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Finalists Selected for El Camino Community College District Trustee Appointment

Three finalists have been selected to fill a vacant position for Trustee Area One on the El Camino Community College District Board. Inglewood residents Kenneth Brown, Mary Bueno, and Marcia Melton Wade were invited for an interview on December 13; the board intends to make a provisional appointment that same day.

Brown, Bueno, and Wade were among 11 candidates who forwarded applications to the Board of Trustees by the December 2 deadline. Last month, the Board solicited applicants from Trustee Area One (which includes Inglewood and Ladera Heights) to serve as an appointed member of the Board of Trustees until the next regularly scheduled election for Governing Board members, which is November 8, 2011.

Brown is an engineer and product controls liaison with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. He has served as an adjunct instructor in physics, computer science, math and business at California State University, Dominguez Hills and Santa Monica College. He serves on the California Department of Education Technology Advisory Committee.

Bueno is an Inglewood attorney and has been actively involved in a variety of community activities. She is a former member of the Inglewood Unified School District Board of Trustees, School Site Council member for Crozier Middle School, and received the Inglewood Mayor's Community Achievement Award in 2007.

Wade is vice president, human resources at Santa Monica College. She has 26 years experience in human resources administration, 13 within community colleges, interacting with employer management teams and labor relations group representatives. She is the former associate vice president, human resources at El Camino College and has served as a mentor for middle and high school girls.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the policy direction of El Camino College, which serves approximately 28,000 students each semester. El Camino College provides vital educational services to the communities of Inglewood, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance.