El Camino Community College District Boundary Review Committee Schedules Five Public Forums

The El Camino Community College District Boundary Review Committee (BRC) has scheduled a series of five public forums in October and November to gather input regarding modifications of current trustee area boundaries.

Members of the public who are interested in discussing the impacts of redistricting on the college’s representation can attend one of the following community meetings. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

October 26: Torrance Cultural Arts Center Garden Room, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance
November 2: Hermosa Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach
November 3: Inglewood City Hall Community Room, 1 West Manchester Blvd., Inglewood
November 9: El Segundo City Hall, 350 Main Street, El Segundo
November 16: Lawndale City Hall, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale

The district, along with many other public agencies and school districts in California, is examining voting practices.

In Fall 2010, the district initiated discussions regarding the process required to modify trustee area boundaries and change from “at large” to “trustee area” elections. The issue has come to the forefront with recent lawsuits against “at-large” voting practices filed against cities and education agencies around the state. New trustee areas would be determined utilizing 2010 census data, and based on population.

Currently, trustees in the El Camino Community College District must live in the trustee area they represent, however residents of the ECCCD vote for trustee candidates “at large;” that is, voters cast their vote for all candidates on the ballot. When voting by “trustee area,” residents would only vote for candidates who reside in their trustee area.

The ECC Boundary Review Committee was established in May and comprises at least one member from each of the district’s five trustee areas. Members include: John Edward Alter, a Torrance attorney; Heidi Ann Koch Ashcraft, CFO of Ashcraft Design, Torrance and former member of the Torrance Unified School District; Marché L. Boone, a business development and client relations manager from Inglewood; Nilo Michelin, history teacher and member of the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees; Nathan M. Mintz, an engineer from Redondo Beach; Steve Napolitano, a former mayor of Manhattan Beach and representative for Supervisor Knabe in the South Bay; and El Segundo publicist Susan W. Truax, a board member of the El Segundo Education Foundation and former El Camino College Bond Oversight Committee member for Measure E.

For more redistricting information visit: http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/brc/index.asp.

For an interactive redistricting map visit: http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/brc/docs/BRC-Google-Maps.pdf

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