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Kenneth A. Brown Appointed El Camino Community College District Trustee

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees made a provisional appointment of Inglewood resident Kenneth A. Brown to serve as a trustee until the next regularly scheduled election for Governing Board members, which is November 8, 2011.

Trustees made the appointment after interviewing three candidates at a meeting on December 13. Last month, the Board solicited applicants from Trustee Area One (which includes Inglewood and Ladera Heights) to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Dr. Nathaniel Jackson on November 15.

Brown has worked as an engineer and product controls liaison with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena since 1987, currently working with the Mars Science Laboratory Terminal Descent Sensor. He has also been an adjunct instructor in physics, computer science, math and business at California State University, Dominguez Hills and Santa Monica College. Brown serves on the California Department of Education Technology Advisory Committee, and is an advisory board member for the computer science departments at Santa Monica College and Los Angeles City College.

Brown earned bachelor's degrees in physics and computer science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, and a master's degree in applied physics from Clark Atlanta University.

In addition to being a STEM outreach presenter and a member of the JPL Speakers Bureau, Brown also is a mentor and member of the JPL Minority Education Initiatives Advisory Group, a member of the Inglewood Adult School Advisory Board, and former chairman/executive board member of JobStarts, Inc., a non-profit community service organization.

A co-captain and two-time All-American in track & field athlete while a student at Morehouse College, Brown was also a qualifier at the U.S. track & field Olympic trials. He is still active in the track & field community, serving in different capacities for the Morehouse program, as well as being head timer for the SIAC Track & Field Championships. In addition to his success in track & field, he was also a four-year letterman on the Morehouse College basketball team, which made it to the NCAA Division II "Final Four."

Brown's appointment becomes permanent 30 days from December 13, unless a petition calling for a special election containing a sufficient number of signatures is filed in the office of the county superintendent of schools within that time frame.