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Compton Community College District New Board of Trustee Members Elected

On November 3, 2009, three new trustees were elected from a total of nine candidates to serve on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees. With the election of Charles Davis, Trustee Area 1; John P. Hamilton, Trustee Area 2; and Deborah Sims LeBlanc, Trustee Area 4, the District has all five board seats filled.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees members are responsible for attending all Board meetings and key Compton Center events, in addition to advising on policy issues, and participating in trustee education programs. The board serves the Compton Community College District as an advisory panel.

“We are pleased to welcome these new members to the Board of Trustees,” said Peter Landsberger, special trustee for the Compton Community College District. “The number of eligible candidates who ran for trustee positions in this election validates El Camino College Compton Center’s importance to the community and illustrates people’s strong desire to serve the institution’s best interests.”

Since fall 2006, El Camino College has provided educational and necessary support services to residents of the Compton Community College District per an agreement between the two districts. Through this agreement, administration at El Camino College Compton Center is led by Superintendent/President of El Camino College Thomas M. Fallo. Provost/CEO Lawrence M. Cox oversees daily operations at Compton Center, along with state-appointed Special Trustee Landsberger.

The primary intent of the El Camino Community College District/Compton Community College District agreement is to assist with recovery and full accreditation.

Current Board members include: Andres Ramos, Trustee Area 3; Lorraine Cervantes, Trustee Area 1 (which has two seats); and Bruce Boyden, Trustee Area 1, who was appointed in August to fill a vacated seat and will serve until December.

The Compton Community College District welcomes the following new trustees:

Charles Davis, Trustee Area 1

Charles Davis is a longtime Compton resident and served as Compton city clerk for more than 30 years. He is currently retired and works as an independent consultant. He was born and raised in Seattle and moved to Compton in 1971. Two years later, he was elected city clerk.

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Prior to serving as Compton city clerk from 1973-2003, Davis worked as a contract administrator and accountant in the aerospace industry. In addition, he has owned and operated several businesses in Compton over the years including income tax preparation, a travel agency and a restaurant. Davis has served as a board member for the Compton branch of the Salvation Army and the Compton YMCA, as well as held officer positions with the California City Clerk's Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business from California State University, Los Angeles.

John P. Hamilton, Trustee Area 2

John P. Hamilton is director of the New Student and Academic Advancement programs at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He works directly with students, assisting them with adjusting to campus life. He earned a bachelor's in Sociology at California State University (CSU), San Diego and a master's in Education at Loyola Marymount. He received a doctorate in Education from the University of La Verne.

Prior to his current position, Hamilton served as special assistant to the vice president of Academic Affairs at California State University, Long Beach, where he also served on the accreditation team. He continues his service at CSU, Long Beach as a part-time faculty member in the Sociology Department.

Hamilton began his educational career at the University of Southern California (USC), where he assisted with community outreach to middle and high school students to pique their interest in the medical field through math and science programming and mentoring. Additionally, Hamilton has worked with CalWORKS and was an elementary and adult educational classroom teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Deborah Sims LeBlanc, Trustee Area 4

Deborah Sims LeBlanc resides in the city of Paramount, and is an associate professor for the School of Business and Management at National University in Los Angeles where she has taught for 22 years. She previously served as department chair of the Public Administration, Law and Criminal Justice programs at National University.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, LeBlanc moved with her family to Compton in 1966. She attended Lincoln elementary and Kennedy and Walton middle schools, and earned her high school diploma from Pomona High School in 1976.

LeBlanc earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Cal Poly Pomona before going on to earn five different master's degrees over the course of approximately 24 years. She attended USC for her master's in Public Administration before attending the University of La Verne, where she obtained a master's in Management and Organizational Behavior and a doctorate in Public Administration. National University was her next stop, where she earned her final three master's degrees in Human Services, Educational Administration and Cross-cultural Teaching.

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