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**Compton Community College District's CEO Lawrence Cox
Appointed to Statewide Commission on the Future**

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Lawrence Cox, CEO of Compton Community College District, was recently selected as a member of the California Community College League's Commission on the Future. The commission is part of the League's strategic plan and will focus on policy and practice changes that can meet the increasing calls to improve student success.

"It is a tremendous honor for me to be selected to serve on this commission," said Cox. "Academic and career success for community college students is of utmost importance to me and I look forward to working with the other members of the commission to develop a plan that ensures student success in community colleges throughout the state."

Cox is one of a 33-member group selected from a pool of more than 130 applicants and appointed by the Community College League of California to report on "A 2020 Vision for Student Success." The Commission on the Future will focus on benchmarking ways to help community college students successfully enroll in and complete educational and training programs to help them reach their life goals. Following its work during the first half of 2010, the Commission will present its report next summer.

Ben Duran, Superintendent/President of the Merced Community College District will serve as chairperson of the Commission, and Barbara Dunsheath, Vice President of the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees, will serve as vice chairperson of the Commission. Doug Otto, Trustee of the Long Beach Community College District, will also assist in leading the Commission as chairperson of the California Community Colleges Trustees Student Success Task Force.

Cox brings more than 25 years of academic experience and leadership to the Commission. He has served as CEO of the Compton Community College District since July 2008. In addition, he held the position of provost at El Camino College Compton Center from 2008-2010. He is a proven leader in academic administration, institutional research and strategic planning, having served as an educational and research consultant during his career. Prior to joining the Compton Community College District, Cox was the provost of Stark State College of Technology in Ohio. He served as president of Olive Harvey College in Chicago from 1995-2002; and he was president of Shelby State Community College in Memphis from 1990-1994.

He has a bachelor's degree in education, a master's in educational psychology and a doctorate in sociology, all from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Cox is a graduate of the Institute of Management at Harvard University, the Yale School of Management for Leadership, and the American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Academy.

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