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Foundation for the Compton Community College District Announces Newly Appointed Board Members

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) is pleased to announce the recently appointed Board of Directors for the Foundation for the Compton Community College District.

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District was established in 2009 with the mission of maintaining and expanding educational programs and services to students. Through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas, the Foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other needed resources to El Camino College Compton Center students. The Foundation also supports programs and services that enhance the academic environment.

The members of the Foundation Board of Directors are:

Tony Williams, Foundation President – is a senior manager of training at Southern California Edison (SCE) where he has served for 18 years. He has also held leadership positions with the following organizations: the East Los Angeles Skills Center, the CSULA engineering & technology advisory board, USC Community Computing Center, and the Rim2Rim youth basketball program. He earned a MBA degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from California State University, Chico.

Sherri Franklin, Foundation Vice-President – is a principal partner of Urban Design Center and specializes in economic development. She has experience in securing grant, subsidized, and conventional funding for affordable housing and recreational and community development projects. Her work has given her the opportunity to develop long-term relationships with several nonprofit organizations including: Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles, the Center for Community Change, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

Melia Keller, Foundation Secretary – is the President/CEO of Mid Cities Credit Union. She also volunteers with the National Youth Involvement Board to promote financial literacy. Keller honed her leadership skills while serving as a sergeant in the United States Army Reserve Special Operations Command, and received multiple commendations including the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Badge. She has a master's degree in business and is a graduate of the Western CUNA Management School.

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Dennis Lord currently serves as public affairs and government relations director for the Southern California Gas Company. Lord is involved with the Port of Los Angeles development, industry competitiveness, regional air quality, economic development, and business and customer retention issues with local, state, and federal offices. He earned his MBA degree from Pepperdine University.

Rodney Murray is the dean of the Career and Technical Education, Math and Science Divisions at El Camino College Compton Center. He has taught business courses at ECC Compton Center for the past 14 years. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in human services with a specialization in Criminal Justice from Capella University. He received his MBA degree and a Bachelor's Degree in science and business from the University of Redlands.

Paul Simpson is the founder and CEO of SageTel International, a company specializing in wireless location-based networks. He is also the co-founder and chief operating officer of Elite Skills Basketball Academy. Simpson has served on Marin Academy's Board of Trustees for the past five years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business management and economics from University of California, Santa Cruz.

Ikaweba Bunting, professor of Ethnic Studies, Behavioral and Social Science Division at El Camino College Compton Center. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wales.

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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