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**KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.**  
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**THOMAS E. HENRY**  
Special Trustee

Special Trustee  
Compton Community College District

Dear Special Trustee Henry:

The fall semester began on Saturday, August 24, 2013 and the campus is vibrant with El Camino College Compton Center students. I would like to thank the faculty, staff, and the administrators for all the work that has been done over the past couple of weeks to prepare for the fall semester.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, September, 3, 2013. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m., with open session commencing at 5:00 p.m. The board agenda is highlighted by the public hearing and recommended adoption of the 2013-2014 Compton Community College District Final Budget. The 2013-2014 Final Budget is available online at:

[http://district.compton.edu/district\\_budget/index.asp](http://district.compton.edu/district_budget/index.asp).

During the board meeting, Felipe Lopez, Chief Business Officer, will provide a presentation on the 2013-2014 Final Budget. In addition, at the board meeting, there will be a presentation on the results from the recent Community Survey, by Gene Ulm, from Public Opinion Strategies.

The September 3, 2013 Board Agenda includes the following:

- A. The consent section includes various purchase orders necessary for operation of the District and the El Camino College Compton Center; as well as all personnel actions.
- B. The action agenda includes the second reading and adoption of the revised Board Policy 6200 - Budget Preparation; the second reading and adoption of the revised Board Policy 6750 - Parking; and approval of budget transfers;
- C. The discussion/information agenda includes discussing elected Board of Trustees memberships in organizations; the Special Trustee Advisory Committee and the Measure CC Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting dates; the board meeting presentations and reports schedule for 2013; and the Quarterly Financial Status Report.

The items below are included for your perusal:

1. Memo from Ricky Shabazz dated August 29, 2013, regarding El Camino College Compton Center Foster Care Education Program.
2. Memo from Patricia Bonacic, Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee dated August 29, 2013, outlining the PBC's Recommendations for the 2013-2014 Compton Community College District's Final Budget.
3. Memo from Linda Owens dated August 29, 2013, providing an update on the Compton Facilities Project.
4. Memo from Reuben James dated August 29, 2013, providing a list of the Special Events for the month of August 2013.
5. Compton Community College District and El Camino College Compton Center News Releases for August 15, 2013 through August 29, 2013.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the September 3, 2013 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 September 3, 2013 board meeting.

Sincerely,



Keith Curry, CEO

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

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**EL CAMINO COLLEGE COMPTON CENTER  
STUDENT SERVICES  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** DR. KEITH CURRY, CEO  
**FROM:** DR. RICKY SHABAZZ, DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** OVERVIEW OF THE FKCE PROGRAM  
**DATE:** 8/29/2013

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The Foster Care Educational Program (FKCE) is a state funded program that trains foster parents. Foster parents must attend FKCE training to maintain their foster care license. The FKCE Program received an allocation of \$130,164 for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. We plan to offer approximately 70 FKCE workshops during the 2013/2014 fiscal year. State FKCE requirements mandate that we hire professional experts to teach FKCE workshops for foster parents. Thirteen professional experts were hired to conduct workshops for the FKCE Program. The professional experts appear on the September board agenda.

The FKCE Program has mandated workshops which address key skill areas for foster parents. These skill areas include the following topics. Behavior Management/Positive Discipline; Grief & Loss, Role, Rights, and Responsibilities of a Kinship or Foster Parent Care Provider; Accessing Community Resources available to Foster Children; Emancipation of Teens; and Emotional/Behavior Problems.

The experience and training that the professional experts bring to the FKCE Program includes life experience as foster/kinship parents and qualified trainers who provide workshops for other community colleges. The professional experts are qualified trainers who have extensive experience in foster care.

Workshops take place on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9am – 12pm, Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm, and some Saturdays. Classes are scheduled to begin September 18, 2013. All of the workshops take place in the Foster Care Building on the Compton Center campus.

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Keith Curry, CEO

From: Trish Bonacic, Chair Planning and Budget Committee

Date: August 29, 2013

Subject: PBC Recommendation for Approval of Final Draft of 2013-2014  
Compton Community College District Budget

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On August 27, 2013 the Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) met to review and discuss the final proposed 2013-2014 District Budget. Over the past few months the committee has met twice monthly to review budget assumptions, revisions and updated information from the State. Yesterday the PBC voted unanimously to recommend that the CEO accept the Compton Community College District Final Budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

It is understood that the beginning budget may vary slightly as it is still being finalized. It is also understood that portions of the budget are based on estimates that may change, over the course of the year, and that any changes will be brought forward for discussion at future committee meetings.

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** DR. KEITH CURRY, CEO  
**FROM:** LINDA OWENS, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND OPERATIONS  
**SUBJECT:** COMPTON CAMPUS PROJECTS UPDATE (BOND AND STATE FUNDED PROJECTS)  
**DATE:** 8/29/13

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**General** - In general, current projects at the District are moving forward. The Facilities, Business, and Administration offices have been working together to process contractor/consultant invoices timely. Blanket Purchase Orders for the Bond Projects opened in the 2012/13 fiscal year will remain open indefinitely based on contract amounts and construction schedules to assist with tracking expenses/invoices against each project.

**LRC Project**

Due to the unique nature of the work necessary to determine the exact construction scope necessary to complete, closeout/certify and ultimately open the Library Learning Resource Center based on the schedule in the NTD/PCM3 contract, it was recommended and determined to use the process allowed by California Code section 4526 (Lease Lease Back) to include the completion contractor as part of the team that develops that scope of work. P.H. Hagopian, as the board approved Lease Lease Back contractor, had various sub-contractors verify the scope of work for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, elevators and site work and put together a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$3.2 Million to finish the LRC construction. Their final GMP was board approved in August 2013.

Final acceptance of the LRC project by DSA will also require the closeout of construction change documents (CCD) for the LRC Project. Initially, there were 160 outstanding change orders (CCD). With further review by the Architect, 135 change orders have already been DSA approved, leaving only 25 change orders still in need of DSA approval.

**HVAC Modifications** - The Chevron settlement agreement is pending. NTD/PCM3 has provided the District with a peer review of the current HVAC system. At least one air handler unit was recommended for replacement because the unit is undersized.

**II. Music Building Renovation (Y-Area / Little Theater)** – The current total project budget is \$ 1 Million. WLC Architect, the new architect of record for this project, continues to meet monthly with the District to prepare new design documents for DSA submittal.

**III. Server Room and MIS Building Enhancements** –Phase 1 of the project was substantially completed in November 2012. Remaining phases are dependent upon future budget allocations. The District approved the purchase of additional server equipment in May 2013; and the additional security equipment in June 2013. Installation is scheduled for September after construction clears around the building.

**IV. Phase 1 - Central Plant / Stadium Lighting** – Exterior walls are being prepared for plaster, metal siding, and louver installation. Interior utility rough-ins for plumbing and electrical is continuing. Interior drywall was installed on one side of the building in preparation for DSA Inspection. The District has taken occupancy of the Central Plant maintenance yard, although Pinner still uses the area for ongoing construction. The Stadium Lighting design was also approved by DSA on May 24; fabrication of the Stadium Lighting is complete. The locations of two of the poles on the west side near MLB were adjusted to avoid conflicts with existing utilities associated with MLB, necessitating modification to the light head orientation on these poles. This orientation takes place in the manufacturer's shop. Poles will be scheduled for shipment once site is prepared. Over excavation and re-compaction for the Stadium lights to the east has begun. The soil for the stadium Lights to the west will require compaction grouting which is scheduled to begin 8/14 and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. The compaction grouting for the north light pole is ongoing. That light was relocated closer to the fence to avoid interference with the track and long jump lanes. Lighting poles are tentatively scheduled to be delivered in September.

**Phase 1 – Utility Infrastructure** – Construction is progressing in Segment 7, which includes the Main road from the Math/Science Building intersection to the east side of the Administration Building. The access along the Main road will be blocked through October 2013. The scope of work includes the installation of 10" Fire line, Sanitary Sewer line, gas line, communication and main electrical lines and the complete redesign of the sidewalk and court yard. Installation of concrete curbs has begun. Installation of chilled water lines, storm drain, gas, water and fire main in Segments 3 and 6 near the Math/Science Road is nearing completion, electrical and communications is following immediately behind the completion of these items. This area will remain closed through mid-September.

**Retention Basin** -The District submitted a request to the State to utilize bid savings to fill-in the retention basin at the south end of Campus with an underground piping system; the request was approved. The design phase for the retention basin underground system is complete; the contractor is currently pricing the new design and soliciting shop drawing from the subcontractor.

**V. Phase II – Utility Infrastructure** – Installation of the asphalt at Lot F and the east Greenleaf entrance was completed just before the start of Fall Semester. Approximately 95% of Parking Lot F is available for parking. The contractor continues to install lighting poles as they are received onsite. Construction along the East Corridor of the Row buildings is complete. The area west and east of the Administration Building is in progress, the scope of work includes the installation of Chilled water, Gas, Sewer and Domestic Water and Fire Water lines.

**VI. Allied Health Building** – The Allied Health Building bids were rejected in April 2013. As of August 15, 2013, the District received approval from the State Chancellor's Office and Department of Finance to re-bid the project. Documents are being prepared for rebid.



## OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
From: Reuben James, Director of Fiscal Affairs  
Date: August 29, 2013  
Subject: August Events

Below is the list of the special events that are scheduled for the month of August 2013

<b>Benefit Sign Ups</b>	August 1, 2013 8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Staff Lounge
<b>Upward Bound</b>	August 1, 2013 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	F-12B, VT 127, 212B,226A
<b>Cocaine Anonymous</b>	August 1 – Dec. 28, 2013 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm (Sat)	V-70
<b>EOPS Orientation</b>	August 5 – 22, 2013 9:00 am – 10:30 am & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Staff Lounge
<b>Counseling-Student Probation</b>	August 6 – 23, 2013 (Tues/Wed) 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Wednesday	VT-209
<b>Counseling-Student Probation</b>	August 27 – Dec. 11, 2013 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Wednesday	Y-99
<b>Athletic Orientation</b>	August 7, 2013 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Student Lounge

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<b>FYE Information Sessions</b>	August 7 – 15, 2013 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	D-29
<b>Upward Bound Closing Ceremony</b>	August 9, 2013 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Student Lounge
<b>Athletics Car Wash</b>	August 10, 30, 2013 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Parking Lot “A”
<b>Student Services Meeting</b>	August 16, 2013 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Staff Lounge
<b>Outreach-NSWD</b>	August 21, 2013 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Gym, Student/Staff lounge Y-99
<b>FYE Orientation</b>	August 21, 2013 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	Student/staff lounge, Y-99, E-10, 19, 20
<b>Flex Day</b>	August 23, 2013 8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Student Lounge
<b>I Have A Dream Speech-Congress-Woman Janice Hahn</b>	August 28, 2013 1:00 pm – 3:00pm	Student Lounge





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## Compton Community College District

### Notice of Hearing

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

#### THE BUDGET OF THE COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget of the District for the year ending June 30, 2014, prior to final adoption as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 5 section 58301.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Compton Community College District Board Room, 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221, September 3, commencing at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and residents of the District may appear and express their views concerning any item contained within the proposed budget.

The proposed budget is on file and available for public inspection in the Compton Community College District CEO Office, Building "A", 1111 E. Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90221 beginning August 23, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# THE COMPTON BULLETIN, August 28, 2013

## El Camino College Compton Center English instructor helps students publish literary work

[www.thebulletinweekly.com/news/2013-08-28/Front Page/El Camino College Compton Center English instructo.html](http://www.thebulletinweekly.com/news/2013-08-28/Front Page/El Camino College Compton Center English instructo.html)



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**For Immediate Release**

**August 27, 2013**

## **Compton Community College District Board to Meet September 3**

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items. All regular session Board meetings are open to the public.

Please note that beginning July 16, all board meetings will now begin an hour earlier at 4:00 p.m. for the closed session, followed by the open session at 5:00 p.m.

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).

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**August 15, 2013**

## **El Camino College Compton Center to Host “New Student Welcome Day” August 21**

El Camino College Compton Center invites incoming students to attend “New Student Welcome Day” on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. This orientation is the ideal way for new students to begin acclimating to college life. Touring the campus, meeting faculty and new friends, as well as becoming familiar with student services, are the first steps in charting a course for success at El Camino College Compton Center. Check-in will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Tartar gymnasium, and the orientation will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will also be provided to registered students.

Participants will also have a chance to meet with academic advisors; register for classes; get a firsthand account of campus life from current students; and visit the student services, academic programs and departments’ showcase. These informative workshops and activities are designed to give students, who ultimately plan to transfer to a four-year institution, the tools they need to be prepared for their first day of classes and beyond.

In addition, students who have already enrolled in ECC Compton Center’s First Year Experience (FYE) program will have an orientation immediately following the conclusion of New Student Welcome Day from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. The FYE program is effective in helping students excel in their first year of college by providing a supportive learning community that includes educational and career services.

For more information on FYE visit: [www.compton.edu/student-services/fye/aboutfye.aspx](http://www.compton.edu/student-services/fye/aboutfye.aspx).

To RSVP for New Student Welcome Day, students may call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2765, or visit [www.compton.edu/student-services/nswd.aspx](http://www.compton.edu/student-services/nswd.aspx).

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# News

## First-generation student credits El Camino College Compton Center with providing a solid academic foundation and transfer success

El Camino College Compton Center alumna Joseph Romero Reyes recently fulfilled his life long academic goal of being accepted to a four year university when he transferred to the University of California, Merced in spring 2013 to major in psychology. He is the first member of his family to attend college.

Romero Reyes graduated from Vista High School in Lynwood, Calif., in 2006 and like many high school graduates, he was not sure of his career direction and was not really aware of the resources available to aid him with access to higher education.

His passion for sports broadcasting and video editing inspired him to attend film school, which later helped him acquire an internship position for a television news program. After working for a while in the broadcasting field, he felt his current level of education was not enough to help him advance in a corporate career, so



Joseph Romero-Reyes

he decided to pursue a degree in psychology.

As a child, Romero Reyes suffered from anxiety disorder and consequently the disorder became the reason he decided to become a counselor and help others. "Being a kid with anxiety disorder is hard enough, and having non English speaking parents made it more difficult to receive the ad-

equate treatment for my condition," says Romero Reyes. "I want to pursue a career in psychology not only to have financial security, but also to help non-English speaking, low income families like my own with psychological counseling in their language and at affordable rates."

When he asked peers and relatives for advice on which college to attend, ECC Compton Center was recommended for its quality academic environment and convenient location. After researching the local community colleges, he made the choice to enroll at ECC Compton Center in 2010.

"El Camino College Compton Center exceeded my expectations and allowed me to acquire the adequate tools, as well as helped me establish a solid academic foundation which propelled me to the four year university level," said Romero Reyes. He made the most of his ECC Compton Center experience by taking a

leadership role as an ASB officer, serving as the Commissioner of Classes and Curriculum.

Romero Reyes credits the work study program and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) for providing the necessary resources to attend college. He was hired as an ECC Compton Center student worker and received assistance with expenses through EOPS.

"EOPS helped me by providing encouragement and moral support through the program's knowledgeable counselors, and also assisted me financially with book vouchers or book loans and gas cards," said Romero Reyes.

"Thanks to the experience I gained at ECC Compton Center, I know I will make my dreams a reality."

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"I am looking forward to joining the city and in working with the Mayor and council, city staff and the community!"**

— Carson City Manager Sam Ghaly

## Hawthorne mayor facing more charges

By Staff Reports

Hawthorne Mayor Danny Juarez, who was already facing perjury charges, is now facing four new perjury counts alleging he deposited about \$25,000 in political donations into his personal bank account and failed to disclose the sources.

Juarez was originally indicted Oct. 17, 2012, on two counts of perjury for allegedly receiving \$2,000 from a business to pay off campaign debts and failing to disclose it on campaign forms.

Deputy District Attorney Mat Huntsman said the new charges, filed last Monday, arose from an ongoing investigation. According to prosecutors, the alleged crimes occurred between March 2009 and March 2012.

In one instance, Juarez allegedly received \$2,500 from the American Youth Soccer Organization and claimed to have donated it to the Officer Andrew Garton Memorial Fund, prosecutors said.

Garton, 44, a Hawthorne police officer, was killed in a motorcycle wreck May 26, 2011, while escorting a funeral motorcade for a Manhattan Beach police officer who died of cancer. Garton collided with El Segundo police Sgt. Rex Fowler, who also was escorting the motorcade on a motorcycle. Fowler suffered a broken leg.

Prosecutors also contend that Juarez received money from individuals and businesses including Gold's Gym and the Islamic Center of Hawthorne, telling them the funds would be used to pay off campaign debts but instead depositing the money in his personal accounts and failing to report the donations.

If convicted, Juarez faces up to five years in state prison. He was elected to the Hawthorne City Council in 2007 and is the second Hawthorne mayor to face legal troubles.



Hawthorne Mayor Danny Juarez

Larry Guidi was the city's mayor when he was charged in June 2010 with the theft of a commercial food mixer taken from the Hawthorne School District, where he worked as a warehouse operations manager.

Guidi pleaded guilty Feb. 8, 2012, to a felony grand theft charge and was sentenced to one year on probation and 100 hours of community service.

## Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker January 15, 2013

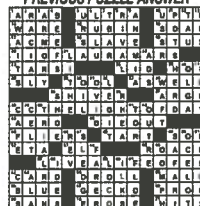
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- 32 Old-style PC monitor
- 35 Superlative finish
- 36 Agatha Christie's genre
- 38 Yen maiden fair
- 39 Get the point of
- 40 Some bridge players
- 41 Inlet at the shore
- 42 Area of Venice

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- 44 Allowing seepage
- 46 Tooth next to a premolar
- 48 They may be grand
- 49 Hot and sticky
- 50 Severely injured, in a way
- 52 "Who wants ice cream?" response
- 53 Colossal lack of success
- 58 Fleur-de— (Quebec symbol)
- 59 Catch up with again, as in sports
- 60 Make lean, in a way
- 61 Adclams Family relation
- 62 What sultana grapes lack
- 63 Something from the oven
- 64 Musical
- 65 melange
- 66 Hank of hair
- 67 Follows a stream's path
- 68 Bi and Hillary's alma mater
- 69 New mother, at times
- 70 Trilogy finale
- 71 A fine cotton
- 72 Big name in footwear
- 73 Three-to-five-alarm dish
- 74 Embezzler's worry
- 75 Marching-band flutes
- 76 Critter in house dust
- 77 What red indicates in litmus tests
- 78 Baseball Hall of Famer (1973 Spanish-language hit song)
- 79 Wee Reese
- 80 Area 51 craft
- 81 Ewe wooer
- 82 Airport posting (Abbr.)

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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## Southland marks 50th anniversary of March on Washington

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The Rev. William Smart, president and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California, spoke at the ceremony held at El Camino College's Compton Center Wednesday.



Elected officials including City Council President Herb Wesson, City Councilman Curren Price and Assembly Speaker John Perez attended last Saturday's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington at Leimert Park.

Rallies and discussions were held across the Southland Wednesday to mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, best remembered for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

A collection of activists gathered outside Los Angeles City Hall for an event called the "Promissory Note Civil Rights Rally."

It was inspired by the portion of the speech in which King declared that when "the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence<sup>17</sup> they

were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir,” but “America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned.”

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, president of Community Coalition, said at the event that the 50th anniversary of the march should reinvigorate efforts to ensure equality.

“We want to remember the March on Washington to call on the moral conscience of the country, but also to call on the moral conscience of Angelenos across this land and the folks that make decisions about our people every day,” he said.

More than 200 airport workers and supporters held a midday march and rally calling for good jobs at Los Angeles International Airport, while a community event marking the speech’s anniversary was held at El Camino College’s Compton Center, including remarks by Rep. Janice Hahn, D-San Pedro, and a panel discussion on the speech’s impact in 1963 and now. Panel participants included former Councilman Robert Farrell.

A “Stand-In for Jobs and Freedom” was held at the corner of Crenshaw and Martin Luther King Jr. boulevards in the Crenshaw district at which a challenge was issued to 50 Los Angeles employers to take the “Freedom at 50 Jobs Pledge” of hiring at least one minority employee to commemorate the 1963 March of Washington, according to organizer Earl Ofari Hutchinson.

“Jobs and freedom was the goal of the 1963 march,” said Hutchinson, the president of the Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable. “Our L.A. March on Washington Stand-In commemoration is a direct call to action on the part of public officials and business leaders to tackle the chronic crisis of minority unemployment, especially among young African-Americans.

“That goal was compelling in 1963 and just as compelling today.”

A musical and dance tribute “Dance the Dream” was held at Nokia Plaza at L.A. Live Wednesday evening, followed by a video screening of “The Dream @ 50,” featuring videotaped performances by artists including Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Usher and Common.

A “commemoration and call to action” titled “Reclaim The Riches of Freedom, Regain the Security of Justice” was held at Holman United Methodist Church in Jefferson Park.