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Compton Community College District Special Trustee
Appoints Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee Members

Eight community members were recently appointed by Compton Community College District (CCCD) Special Trustee Thomas Henry, to serve on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. As outlined in Education Code Section 15278, the role of the District’s Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee is to “inform the public concerning the District’s expenditure of revenues received from the sale of bonds authorized by the voters.” Members are appointed for either a one- or two-year term, with a two-term maximum, and they do not receive any compensation or benefits for their service.

Under the requirements of Assembly Bill 1908, which became effective with the voters’ approval of Proposition 39, the Governing Board is required to appoint an independent citizens oversight committee of at least seven people. And, each member must represent one of the following constituencies: a local business, a senior group, a bona fide taxpayer’s association, an enrolled student active in a student group, and an active member of a college supporting organization, such as the foundation or a community advisory group. No district employee or official, vendor, contractor, or consultant may serve on the committee.

The newly appointed Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee members are:

Bruce Boyden (Chair) is the manager of the Early Education Services Division of the Community Development Institute Head Start in Long Beach. Boyden also served, in an appointed position, on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees from August 2009 to December 2009. He earned a master’s degree in education at Almeda University in Idaho and a Bachelor of Arts degree in social psychology with a minor in child development from Pepperdine University.

Martha Brown (Vice Chair), a board member and treasurer of the National Black Music Caucus (NASPAAM), is a retired music specialist who worked for the Los Angeles and Long Beach Unified School Districts. Brown served as a supervisor of student teachers in music education at California State University, Long Beach. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from the Chicago Musical College division at Roosevelt University; a Master’s of Music degree from Western Michigan University; a Master’s of Music Therapy degree from the University of Kansas; and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.
L.C. Green, Jr. is the founder of LC Green & Associates, Inc., a tax planning and financial management company. He has 27 years of experience in tax accounting and financial management. Certified by the California State Department of Insurance and the Tax Preparers Program, Green teaches continuing education for insurance and tax professionals. In addition, he was an instructor at three colleges in Los Angeles County, teaching accounting, bookkeeping, taxation, and financial management courses.

Jasmine Haynes, an El Camino College Compton Center student, is the current Associated Student Body (ASB) Commissioner of Financial Aid. She has demonstrated leadership skills in roles that involve helping fellow students achieve their educational goals. Haynes was a member of ECC Compton Center’s First Year Experience Program.

Dennis Lord serves as the public affairs and governmental relations director for the Southern California Gas Company in the South Bay/ Harbor area. He is also of board member of the Foundation for the CCCD. He was born in San Pedro, raised in Wilmington, and is an active member of many Harbor-area organizations including the Los Angeles Port development. Lord holds a Master in Business Administration from Pepperdine University.

Kenyelle Smalley is an agent with Farmers Insurance, and oversees the daily operations of her L.L.C. She is a board member for the Compton Chamber of Commerce. Smalley earned an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts from West Los Angeles City College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations with a minor in marketing from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Arturo Ramos is a Neighborhood Preservation Officer for the City of Lynwood. He is a member of the Lynwood Unified School District’s Parent Organizing Network and treasurer for Lynwood Save Our Students. He has also served as an officer for several advisory committees and advocacy groups supporting the Lynwood Unified School District. Ramos earned a degree in computer engineering from California State University, Long Beach.

Artricia Woods is director of programs, operations, and administration at Comprehensive Community Services of South Bay, Inc. She has more than 20 years experience developing and implementing successful programs and services while complying with organizational budgets and goals. Woods is also the owner/broker of Affinity Real Estate and Mortgage Services. She earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from University of Phoenix.

The next meeting of the CCCD Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee will be an educational/informational retreat on July 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Regular committee meetings, which are held in the CCCD Boardroom, will resume in September and 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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