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Special Trustee Advisory Committee Members Appointed for the Compton Community College District

The Special Trustee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) appointed six members to the Special Trustee Advisory Committee to serve a one-year term. The committee will meet a minimum of four times per year, and all committee meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom, located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221.

As outlined in AB 318, the CCCD Special Trustee Advisory Committee is organized “to advise the Special Trustee with respect to the management of the Compton Community College District.”

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee Members include:

Domitila Aguilar resides in South Gate and is employed by the Lynwood Unified School District as a second and sixth grade teacher. Aguilar has served on several advisory committees relating to education and was president of the Lynwood Unified School District Board from 1998-2003. Aguilar received a master’s degree in education from the University of Phoenix; a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies from California State University, Long Beach; and AVID training from San Diego State University.

Amirah Hendrickson (committee vice chairwoman) is employed by the Los Angeles Superior Court as court manager/administrator in the Civil Operations Division. She is the owner of Azuri Tours and Travel, Inc. and Azuri Passport and Visa Services. In 2010, Hendrickson received the Black Business Portrait from the Carson Black Chamber of Commerce. Hendrickson received a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and an associate degree in general education from West Los Angeles College.

Marie Hollis is the president of Concerned Citizens of Compton, Inc. Hollis is an active member of many other organizations including the American Association of University Women and the National Association for Equal Justice in America. Hollis earned a master’s degree from the University of Oklahoma, and a bachelor’s degree from Langston University. Hollis taught math in Oklahoma and for the Los Angeles Unified School District where she served as chairwoman of the math department for 15 years and as school counselor for 22 years. She is the recipient of many awards including: Woman of the Year Award from Assemblyman Isadore Hall; the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award from Senator Rod Wright; and Mayor of Los Angeles Tom Bradley’s “Apple for the Teacher” Award.

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Lestean Johnson (committee chairwoman) 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 earned a doctorate degree in education with an emphasis on literacy, and a master's degree in business management.

Cynthia Macon has resided in Compton since 1963. She served as marketing director for Voyager Software in Santa Monica. Macon is a member of the Concerned Citizens of Compton and the National Association for Equality and Justice in America. 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; and Sheriff Baca's Annual Community Day. Macon is a recipient of the City of Compton Volunteer Award.

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. She also recently served on the CCCD Redistricting Committee. Verrett earned a master's degree in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills; a bachelor's degree in political science, and an associate degree in administration of justice from El Camino College.

More information on meeting dates for 2014 and the role of the committee may be found by visiting the District website: district.compton.edu/board_of_trustees/special-trustee/special-trustee-advisory-committee.asp.

About the Compton Community College District

CCCD Board of Trustees 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.