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El Camino College Honors Torrance Resident Pat Furey as 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards Honoree

Photo available upon request.

El Camino College recently honored Torrance resident and city councilman Pat Furey as a 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award honoree.

Furey is one of five honorees of the Distinguished Alumni Awards, given to ECC alumni who have shown outstanding achievement in their chosen career, service to the community or area of endeavor, and have gained local, state, or national recognition for their contributions. Honorees were selected by a committee and represent the fields of art, medicine, politics, business, and education.

Furey earned an associate degree in journalism at El Camino College, and later graduated with honors from the UCLA Attorney Assistant Training Program. While working full time as a legal assistant, Furey attended the University of West Los Angeles School of Law, where he earned a law degree. He is a member of the California State Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the California County Counsel Association. He is currently employed by the County of Los Angeles as a Principal Deputy County Counsel assigned to the Children's Services Division.

Also a Torrance city councilman, Furey has served on various civic committees for many years. He currently serves as chair of the Community Planning and Design Committee and is a member of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee, the Strategic Plan Committee, the Armed Forces Day Committee, and the 2010 Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee. In addition, he serves as the voting delegate to the West Vector Control District of LA County and as the alternate voting delegate to the Sister City Association. Furey is also the appointed Torrance representative to the Palos Verdes Landfill Citizen Advisory Committee, where he serves as vice-chair.

Prior to his election as councilman, Furey served as a civil service commissioner and a member of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics & Integrity. In addition, he was president of the North Torrance Homeowners Association, chair of the Torrance Unified School District's Personnel Commission and a member of other TUSD committees. He also served as the president of the Torrance Education Foundation for four terms.

In addition to Furey, the El Camino College Distinguished Alumni for 2011 include: David Benoit, musician/composer; Donald Brann, El Segundo Councilman and Vice President of the Da Vinci Schools' Board of Trustees; Michael Montoya, Director, Southern California Edison; and Cinna Toy-Wohlmuth, Doctor of Medicine.

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