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Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair  
Senate Budget Committee  
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## **RE: Compton Community College District Budget Proposal**

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Ting:

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**KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.**  
Provost/CEO

On behalf of Compton Community College District, we would like to request an allocation of \$11,302,425 for one-time costs and the provision of stabilization funding for any decline in full-time student enrollment as the El Camino College Compton Center transitions into a fully accredited and independent institution within Compton CCD.

In April 2017, we presented our Recovery Plan/Funding Request, which was reviewed by the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), who concluded that “FCMAT agrees that one-time funding is needed to restart Compton College as an independent institution and to be fully accredited. The amount that FCMAT can validate is \$11,302,425, which would facilitate the transition and allow the college to register students beginning with the 2019-2020 year.”

In June 2006, the former Compton College accreditation was revoked by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). At that time, the former Compton Community College ceased to exist; a partnership with El Camino Community College District was formed, and the Compton Center was established to serve the diverse communities within Compton CCD. In 2015, ACCJC granted eligibility status for the Compton Center. In January 2017, El Camino College submitted a Self-Evaluation Report for the Compton Center to ACCJC for Candidacy status. In March 2017, an ACCJC external evaluation team reviewed the Compton Center Self-Evaluation Report and conducted a site visit of the Compton Center. ACCJC will consider the Compton Center’s application for Candidacy, which includes the letter of application, the Compton Center Self-Evaluation Report, and the ACCJC external evaluation team report at its June 2017 meeting.

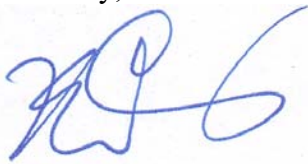
The Compton Center operates under the authority of El Camino Community College District, an accredited institution. Since 2006, under the authority of a state-appointed Special Trustee, Compton CCD has remained a legal entity with responsibilities for facilities, local/state bond funds, district property, and employees. Compton CCD has worked collegially and collaboratively with El Camino Community College

District in supporting the goal of moving the Compton Center to a stand-alone accredited institution within Compton CCD. Assembly Bill 318 and applicable Education Code Section 71093 (a), provided the steps for the return of local governance to the elected Compton CCD Board of Trustees. On February 14, 2017, local governance was restored to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees.

Since 2006, much progress has been made towards achieving initial accreditation status for the Compton Center and the return of local governance to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees. The one-time funding request of \$11,302,425 will serve to support the Compton Center's information technology, police department, and staffing needs. Furthermore, the request for stabilization funding will ensure the Compton Center has the financial resources necessary to serve our diverse student population once the Compton Center becomes an accredited college within Compton CCD.

Compton CCD respectfully request \$11,302,425 for one-time costs and enrollment stabilization funding be provided to support the transition of the Compton Center to Compton College. If you have any questions, regarding the Compton CCD Budget Proposal, please contact me at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2000 or by email at [kcurry@elcamino.edu](mailto:kcurry@elcamino.edu).

Sincerely,



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Provost/CEO

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- State Senator Ricardo Lara
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