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**LRC Glazed Barrel Vault** - Installation of the glass panels and head flashing is and the building is now weathertight. Coping at the ends of the barrel vault are fabricated and were sent out to be anodized on November 29, 2011. Installation of those assemblies should begin on or about December 6, 2011 and be complete approximately 7 days from delivery. Weatherseal caulking will start the week of December 5, 2011, weather permitting, and be complete and approximately 15 working days from the start date.

Additional evaluations of the glazed barrel vault required by DSA as well as at adjoining glazing systems required by the district are still need to be performed and the construction change directive for this work submitted to the Department of the State Architect needs to be closed out.

**HVAC Modifications** - Plans for the modifications by Chevron are complete and are being reviewed by our mechanical consultants. It is expected that the agreement Chevron will be finalized this week. Part of the settlement agreement with Chevron will require the district's release of approximately \$160,000 in retained funds to Chevron when their work is completed. We do not have an exact amount since our records are not consistent with Chevron's records by a fairly sizable amount. This department is very strongly that our records and amounts are correct.

**Learning Resource Center Completion** – Unfortunately, getting the LRC project complete, closed-out and usable is going to be a real challenge. In many ways it will be much more of a challenge than the Utility Infrastructure projects. Those projects have talented design teams and everything that can be known has been investigated and documented. Because of the size of the Utility Infrastructure project there will be adequate funding for contract administration and project management.

The LRC has none of those advantages. We are continually discovering how little we do know about the LRC, the design team is (or was).... well ... unique, the original project management team is gone, the inspector didn't document plan deviations and the funding necessary to put a new team together at this time to manage that completion will be a percentage of the total building hard cost, not a percentage of the cost to complete. Probably 9-14% of the direct cost of the original construction plus the contractor cost of DSA required corrections.

Preliminary Budget to open, \$1.4 - \$1.6 Million for project management and consultants; \$600,000 for DSA corrections; \$1.2 million for interior improvements and; \$1 million for technology. Total: \$4.4 million.

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**TO:** KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO  
**FROM:** FRED STURNER, DIRECTOR FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION  
**SUBJECT:** MIS STABILIZATION PROJECT UPDATE  
**DATE:** 12/1/2011  
**CC:** JO ANN HIGDON

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**Server room and MIS Building Enhancements** – overall the project is 88% complete. Switchover of electrical power is scheduled to occur on the 10th and 11th of this month which will cause a temporary interruption of data services including e-mail and phones over the weekend. The new server area is complete however demolition of the original server room, completion of the flooring, installation of the remaining server racks and installation of the T-bar ceiling throughout cannot be started until the data is transferred from the old servers to the new array. The chiller, air handlers and UPS array are installed however non-payment by the district to the supplier of the chiller is delaying start up and testing of the chiller unit. We have been assured by the business office that these invoices are in process and will be paid shortly. Once the vendor has been paid we can schedule startup.

The server array cutover originally scheduled for November 22, 2011 – November 26, 2011 is now scheduled for December 22, 2011 – December 31.

The project budget is currently \$168,000 over the original approved budget. We have compiled a report of recommendations for additional enhancements to the building and equipment replacements that are necessary to ensure operational stability and security of the data systems over the next several years. The cumulative total of these scope enhancements would increase the budget by \$939,316. That report has been submitted and is still under review by management at this time.

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**TO:** KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
**FROM:** WAYNE WARD, MANAGER, FACILITIES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS  
**SUBJECT:** MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS PLANNED SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.  
**DATE:** DECEMBER 1, 2011  
**CC:** FILE

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On October 18, 2011, the Board of Directors approved the 2011/2012 adopted budget which included \$198K in funding for Site Improvement (8600). To determine how the funds would be used and prioritized, we started with a basic list of critical items and met with various campus committees: Facilities Committee, Associated Student Body, Planning and Budget and Consultative Council to gain input and build buy in. This collaborative process resulted in the following \$198K Planned Work list to enhance our facilities:

1. Repair Boilers – Vocational and CDC Heating \*
2. Repair Roofs – Throughout \*
3. Repair Campus Police Water Leak \*
4. Repair Walkways and Paths
5. Refurbish Restrooms – Throughout
6. Relamp Exterior and Interior Lighting Including Marquee
7. Repair Door Hardware – Throughout
8. Sports Field Turf Maintenance Care \*
9. Cafeteria Equipment Repairs \*
10. Ceiling Tile Replacement – Throughout

\*= Work Started

As each project unfolds, I will keep you informed about our progress.

Please contact me should you have any questions at extension 2606.

Thank you.

Attachments/2

**Compton Community College District  
Maintenance and Operations 198 Planned Work Fund 2011/2012  
Supplemental Narrative (Rev. 3)  
November 1, 2011**

**Boiler and Mechanical System Repairs**

The scope consists of repairing three Lochinvar two (2) million BTU Boilers and various mechanical pumps, frequency drive controllers and reservoirs which are responsible for pumping hot processed water to building air handlers and variable speed control boxes for warm air building comfort. Horizon Mechanical will remove the bad heating cores, inspect, repair if possible and restart the boilers. In addition, Horizon will remove cores under warranty and ship back to Lochinvar for inspection and repairs. Bad cores may be replaced under warranty.

**Roofing Maintenance**

The scope consist of repairing damaged to building roofs, gutters, down spouts, drains, and other dewatering system throughout campus. The scope was developed over the last few years from water leaks and standing water reports.

**Sports Field Maintenance**

The cost of this project is to maintain the sports field at the same level as BSI took care of the fields in 2008-2010. M&O is providing all the labor and materials including overtime to keep the sports filed in good health, safe and green.

**Automatic, Door and Hardware Repairs**

Gymnasium, Math Science, Vocational Technology Center, Student Lounge and general Row building including E-20 doors badly needed replacement and repairs.

**Campus Police Water Leak in Briefing Room**

Insurance inspection is complete and awaiting to hear from claim adjuster to determine preliminary estimate. Scope development consists of floor tile abatement, concrete saw cut, repair broken pipe, pour opening and install new flooring.

**Cafeteria Equipment and Maintenance Repairs**

Maintenance repairs were performed from February – October 2011 included M&O labor and Contract Services – California Air Condition to fix and service various pieces of kitchen equipment. Total cost to be reimbursed to M&O is \$4,200.

**Restroom Refurbishment**

This proposal is to select 8 to 10 restrooms that need significant re-work. Repair or replace stall partitions, fixtures, lighting, and painting and provide a deep clean throughout.



**Walkway Tripping Hazards**

This proposal is to rework asphalt and concrete walk paths to ensure even walking surfaces.

**Campus Landscape/Hardscape**

This proposal is to provide new ground cover, shrubs, bushes and plants in highly traffic areas to promote beautification and keep the grounds aesthetically pleasing.

**Exterior Lighting**

This proposal is to rework broken light fixtures, pole lamps and relamp throughout the campus.

**Interior Lighting**

This proposal is to rework interior light fixtures, fluorescent lighting cans, quartz lights, and upgrade incandescent lights were found to compact fluorescent lighting CFL.

Please feel free to contact Wayne A. Ward at 310-900-1600 x2606 should you have any questions.

# COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 198K PLANNED WORK FUND 2011 / 2012 DISTRIBUTION

| ID | Task Name  | Duration | Start        | Finish       | Quarter |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----|--|----------|--------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|    |  |          |              |              | 1st     | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |     |     |
|    |  |          |              |              | Jan     | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb |
| 1  | 198K M&O PLANNED WORK FUND 2011/2012 - IN PRIORITY                 | 420 days | Tue 3/1/11   | Mon 10/8/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 2  | 1. Boilers and Mechanical System Repairs                           | 30 days  | Mon 11/14/11 | Fri 12/23/11 |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 3  | 2. Roofing Maintenance   | 60 days  | Mon 11/28/11 | Fri 2/17/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 4  | 3. Restroom Refurbishment  | 100 days | Mon 11/14/11 | Fri 3/30/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 5  | 4. Campus Police Water Leak Repair in Briefing Room                | 30 days  | Mon 11/21/11 | Fri 12/30/11 |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 6  | 5. Walkways - Concrete and Asphalt Repairs                         | 30 days  | Mon 11/28/11 | Fri 1/6/12   |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 7  | 6. Automatic Doors, Doors and Hardware Repairs                     | 60 days  | Mon 11/21/11 | Fri 2/10/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 8  | 7. Classroom and Office Ceiling Tile Replacement                   | 30 days  | Mon 11/21/11 | Fri 12/30/11 |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 9  | 8. Sports Field Enhanced Maintenance                               | 300 days | Tue 8/18/11  | Mon 10/8/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10 | 9. Lighting Repairs - Interiors                                    | 60 days  | Mon 12/5/11  | Fri 2/24/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 11 | 10. Lighting Repairs - Exteriors (Parking Lot Poles / Marquee)     | 60 days  | Mon 12/5/11  | Fri 2/24/12  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 12 | 11. Cafeteria Equipment Repairs                                    | 180 days | Tue 3/1/11   | Mon 11/7/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 13 | Assumptions:   | 0 days   | Tue 11/1/11  | Tue 11/1/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 14 | Duration is a preliminary estimate                                 | 0 days   | Tue 11/1/11  | Tue 11/1/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 15 | TBD - To Be Determined   | 0 days   | Tue 11/1/11  | Tue 11/1/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 16 | Scope of Work is not fully developed - TBD                         | 0 days   | Tue 11/1/11  | Tue 11/1/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 17 | Total Project Cost Are Estimates With The Exception of 1, 8 and 11 | 0 days   | Tue 11/1/11  | Tue 11/1/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 18 | Total Distribution 198K  | 0 days   | Tue 11/1/11  | Tue 11/1/11  |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

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# The Compton Bulletin, November 30, 2011

## CCCD boundary changes could reduce Compton board membership

2011-11-30 / Front Page By Cheryl Scott Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—The proposed redistricting of the Compton Community College District could result in a loss of one vote on the board for Compton, leaving the Hub City with only one vote instead of the two it has now.

State law requires that boundaries of community college districts be reviewed every 10 years in order to keep the individual trustee areas “population balanced.” The review is underway now, and four options for redistricting have been presented on the CCCD website.

The district now has four trustee areas. The Compton area has two votes. The remaining areas are Paramount, Lynwood and Carson, which also includes West Rancho Dominguez and Willowbrook, which each have one vote.

The four proposed boundary maps divide the district into five trustee areas, in which voters would only vote for the trustee in their areas. This would leave Compton with only one vote.

A public hearing was held on Nov. 15. At that time, CEO Keith Curry established a Redistricting Committee that will gather community input regarding the proposed redistricting plans and present the information to Special Trustee Thomas Henry.

In January the special trustee will approve the names of individuals selected to the Redistricting Committee at the monthly board meeting. The committee will hold its first meeting to develop an outreach and information plan, with assistance from district staff.

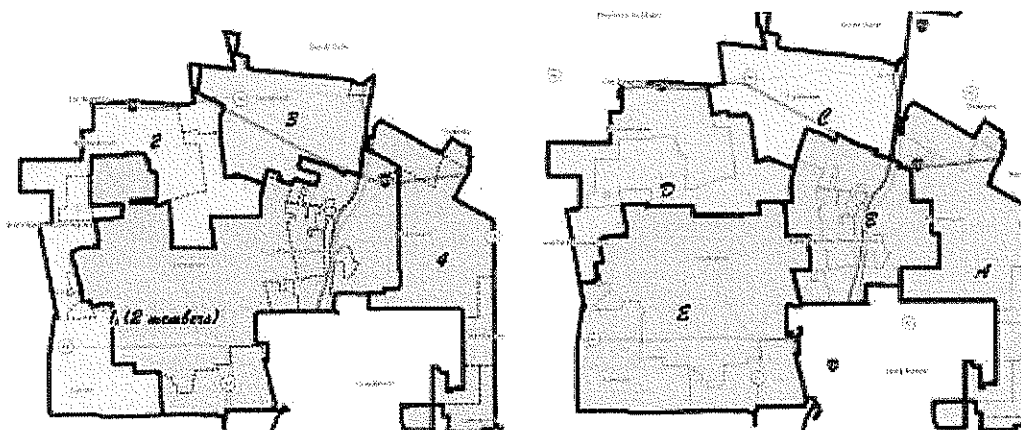
Another public hearing will be held in March during the board meeting.

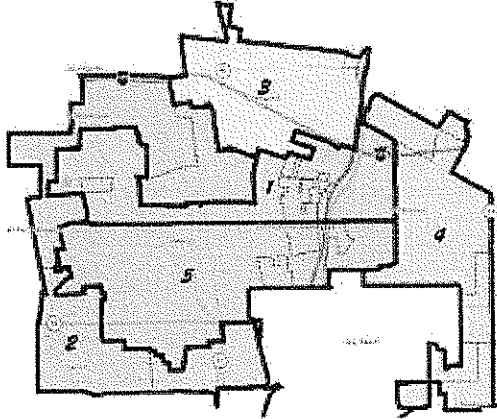
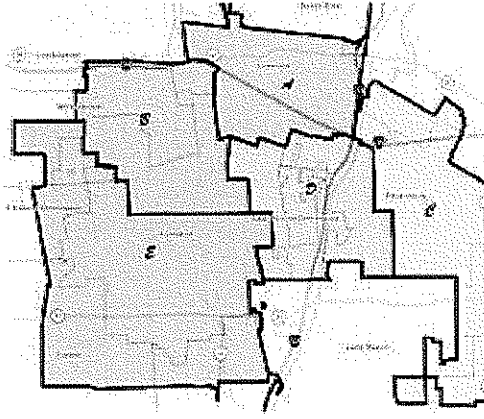
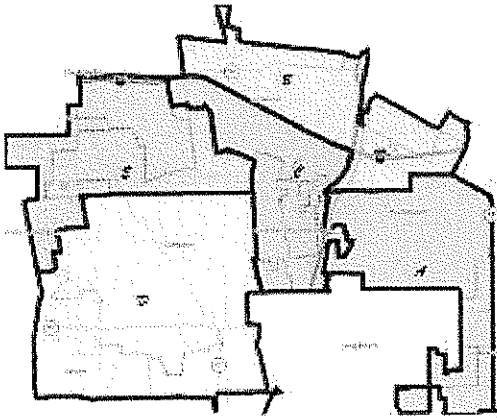
The Redistricting Committee will hold a meeting and forward the strengths and weakness of each of the proposed maps to the special trustee in April.

Henry will hold a third public hearing during the board meeting in May. He will adopt, by resolution of ordinance, the new trustee election areas. He will also submit a waiver for Amending Trustee Elections to the Board of Governors for its July 2012 meeting.

In July the district should receive approval from the Board of Governors. In September the new boundaries will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Recorder’s office. In November the new Compton Community College District Trustee areas will be effective for the elections.


“The community will have ample time to give its input on the new boundaries,” said Curry. “The advantages and disadvantages of each proposed map will be fully discussed. We hope everyone in the community will attend of the public reasons behind meetings so they will have a full understanding the selection of proposed changes.”





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**Compton Community College District  
is accepting applications for  
the Redistricting Committee**

 The Compton Community College District is in the process of redistricting the five trustee area boundaries.

The Special Trustee authorized a Redistricting Plan for the five trustee areas. Included in this plan is the establishment of a Redistricting Committee.

*Appointees must be residents of the Compton Community College District*

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The committee will review and provide input for a redistricting proposal.

If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of intent (no more than one page) and a resume outlining your qualifications to:

Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Compton Community College District  
1113 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221

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**Applications must be received no later than:  
4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2011**

For more information, or if you have questions,  
please call 310-900-1600, ext. 2090

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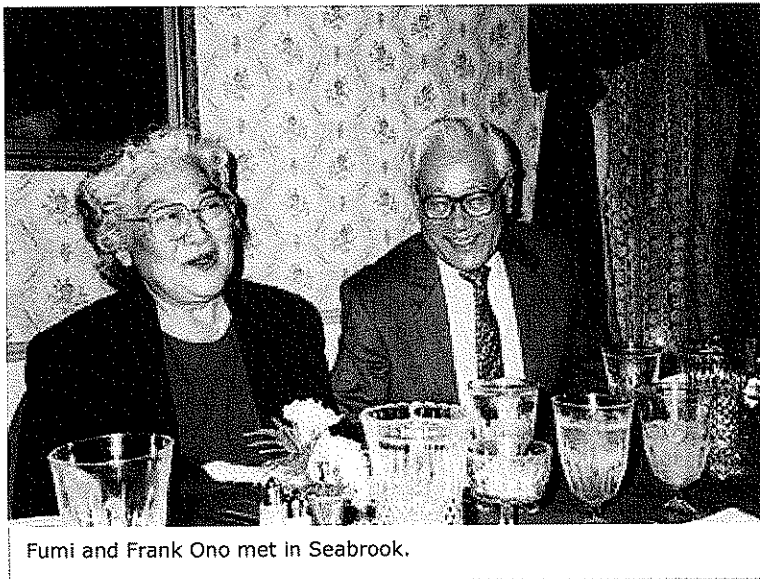
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## Bridgeton area's Frank Ono remembers: Family sent to relocation camp after Pearl Harbor; fishing boats confiscated

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By **Jack Hummel/The News of Cumberland County**



Fumi and Frank Ono met in Seabrook.

**UPPER DEERFIELD TWP.** — “Did you look at the video?”

Frank Ono has uttered those words a hundred times in the last month.

Every time he goes to the Fitness Connection at the Bridgeton Health Center, he asks the question.

He even took the fitness instructor home and made her watch it.

He repeated the question last week at *The News*.

“I don’t know why you want to talk to me,” he said. “It’s all in the video. Have you seen it?”

You talk to Frank Ono because he lived the internment of Japanese-Americans in camps after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Yes, it’s in the documentary narrated by his son.

“It tells everything,” he said excitedly. “It’s all there.”

It all started on Terminal Island, near San Pedro, Calif.

“It was a fishing harbor of about 3,000 people,” said Frank. “My dad and two uncles had a tuna fishing business.”

They first built a 100-foot boat.

Just before the Great Depression, they built a 130-foot boat that was a double-decker. It carried a crew of 15.

The big fishing boat carried close to 200 tons of tuna in one trip.

Frank's uncle designed it, including the brine-cooling system so the fish didn't have to be packed in ice.

What happened next, nobody talked about for years.

"Until the younger generation wanted to know what happened," said Frank. "Now, everybody talks about it."

Frank's father and uncles couldn't become citizens because they were Asians.

"Italians could get citizenship," he noted. "So, they could own land. My family couldn't own land."

The unthinkable started when Frank was 18 and in college.

"When the war broke out, my father and uncles were down in Mexico fishing," he said. "It took them three days to get back to port in San Diego."

On Dec. 10, Frank and his cousin went to help unload the boat like they always did.

The fish were still there.

But, that was all.

"The boat had been stripped clean," he said. "It had been ransacked. Everything was gone."

The lathe and drill press from the machine shop were gone. The engine room was gutted.

His father was arrested immediately and thrown in the San Diego jail as an enemy alien.

"I didn't see him again for 21/2 years," he said.

Dad and his uncles were moved from camp to camp about every six months.

Everybody on Terminal Island was evacuated.

"I moved to North Hollywood," he said. "Then, about March or April of 1942, I was put in the camp at

Manzanar."

College was a memory.

Manzanar was his home for the next 3 1/2 years.

Until V-J Day in 1945.

His father was luckier, getting out after only two years.

Frank's major was electrical engineering and his hobby was radioing.

When he came to Seabrook to visit his family that was already here, he went to work for Joe Deal when he was moving his shop to North Pearl Street where Kentucky Fried Chicken is now.

Three years later, he and a partner, Robert Dunn, opened Arrow TV Service in Millville.

It lasted for 40 years.

One year, Motorola awarded them a boat trip to Canada for selling so many TVs.

He remembers the day his life changed forever.

"I had bought my first car and I was taking three other students with me to Compton College.

"It was Monday morning, Dec. 8, and I didn't know whether I was going to school or not. I felt kind of bad. The guys told me not to worry about it, 'You didn't have anything to do with it.'"

He didn't feel that way. And he had good reason.

His family's two boats wound up being confiscated and turned into mine sweepers.

The land farmed by his people was the worst around when they first started farming it.

"But, they turned it into the best — the most fertile," he said. "That's what they wanted, so they seized it.

"It's all in the documentary."

Mom and five kids all moved to North Hollywood.

"I worked maybe two weeks in a nursery before the call came in to evacuate — to go to a camp," he said.

They were transported by bus to Manzanar Relocation Center.

A 20-foot by 100-foot building was divided into four "homes."

A total of eight lived in the Ono home, with living quarters divided by sheets.

For 2 1/2 years.

Teachers came in from the outside. His younger siblings graduated high school.

After two years, an auditorium was built.

Frank Ono was the first one to get operated on in camp.

He had an appendectomy in the mess hall performed by a Japanese doctor who was also interned.

To make matters worse, some of the administration people were stealing food provided for the incarcerated.

A protest of the administration building followed and somebody started up a truck and headed it for the military police on duty, so they opened fire.

"I think seven were wounded and two were killed," said Frank. "When it came time for the inquest, the MPs that had been on duty had been moved to a new duty."

Manzanar held 10,000 detainees.

He remembers the good times.

"There was a fire break between each section of the camp, and we used that for a playground," he said. "We made gymnastic equipment. A horse and rings."

When Frank Ono got out of Manzanar after 3 1/2 years, his family had already moved to Seabrook, where Seabrook Farms was recruiting workers.

They had been released after dad was released and joined them at Manzanar.

So Frank, the last to be released, headed east to Seabrook for a visit.

He remembers his sister being used as a test case.



"She was put in different schools to see how the other kids reacted to her," said Frank. "Two weeks here, two weeks there. I remember her going to Swarthmore. She finally wound up at Juniata, where she graduated."

Another sister became a cadet nurse at Lankanau Hospital, and later a registered nurse.

A younger brother graduated Juniata and was sent to MIT, later working on the U.S. early warning defense system.

He was Ray Ono, Tex Robinson's backup on the football field in high school, who wound up with seven U.S. patents.

In October of last year, there was an Ono family reunion in Reno, Nevada.

Naturally, Frank Ono attended from this area.

"Hey, Frank," said another attendee. "Did you hear about the honorary degrees given out at your college this month?"

It was the first Frank had heard about it.

"When we got home, my son called Compton Junior College," said the 88-year-old Ono.

His wife, Fumi, who he met and married in Seabrook, had gone to San Jose State, starting a year earlier than Frank.

Four days after his wife passed away after a long illness, her honorary degree from San Jose State arrived by mail.

She never knew.

Frank's degree from Compton came right before Christmas.

It took 70 years to get them.

Now, if you want to know about Frank's children, including son Richard Dana Ono, who went to Johns Hopkins, then Harvard, and who narrates the documentary that covers from Terminal Island to today, *News* reporter Lauren Taniguchi is doing that interview.

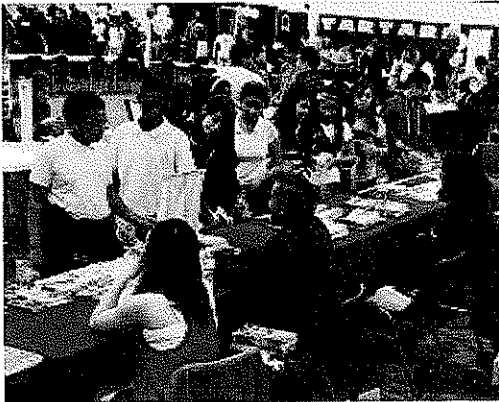
And we'll all know why Frank Ono keeps saying, "Don't ask me. It's all in the documentary."

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### Compton secondary school students learn about undergraduate studies at College and Career Fair

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More than 700 Compton middle- and high-school students met with college representatives on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the College and Career Fair held at El Camino College Compton Center. Participating colleges and universities included UCLA, Cal State Long Beach, and Biola University. Photo courtesy of Compton Unified School District COMPTON—Opportunity knocked for more than 600 Compton middle- and highschool students on Nov. 2, at the College and Career Fair sponsored by the Compton Unified School District, the After-School Education and Safety program and host El Camino College Compton Center, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd.

The event was designed to encourage students in grades six through 12 to seek information on various colleges. Students also attended financial aid, scholarship and college application workshops.

The event spotlighted universities and trade schools, including California State University Long Beach, University of California Riverside, California State University Dominguez Hills, Arts Institute, Biola University and University of California Los Angeles.

JaMaiia Bond, CUSD interim associate superintendent of secondary schools, said she wanted students to receive firsthand knowledge on the college admission process. "It's a marvelous opportunity for our students," she said. "This event gives them a chance to learn all they can about what it takes to get into college. Middle schools students are encouraged to begin thinking about college well before their senior year of high school. It's never too early to start looking ahead. All students should set their sights on which school they want to attend immediately. Now is the time."

Lorena Herrera, a 12thgrade student at Dominguez High School, who plans to become a veterinarian, said she came to the College and Career Fair looking for information on financial aid. "I looked at what El Camino College and UCLA have to offer, as well as some other universities," she said. "But what I really need to find out is how much everything costs. This fair is a good place for me to start learning about this stuff."

Leon Burton, 11th grade, Centennial High School, said he appreciated the district and El Camino College Compton Center for organizing the College and Career Fair. "It's a big help for all of us who are getting ready to graduate high school," he said. For Burton, who is thinking about a career in dentistry or culinary arts, the event gave him an opportunity to weigh his options. "I want a better future, but before I can have one I need to go to college. So right now I'm making my way around to visit the different booths so I can learn about the classes they specialize in."

Walton Middle School eighth-grader and ROTC member Ashley McDaniels said she is already planning her college education. "When I get to 12th grade it'll already be too late to start thinking about college or saving up for it," she said. "I know that right now I need to understand how financial aid works and how I can get a scholarship or grant." Mc- Daniels said she wants to study mathematical science at UCLA. "I want to be something in life. If I want to make it to UCLA, I need to start learning about what it takes to get in right now."

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## **Compton Community College District's Application Deadline for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is November 18**

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) is reminding all community members who are interested in serving on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to submit their applications for consideration by November 18, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Applications are still available at [www.district.compton.edu](http://www.district.compton.edu) or by calling 310-900-1600, Ext. 2000. Upon selection, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members serve a term of two years and do not receive any compensation or benefits for their service. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will meet on a quarterly basis beginning in January 2012.

### **Qualifications for Membership**

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee consists of seven members, including at least one representative from each of the following categories:

1. A member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the district;
2. A member who is a resident of the district and active in a senior citizen's organization;
3. A member who is a resident of the district and active in a bona fide taxpayer's organization;
4. A member enrolled as a student at the El Camino College Compton Educational Center and active in a campus group; and
5. A member active in an organization supporting the District such as the foundation.

To qualify for appointment, a member must meet the criteria listed in one of the above categories. A member cannot be an employee, official, contractor, consultant, or vendor of the Compton Community College District. Elected officials are also disqualified from service on the committee.

As outlined in Education Code Section 15278, the District Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee informs the public concerning the District's expenditure of revenues received from the sale of bonds authorized by the voters. More information on the role of the committee, as well as an application, can be found by visiting:

[http://district.compton.edu/measure\\_cc\\_bond/apply-for-bond-oversight-committee.asp](http://district.compton.edu/measure_cc_bond/apply-for-bond-oversight-committee.asp)

Applications should be submitted to Keith Curry, Interim CEO of the Compton Community College District, at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. For more information, call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2000.

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## **Compton Community College District Board Meeting and Redistricting Public Hearing set for November 15**

The public is invited to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting and Redistricting Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, in the Board Room at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. The Board meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.; followed by the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Compton Community College District, along with many other public agencies and school districts in California, has begun a public process to review and modify its elected trustee area boundaries. Every 10 years, local community colleges, city councils and other local agencies must adjust their election boundaries in order to equalize the population and ensure fair elections where everyone's vote matters uniformly.

The proposed maps for the new Compton Community College District Trustee Areas are available in the Office of the Interim CEO and on the district website, [www.district.compton.edu](http://www.district.compton.edu).

Members of the public may submit written comments on the District website, and may also create and submit maps indicating their communities of interest through an interactive redistricting mapping tool at [http://district.compton.edu/district\\_information/district-redistricting.asp](http://district.compton.edu/district_information/district-redistricting.asp).

The meeting schedule for November 15, 2011, is as follows:

5:00 p.m. Closed Session  
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Redistricting Public Hearing

The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the District website, [www.district.compton.edu](http://www.district.compton.edu). All regular session Board meetings are open to the public.

### **About the Compton Community College District**

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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**November 7, 2011**

## **Compton Community College District is Accepting Applications for Special Trustee Advisory Committee Members**

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) is currently accepting applications for the Special Trustee Advisory Committee. Interested applicants may obtain an application beginning November 9 at [www.district.compton.edu](http://www.district.compton.edu), or by calling 310-900-1600, Ext. 2000. Applications must be submitted to the Office of the Interim CEO by December 9, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

There will be an information session for potential applicants on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the CCCD Boardroom at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221.

Special Trustee Advisory Committee members will be appointed by the Special Trustee. The committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Interim Special Trustee on matters pertaining to District policy and operations. Members will also actively promote community awareness of and support for the District's efforts to positively impact quality instruction, fiscal stability, educational mission, and ultimately accreditation.

As outlined in AB 318, the Special Trustee Advisory Committee members will be provided with a wide range of resources to enable them to best assist in addressing issues affecting the District. The Special Trustee Advisory Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year, and all committee meetings are open to the public.

The Special Trustee's Advisory Committee of the Compton Community College District is organized exclusively to:

1. Provide advice to the Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District regarding policy matters that affect the District and its operations;
2. Promote community awareness of the District's efforts, focus on quality instruction, educational mission, fiscal stability and ultimately accreditation.
3. Foster community support for the District.

### **Qualifications for Membership**

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee will consist of seven members appointed by the Interim Special Trustee. Of the seven members, four may be residents of communities served by of the Compton Community College District; one may be a current or former community college educator; and one may be an ECC Compton Center student who is active in the associated students' organization or another recognized student group. Four members will serve a two-year term, while three members will serve a term of one year. No member shall receive compensation or benefits for his/her service. Members serve at the request of the Interim Special Trustee and may be removed at any time at the Special Trustee's sole discretion.

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## **CCCD Special Trustee Advisory Committee Applications 2-2-2-2**

Applications for consideration are welcome from the business, labor and professional communities; representatives of social service and nonprofit organizations (including churches and other recognized religious organizations); as well as representatives of civic organizations or taxpayer groups. Please submit applications to Keith Curry, Interim CEO of the Compton Community College District, at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton CA 90221, by December 9, 2011 at 4:30 pm. For more information, call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2000.

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## Vet Fulfills His Mission to Honor Comrades



From left: Veterans George Sakato and Sen. Daniel Inouye, both Medal of Honor recipients, and Lawson Sakai at the Congressional Gold Medal gala at the Washington Hilton. (Photo by Hindy Mokhiber/PSA)

### Rafu Staff Report

WASHINGTON — For Lawson Sakai, last week's Congressional Gold Medal ceremony was the result of months of preparation in order to properly honor his fellow World War II veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service.

A resident of Morgan Hill in Santa Clara County, Sakai is the founder of Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV), which is part of the National Veterans Network, the organizer of the event. He was accompanied by his daughter, Joanne, as he took part in the celebration.

"We were involved with the whole process of the ceremony in Washington ... We assisted with planning and making final decisions such as the design of the Gold Medal," he said. "Even though the main celebration is over, we will be holding a Northern California reception for the veterans and widows that were unable to go to Washington sometime early next year. Ours will be in San Jose."

Recalling the ceremony, which featured the Republican and Democratic leaders of Congress, Sakai commented, "It was good to hear politicians praise the veterans of the 100, 442<sup>nd</sup> and MIS — and keep their speeches short enough to finish the program in less than an hour. It made you feel as though you were really an American. And the press coverage was great — many TV programs and newspaper articles throughout the country."

Born in Los Angeles on Oct. 27, 1923, Sakai graduated from Montebello High School and attended Compton College in Los Angeles and Mesa College in Colorado.

On Dec. 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor, he tried to enlist in the military and was rejected based on a government classification that he was an "enemy alien" despite being a U.S. citizen. His family relocated to Colorado in 1942.

In March 1943, enlistment opportunities opened up for Japanese Americans to serve in a segregated unit. Sakai immediately volunteered for 442nd and was overseas from May 1944 until November 1945. He served in all of the 442nd's campaigns in Italy and France, including the liberation of Bruyeres, France from the Nazis

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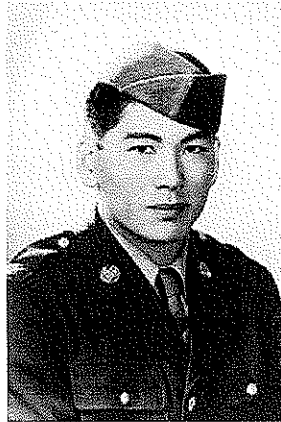


and the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" of Texas, during which he was seriously injured. Sakai was wounded four times, and received a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge.

In December 1945 he was discharged from the Army. After leaving the service, he attended Pepperdine College and operated a travel agency in San Jose. He has been very active in 442nd reunions and recently led a group of 53 to Bruyeres for the 60th anniversary of that town's liberation.

Each year, the FNV presents an exhibit about the Japanese American soldiers during the Haru Matsuri at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center.

FFNV was also commissioned to create an exhibit for the museum aboard the USS Hornet, a World War II aircraft carrier permanently anchored in Alameda. The first phase of the exhibit opened on Veterans Day in 2005 with Sakai as the featured speaker. The Hornet draws more than 100,000 visitors annually.



Lawson Sakai, E Co., 442nd RCT

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