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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) has appointed eight members to the Special Trustee Advisory Committee. The committee will meet a minimum of four times per year, and all committee meetings are open to the public. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

As outlined in AB 318, the CCCD Special Trustee Advisory Committee is organized exclusively for the following purposes:

- Provide advice to the Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District regarding policy matters that affect the District and its operations;
- Promote community awareness of the District's efforts, focus on quality instruction, educational mission, fiscal stability and ultimately accreditation.
- Foster community support for the District

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee Members include:

Domitila Aguilar currently 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 Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from California State University, Long Beach. She received her master's degree in governance from the California School Board Association, a master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix, and AVID Training from San Diego State University.

Amelia Apple is a returning El Camino College Compton Center student, who is majoring in technical theatre. Inspired by student leaders she met on campus, Apple became a volunteer for the Associated Student Body (ASB) and served on campus governance committees, such as the Tartar Safety Committee. She was later elected as the ASB secretary. After the resignation of the Associated Student Body president, Apple was selected by her peers to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. She is also a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society, and has future plans to earn her associate degree, a bachelor's degree, and also a master's or law degree.

Oscar J. Edwards is the chief executive of AgriCept, Inc., which provides consulting services in the renewable energy sectors. Prior to his position at AgriCept, Inc., Edwards founded Computer Systems Integration & Configuration, Inc. (CSIC) in 1999, transforming the business into a prominent nationwide technology consulting firm serving the U.S. government and Homeland Security, bringing many city and national awards to his credit. As a Compton native, Edwards returned to the city in 2007 to serve on the Compton Housing and Advisory Appeals Board by appointment of Mayor Eric Perrodin.

Amirah Hendrickson is employed by the Los Angeles Superior Court as court manager/administrator in the Civil Operations Division, and is the owner of Azuri Tours and Travel, Inc. and Azuri Passport and Visa Services. Hendrickson is also founder and CEO of the Foundation for Bridging the World Through Travel Corporation.

In 2009, Hendrickson received the Humanitarian Award Work on the Continent of Africa and in 2010 she received the Black Business Portrait from the Carson Black Chamber of Commerce.

Hendrickson is an active member of the International Association of Travel Agents Network (IATAN) and a board member of the Africa Travel Association (ATA) of Southern California. Hendrickson received her Associate of Arts degree in general education from West Los Angeles College and her Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Marie Hollis is the president of Concerned Citizens of Compton, Inc.; president of the Committee to Save Compton Community College; and president of the South Bay Retirement Residence. Hollis is an active member of many other organizations including the American Association of University Women, Board of Directors for the Camp Fire Council, Inc., and the National Association for Equal Justice in America.

Hollis earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Langston University and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma. Hollis taught math in Oklahoma and for the Los Angeles Unified School District where she served as chairperson of the math department for 15 years and as school counselor for 22 years.

In 2011 she received the Woman of the Year Award from Assemblyman Isadore Hall of Compton. In 2010 she was also honored as the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award from Senator Rod Wright of Inglewood. Hollis has also received an award as one of the top ten counselors in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and Mayor Tom Bradley's "Apple for the Teacher" Award, among other honors.

Dr. Lestean Johnson 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 holds a master's degree in business management; and a doctorate degree in education with an emphasis on literacy.

Cynthia Macon has resided in Compton since 1963. She began her career in Silicon Valley as a marketing and public relations specialist and was marketing director for Voyager Software in Santa Monica, Calif. Macon is a member of the Committee to Save Compton Community College; the Concerned Citizens of Compton; and the National Association for Equality and Justice in America. She has also served as a member of the first Special Trustee Advisory Board for the Compton Community College District.

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; Our Author's Club; and Sheriff Baca's Annual Community Day. Macon received the City of Compton Volunteer Award for improving the image of the city through her worldwide radio, television, print, and public relations campaign publicizing the multiple historic, world-record-breaking achievements of child-pilots at Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum located at the Compton Airport.

Wilma Wilson is the founder and executive director of Peace & Joy Care Center, a nonprofit organization for battered women and their children. She is also co-pastor of the Peace & Joy Christian Church. Wilson is currently a member of the California State Cultural Competency Committee for Domestic Violence, the National Organization for College Women, the California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is also a member of the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Honor Society in Psychology, the Kappa Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and is president of the Carson Women's Club.

In 2008, Wilson received the Democratic Woman of the Year Award and was one of seven City of Carson Magnificent Women of 2008. She received Carson's Harmony Award, the Addie Patterson Award for Outstanding Community Development Services to the City of Compton, and the Bank of America Community Catalyst Award in 1998, in addition to numerous other accolades. Wilson earned her Associate of Science degree in nursing from the former Compton Community College; her Bachelor of Science degree in counseling from California State University, Los Angeles; a Master of Science degree in psychology from Pepperdine University; and a juris doctorate degree from Pacific Coast University School of Law.

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.