

February 3, 2012

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KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer

THOMAS E. HENRY
Special Trustee

Dear Special Trustee Henry:

As we prepare for the start of the spring semester, we continue to be inspired in our daily work by the words – “every student is a success story”. The spring semester at El Camino College Compton Center will begin on Saturday, February 11, 2012. We are pleased that the El Camino College Compton Center is close to achieving the full-time equivalent student enrollment target. Please note the Spring Faculty Flex Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

This month we celebrate Black History Month with activities and events sponsored and hosted by the Associated Student Body. A calendar of events will be available next week. For the month of February the District intends to have two Board of Trustees meetings. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th. Closed session will begin at 5:00 p.m., with open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. A Special Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 5:00 p.m. At the Special Board meeting, Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company LLP, an independent, external auditing firm will be presenting the 2010-2011 District annual financial report.

The February 7, 2012 Board Agenda includes the following:

- A. The consent section includes various purchase orders necessary for the operations of the District and El Camino College Compton Center; as well as all personnel actions.
- B. The action agenda includes recommendations for the Bond Measure CC Oversight committee; and a resolution authorizing the District to sell \$15 million in bonds to support facilities construction; and a revised job description for the Human Resources Representative position.
- C. Per your request, the discussion section includes an opportunity for you to discuss the Chief Executive Officer Selection Process with the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees.
- D. The Information section includes the board meeting presentations and reports schedule for 2011-2012; and the Redistricting Action Plan.

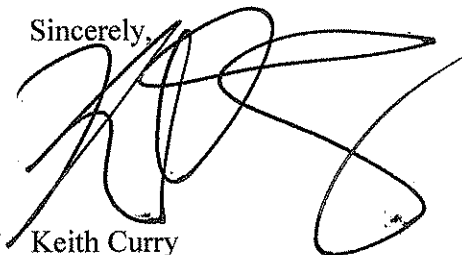
The following items are included for your perusal:

1. Message from Interim CEO, dated January 27, 2012.
2. Letter from CEC Vice President Barbara Perez and me dated January 20, 2012 to the El Camino College Compton Center faculty regarding Spring Flex Day.
3. Memo from Ms. Rachele Sasser dated February 2, 2012 updating me on the proposed Organizational Structure for the Human Resources Department.
4. Memo from Mr. Robert Graham dated January 24, 2012 updating me on the budget adjustments, augmentations, and transfers, since the last board meeting.
5. Memo from Wayne Ward dated January 27, 2012, updating me on the Maintenance and Operations department staff schedule change.
6. Compton Community College District and El Camino College Compton Center News Releases for January 11, 2012 through February 2, 2012.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the February 7 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 February 7 board meeting.

In closing and in recognition of Black History Month, I share this quote from Frederick Douglass - "Without a struggle, there can be no progress" – true for many of the students we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Keith Curry', written over a large, stylized, scribbled-out area.

Keith Curry
Interim CEO

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



MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CEO

DR. KEITH CURRY

Happy New Year to everyone!

As we gear up for the start of the spring semester, I want to update you on some important business that took place at our January Board meeting. In keeping with one of our ongoing goals - to enhance and expand our community engagement - Special Trustee Henry appointed community members to two District committees.

Special Trustee Henry appointed eight community representatives to the Special Trustee Advisory Committee. As outlined in AB 318, the Compton Community College District (CCCD) Special Trustee Advisory Committee is organized exclusively for the following purposes:

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Trustee Henry also appointed five individuals to serve on the CCCD Redistricting Committee. This committee is an important part of the District's overall redistricting process. Redistricting Committee members will review and provide input regarding the redistricting proposals.

The first Redistricting Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the CEO Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. A recommendation for new trustee area boundaries will be presented to the Special Trustee at the May 2012 Board meeting.

For more information on these committees and/or the members, go to the Compton District website and click on: [Redistricting Committee](#) and [Special Trustee Advisory Committee](#).

Domitila Aguilar - Lynwood
Amelia Apple - Student Rep
Oscar J. Edwards - Compton
Amirah Hendrickson - Carson
Marie Hollis - Compton Concerned Citizens
Dr. Lestean Johnson - Compton Chamber
Cynthia Macon - Compton Concerned Citizens
Wilma Wilson - Carson

Community Reps appointed to the CCCD Redistricting Committee:

LeGrand Clegg – Compton

Mary Louise Godoy - Compton

Mark Guillen - Paramount

Martina Rodriguez - Lynwood

Olivia Verrett - Carson

Special Trustee Henry will consider appointments to the CCCD Bond Oversight Committee at the February 7 Board meeting.

Each of these committees has their own way of assisting us make "Every Student a Success Story"!



El Camino College
Compton Center



January 20, 2012

To all Compton Educational Center faculty,

We hope you had a restful break and that you are ready for the start of the spring semester. As you no doubt know we continue to face tough financial times and we will be calling on you throughout the semester to assist in planning for the future.

Your flex requirements changed under the new contract. We will discuss the new process and its full impact on you at our flex meeting on Wednesday, February 8. In discussions with the faculty leadership we debated whether it was best to meet for 3 hours on both Wednesday and Thursday or plan a full day meeting on Wednesday. **After careful consideration, we decided that most of you would probably prefer to complete your mandatory flex obligation on Wednesday and not have to return to campus on Thursday.** The agenda for Wednesday is as follows:

8:00 – 8:45 Morning Refreshments – Marsee Patio (ECC)

9:00 – 10:00 General Session – Marsee Auditorium

- New Flex Reporting Program
- Academic Senate
- SLO – Core Competencies
- Student Success Task Force Report

10:00 – 12:00 CEC Division Meetings Distance Ed Room

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch – Compton Center Voc Tech Atrium

1:30 – 4:30 Afternoon General Session - Library

- Resources for Students
- SLO Teams – what is the next step

Remember that the six (6) hours are mandatory attendance for full-time faculty. We are also extending a welcome to any adjunct faculty who would like to join us for any part of the program. If you are an adjunct faculty planning to attend the lunch, please contact Laura Atchison in CTE at latchison@elcamino.edu or 310-900-1600, extension 2787.

We look forward to seeing you again as we continue to create a safe, supportive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
Interim CEO

Barbara Perez
Vice President



OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Keith Curry
Interim Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Ms. Rachelle Sasser
Dean, Human Resources

DATE: February 2, 2012

RE: Proposed Organizational Structure

December 2011, staff were asked to provide input to develop a new organizational structure for Human Resources. At that time, the Dean provided thoughts which summarized the attached plan and the need to revise the organizational structure of the office. The revised structure was based upon observation of employee workload. Although staff were given the opportunity to provide input in the development of a new structure, they failed to provide input as requested. January 2012, the Dean submitted the proposed structure to the CEO for approval. The attached structure was approved January 10, 2012. Staff were advised of the approval of the new office structure that week. Staff were also apprised of the mechanics of the revision, which would require two employees to apply for the higher positions.

To facilitate the approved structure, the Human Resources Representative position description requires revision. This action is necessary to incorporate duties associated with administration of employee benefits and workers compensation matters into the existing Human Resources Representative position description. It is felt that this organizational structure will foster an efficient, effective utilization of manpower. This change has no fiscal impact.

Human Resources Proposed Organizational Structure

Current Structure-2 Human Resources Representative positions

2 Human Resources Specialist positions

Proposed Structure-3 Human Resources Representative positions

1 Permanent Part-time Professional Development Coordinator

Process- Recruit for vacant Human Resources Representative position; this position will be responsible for functions associated with employment of academic employees. Recruit for an additional Human Resources Representative position; this position will be responsible for the combined job functions of administration of workers compensation matters and employee benefits. Currently these duties are performed by two full-time employees. After careful review, it has been determined that the workload of the existing HR Specialist positions is not at the 100% level. Both are at the 50% level. Once the HR Representative positions are filled, the two HR Specialist positions will be eliminated.

Create the permanent part-time position of Professional Development Coordinator. This position will be responsible for enhancing professional development opportunities at the Center. This individual will work closely with the main campus to coordinate professional development activities in addition to developing Center specific opportunities.

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer

From: Robert E. Graham, Manager of Accounting

Date: January 24, 2012

Subject: Budget Transfer Summary

Per your request, below is a summary of budget transfers.

I.

a. Reserve for Contingency

Total Transfer Amount - \$319,696

- \$25,000 to cover Business Operations; \$12,000 allocation for Board Member travel; \$75,000 allocation to cover pending legal expenses; \$143,000 and \$16,431 to cover un-allocated salary and benefits for two staff members; \$25,000 for the campus alarm system (Operations); \$23,265 to cover costs of PT Coaches.

II.

a. General Fund - Unrestricted

Total Transfer Amount - \$21,235

- Academic Salaries - \$4,500 of unused hourly salary reallocated to pay for legal fees.
- Classified and Other Nonacademic Salaries - \$5,495 of Temporary/Part-Time salary reallocated for supplies and travel and a computer/printer purchase.
- Supplies and Materials – \$645 reallocated to purchase a computer and theater props.
- Other Operating Expenses and Services & Capital Outlay – \$1,500 to fund increase in Student Worker budget. The remaining transfers funded Travel and Conferences, and other Capital Outlay object codes.

b. General Fund – Restricted

Total Transfer Amount - \$37,572

- Academic and Classified Salaries & Employee Benefits - \$29,422 budget transfer to properly set up 2011-12 Basic Skills funds. Also \$7,900 Classified Salary budget transfer for proper allocation for Foster Care employee costs.

III.

a Bond Revenue Construction Fund Total Transfer Amount - \$302,600

- Transfers completed to distribute Bond Fund dollars in anticipation of inspection services for MIS, LRC, and the music buildings; design services for the MIS building, Bergman and Dacey legal services for campus-wide projects, storm water treatment permits, and ALTA inspection services.

MEMORANDUM

TO: KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FROM: WAYNE WARD, MANAGER, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: NEW STAFF WORK SCHEDULE
DATE: JANUARY 27, 2012
CC: FILE

BACKGROUND

Several years ago, the Chief Executive Officer directed the Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations to change employee's schedules to day shift to improve work productivity and performance. The thought was day shift would increase overall employee supervision resulting in improved work performance.

SITUATION

The department received numerous ongoing complaints about poorly cleaned and randomly maintained classrooms and bathrooms. However, over the last six months, we have made measureable gains overall, but more improvement is required to achieve the next level of cleaning standards (cleaning for health and safety). Regular floor care, carpet vacuuming and cleaning, high low dusting, and window washing are just a few examples where we can do a better job. Moreover, this situation has led to proposing a new work schedule which will provide staff with maximum room access and adequate supervision.

NEW WORK SHCHEDULE

Three (3) Split supervised shifts will start on Monday, March 5, 2012 running Monday through Friday. Ten (10) employees will staff Day Shift (Operations) - hours are 6:00 am to 2:30 pm, Nine (9) employees will staff Second Shift (Area Cleaning) – hours from 2:00 pm. to 10:30 pm and Six (6) employees will staff Third Shift (Deep Cleaning) – hours from 10:00 pm to 6:30 am.

FISCAL IMPACT

Regular full time employee salaries will increase approximately **\$8,000** per year resulting from shift differential cost. Overtime hours are unknown and will marginally increase due to special events.

THE LYNWOOD PATCH (Latino)

<http://lynwood.patch.com/events/ecc-compton-center-information-seminar>

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Today, February 3, 7:00 pm

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It is time to return the Compton Center to the communities it was built to serve. It is time to demand accountability for students, present and future. It is time to fight for accreditation for Compton College!

Join us as we inform you about the steps necessary to get this job done!

GET INFORMED!

The Compton Community College District serves the communities of Compton, Lynwood, Paramount and Willow brook, as well as portions of Athens, Bellflower, Carson, Downey, Dominguez, Lakewood, Long Beach, and South Gate.

THE COMPTON BULLETIN, February 1, 2012

Compton Community College District appoints advisory panel

By Cheryl Scott, Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—Compton Community College District Special Trustee Thomas Henry announced at the Jan. 17 board meeting the appointment of the eight-member Special Trustee Advisory Committee.

The committee is part of an aggressive effort to reach out to the community, with a strategy designed to encourage community participation.

“It’s important to keep the community informed about what’s going on in the district and with the Compton Center,” said interim CEO Dr. Keith Curry. “People want to know. And lack of accurate information can lead to the circulation of rumors that give a false picture of the district’s affairs.”

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee will provide input to Henry, who will provide the members with updated information about decisions affecting El Camino Compton Center.

“At a special informational session held in November we explained what service on the committee will involve in the way of participation from the members,” said Curry. “Members will not receive compensation and will act in an advisory capacity only. But their input is very important and such a committee is one of the requirements of AB318.”

AB318 is the legislation that created the partnership agreement between El Camino Community College District and Compton Community College District.

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Aguilar received a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from California State University Long Beach. She received a master’s degree in governance from the California School Board Association, a master’s degree in education from the University of Phoenix, and AVID Training from San Diego State University.

Amelia Apple, a returning El Camino College Compton Center student, who is majoring in technical theater. Inspired by student leaders she met on campus, Apple became a volunteer for the Associated Student Body and served on campus governance committees, such as the Tartar Safety Committee. She was later elected as the ASB secretary. After the resignation of the Associated Student Body president, Apple was selected by her peers to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. She is also a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society, and has future plans to earn her associate degree, a bachelor’s degree, and also a master’s or law degree.

Oscar J. Edwards, the chief executive of AgriCept Inc., which provides consulting services in the renewable energy sectors. Prior to his position at AgriCept Inc., Edwards founded Computer Systems Integration &

Configuration Inc. in 1999, transforming the business into a prominent nationwide technology consulting firm serving the U.S. government and the Department of Homeland Security, bringing many city and national awards to his credit. As a Compton native, Edwards returned to the city in 2007 to serve on the Compton Housing and Advisory Appeals Board by appointment of Mayor Eric J. Perrodin.

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Hendrickson is an active member of the International Association of Travel Agents Network and a board member of the Africa Travel Association of Southern California. She received her Associate of Arts degree in general education from West Los Angeles College and her Master of Public Administration degree from California State University Dominguez Hills.

Marie Hollis, president of Concerned Citizens of Compton Inc.; president of the Committee to Save Compton Community College; and president of the South Bay Retirement Residence. Hollis is an active member of many other organizations including the American Association of University Women, Board of Directors for the Camp Fire Council Inc., and the National Association for Equal Justice in America.

Hollis earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Langston University and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma. Hollis taught math in Oklahoma and for the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she served as chairperson of the math department for 15 years and as school counselor for 22 years.

In 2011 she received the Woman of the Year Award from Assemblyman Isadore Hall of Compton. In 2010 she was also honored as the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award by Sen. Rod Wright of Inglewood. Hollis has also received an award as one of the top 10 counselors in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and Mayor Tom Bradley's "Apple for the Teacher" Award.

Dr. Lestean Johnson, president/ CEO of the Compton Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years. Additionally, Johnson serves as executive director of New Beginnings Academy, an educational facility in Compton. She has worked in the city of Compton for more than 30 years and serves on an advisory team where trainings and workshops are provided to existing and potential businesses. She holds a master's degree in business management; and a doctorate degree in education with an emphasis on literacy.

Cynthia Macon, a Compton native since 1963. She began her career in Silicon Valley as a marketing and public relations specialist and was marketing director for Voyager Software in Santa Monica. Macon is a member of the Committee to Save Compton Community College, the Concerned Citizens of Compton and the National Association for Equality and Justice in America. She has also served as a member of the first Special Trustee Advisory Board for the Compton Community College District.

Macon's history of volunteer service includes tutoring and teaching computer skills at the Stanford Children's Hospital in Palo Alto and through the Union Rescue Mission of San Francisco, Our Authors' Club; and Sheriff Baca's Annual Community Day. Macon received the City of Compton Volunteer Award for improving the image of the city through her worldwide radio, television, print and public relations campaign publicizing the multiple historic, worldrecord breaking achievements of child pilots at Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum located at the Compton Airport.

Wilma Wilson, founder and executive director of Peace & Joy Care Center, a nonprofit organization for battered women and their children. She is also co-pastor of the Peace & Joy Christian Church. Wilson is currently a member of the California State Cultural Competency Committee for Domestic Violence, the National Organization for College Women, the California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is also a member of the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Honor Society in Psychology, the Kappa Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and is president of the Carson Women's Club.

In 2008, Wilson received the Democratic Woman of the Year Award and was one of seven City of Carson Magnificent Women of 2008. She received Carson's Harmony Award, the Addie Patterson Award for Outstanding Community Development Services to the city of Compton, and the Bank of America Community Catalyst Award in 1998. Wilson earned her Associate of Science degree in nursing from Compton Community College; her Bachelor of Science degree in counseling from California State University Los Angeles; a Master of Science degree in psychology from Pepperdine University; and a juris doctorate degree from Pacific Coast University School of Law.

Compton Center spring semester registration assistance available

From staff reports

COMPTON—El Camino College Compton Center will be offering hands-on registration assistance now through Wednesday, Feb. 8. Students may register for the spring 2012 semester in one location where computers, counselors and financial representatives will be available.

Registration assistance will also be available on two Saturdays, Feb. 4 and 11.

Registration hours and locations:

- Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the student lounge
- Fridays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. in the student lounge
- Saturday, Feb. 4: 8:00 a.m. – Noon in the student lounge
- Saturday, Feb. 11: 8:00 a.m. – Noon in admissions and records

The El Camino College Compton Center offers general education courses that will prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university, as well as 15 career and technical education programs designed for students looking to start a new career or upgrade their skill set. Saturday, evening and online classes are also available. Saturday classes begin Feb. 11 and weekday classes begin Feb.13.

Students may also register online by visiting www.compton.edu and clicking on MyECC. Call the Registration Help Line at 310-660-6034, or visit ECC Compton Center during the dates and times listed above for MyECC online account assistance or questions related to registration



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For Immediate Release

January 27, 2012

Compton Community College District Announces Redistricting Committee Members

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The first Redistricting meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the CEO Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, or to view the redistricting action plan as well as the proposed maps for the new Compton Community College District Trustee areas, go to the District website Redistricting Committee page at http://district.compton.edu/district_information/district-redistricting.asp.

The newly appointed Redistricting Committee Members are:

LeGrand H. Clegg II, J.D. Esquire, taught at the former Compton Community College and also served on the CCCD Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1993. In addition to being a community college instructor, Clegg's diversified career includes positions as a city attorney, historian, elected official, author, producer, television talk show host, civil rights advocate, media critic, musician and spokesperson for naturopathic medicine.

Clegg's articles covering topics such as "Black Presence in America Before Columbus" and "Black History and Culture" have been published by the *Los Angeles Times*, as well as various magazines and journals. He has also spoken at numerous public forums and appeared on several television and radio talk shows.

Mary Louise Godoy is a native of Compton and currently a member of the Concerned Citizens of Compton. Godoy retired from the Compton Unified School District (CUSD) in 2010. While employed by the CUSD, she worked as a senior bilingual community relations specialist and as a staff member for the CUSD's homeless program for families in transition. In addition, she worked in the Department of Child Welfare and Attendance serving high-risk students and their families.

Godoy also was the Federal Grants Advisory Board Commissioner for the City of Compton in 1996, and was elected as the board's chair for two years. She received her Associate of Arts degree from the former Compton Community College.

Mark Guillen is currently employed as a staff engineer for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Guillen attended schools served by the CCCD and continues to be involved in a variety of local issues.

He was on the initial Advisory Board of the Paramount Education Partnership, as well as on a committee that worked to secure a bond, which resulted in \$100 million in funding for the Paramount School District. In addition, he serves on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the CCCD. Guillen is a graduate of UCLA.

Martina Rodriguez is a longtime resident of Lynwood and is currently employed by the Los Angeles Unified School District. Rodriguez's involvement in public education began as a volunteer with the parent council for the pre-school Head Start program at Drew University. She continued her support of public education as a board member for the Lynwood Unified School District, and as an active member of the parent council and related committees at Abbott Elementary School in Lynwood, including serving as PTA President in 1992. She also took a leadership role in organizing Lynwood Save Our Students, and later helped the community organization become a nonprofit, as well establishing the Parent Organizing Network (PON).

Olivia Verrett is a public servant and an active member of many community organizations focused on citizens' rights. She is currently the planning commissioner for the City of Carson and serves as a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) State Conference officer and Women in the NAACP chair.

Her past appointments include member of the Special Trustee for the CCCD's Advisory Board; chair of the City of Carson's Human Relations Commission; member of the Public Safety Task Force, Women's Task Force, and the Code of Ethics Task Force; and president of the Carson/Torrance branch of the NAACP. Verrett earned an associate degree in administration of justice from El Camino College, a bachelor's degree in political science, and a master's degree in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

About the Compton Community College District

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In 2009, Hendrickson received the Humanitarian Award Work on the Continent of Africa and in 2010 she received the Black Business Portrait from the Carson Black Chamber of Commerce.

Hendrickson is an active member of the International Association of Travel Agents Network (IATAN) and a board member of the Africa Travel Association (ATA) of Southern California. Hendrickson received her Associate of Arts degree in general education from West Los Angeles College and her Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Marie Hollis is the president of Concerned Citizens of Compton, Inc.; president of the Committee to Save Compton Community College; and president of the South Bay Retirement Residence. Hollis is an active member of many other organizations including the American Association of University Women, Board of Directors for the Camp Fire Council, Inc., and the National Association for Equal Justice in America.

Hollis earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Langston University and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma. Hollis taught math in Oklahoma and for the Los Angeles Unified School District where she served as chairperson of the math department for 15 years and as school counselor for 22 years.

In 2011 she received the Woman of the Year Award from Assemblyman Isadore Hall of Compton. In 2010 she was also honored as the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award from Senator Rod Wright of Inglewood. Hollis has also received an award as one of the top ten counselors in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and Mayor Tom Bradley's "Apple for the Teacher" Award, among other honors.

Dr. Lestean Johnson has served as president/CEO of the Compton Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years. Additionally, Johnson serves as executive director of New Beginnings Academy, an educational facility in Compton. She has worked in the City of Compton for over thirty years and serves on an advisory team where trainings and workshops are provided to existing and potential businesses. She holds a master's degree in business management; and a doctorate degree in education with an emphasis on literacy.

Cynthia Macon has resided in Compton since 1963. She began her career in Silicon Valley as a marketing and public relations specialist and was marketing director for Voyager Software in Santa Monica, Calif. Macon is a member of the Committee to Save Compton Community College; the Concerned Citizens of Compton; and the National Association for Equality and Justice in America. She has also served as a member of the first Special Trustee Advisory Board for the Compton Community College District.

Macon's history of volunteer service includes: tutoring and teaching computer skills at the Stanford Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., and through the Union Rescue Mission of San Francisco; Our Author's Club; and Sheriff Baca's Annual Community Day. Macon received the City of Compton Volunteer Award for improving the image of the city through her worldwide radio, television, print, and public relations campaign publicizing the multiple historic, world-record-breaking achievements of child-pilots at Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum located at the Compton Airport.

Wilma Wilson is the founder and executive director of Peace & Joy Care Center, a nonprofit organization for battered women and their children. She is also co-pastor of the Peace & Joy Christian Church. Wilson is currently a member of the California State Cultural Competency Committee for Domestic Violence, the National Organization for College Women, the California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is also a member of the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Honor Society in Psychology, the Kappa Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and is president of the Carson Women's Club.

In 2008, Wilson received the Democratic Woman of the Year Award and was one of seven City of Carson Magnificent Women of 2008. She received Carson's Harmony Award, the Addie Patterson Award for Outstanding Community Development Services to the City of Compton, and the Bank of America Community Catalyst Award in 1998, in addition to numerous other accolades. Wilson earned her Associate of Science degree in nursing from the former Compton Community College; her Bachelor of Science degree in counseling from California State University, Los Angeles; a Master of Science degree in psychology from Pepperdine University; and a juris doctorate degree from Pacific Coast University School of Law.

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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ACCJC in control over college accreditation

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Committee determines timeline, criteria for accreditation of community colleges

This is the first in a three-part series on the status of accreditation for El Camino Community College Compton Center. Future articles will focus on the members of the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges and an update on the accreditation process that has been under way since 2006.

COMPTON—The accreditation of El Camino Community College Compton Center is entirely in the hands of the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges, a board that draws its authority from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States.

The ACCJC accredits private and public colleges that provide students two-year education programs and offer the associate degree. There are 142 “member” colleges, and the commission’s decisions directly affect millions of students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees.

In 2004 Chancellor of Education Marshall Drummund took over operation of the college when he was informed by the Compton Community College Board of Trustees that it could not make payroll. The executive order issued by Drummund cited longtime fiscal mismanagement and weak leadership at the administrative level as reasons for stepping in to operate the college.

Citing a total of 30 “deficiencies,” the ACCJC revoked accreditation in 2006. Since then the college has been operating under the accreditation of El Camino Community College District as a remote learning center. Efforts are underway to get the college accredited as a separate college, at which time El Camino will return it to the Compton Community College District, which owns the property and the buildings but has no part in its operation.

The ACCJC is the sole agency that can accredit the college, and it has a complex and time-consuming set of steps that have to be taken in order to qualify the college to apply for accreditation and will only accredit it after that has been accomplished. At this point the college is working to resolve all issues and gain eligibility to apply for accreditation. This is being done according to ACCJC standards and its timeline. Neither the El Camino Community College District, the Compton Community College District, nor any other party can change the timeline or the criteria for accreditation.

The ACCJC was formed in 1962 when several accrediting agencies joined to create WASC. The ACCJC is not a governmental entity but an independent organization of educators and others representing the public interest. Colleges apply to become members of the ACCJC and volunteer to participate in the accreditation process. However accreditation is mandatory for these colleges in order to receive state funding and ensure that its credits and degrees will be recognized by other accredited colleges.

The accreditation process is based on the concept that the ACCJC and the colleges together shape the values and best practices of the educational community into the policies, requirements and standards by which colleges are evaluated. It is the Commission’s policy that the ACCJC and its member institutions share this right and responsibility.

However, there is no appeal process once a college has begun the accreditation process. In the case of the Compton Center, it is the first time that a community college's accreditation has been revoked. That means that there are no precedents for the process.

Activists in the Compton community remain impatient with the lengthy accreditation process. Members of the boards of trustees of both college districts are equally frustrated, but they have no choice but to go through each step for accreditation no matter how long it may take.

According to sources at El Camino, the process is likely to take another six years, a fact that further angers community members who are eager to have the college returned to the Compton district.

El Camino has been accused of dragging its feet in the effort to accredit the college. Some have even accused it of a secret plan to keep the college in order to continue receiving the \$2 million a year it receives from the state for operating it.

However, those charges appear to be groundless because the El Camino district is following the ACCJC's process step by step and must satisfy the commission before it can move to the next step.

The commission's authority is controversial because it has absolute power of accreditation, and some of its members have made statements that appear to indicate bias in the case of the Compton Community College District.

In addition, the ACCJC requires member colleges to carry out a self-study, compose a report, and undergo peer review every six years. The ACCJC process consists of two elements: the college's evaluation of itself and the ACCJC's evaluation of the college. These evaluations determine the extent to which the college is meeting the ACCJC's policies, requirements, and standards, and their purpose is to help the school improve itself.

However, while the ACCJC and its representatives are considered peers of the college they are evaluating, ultimately it is the ACCJC, not the college, that will decide the college's accreditation status and any subsequent steps the college must take to better this status.

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