

Joseph Lewis announces run for CUSD Board of Trustees

By Cheryl Scott
Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—Longtime Hub City resident Joseph Lewis has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees. This is the fifth time he is running for trustee.

"I'm running for the board because I have a passion for education," Lewis told The Bulletin. "It's so important to have people on the board who understand education. Some of the members do not. And the board lacks leadership."

Lewis is currently working on his dissertation for a doctorate in education degree from Pepperdine University. He is an alumnus of Allan Hancock Jr. College and an undergraduate of UC Santa Barbara, with degrees in liberal arts, sociology and economics. He holds a Master of Science degree from Springfield College, School of Human Services in Organizational Management and Leadership.

He has served the Compton community in many different capacities. He established a non-profit organization called Sunrise Youth Service Center Inc. where he facilitated a youth employment program, trained them in parliamentary procedures, Robert's Rules of Order and developed a youth electoral process that culminated in the city's first youth commission.

Until recently Lewis served as employment development specialist, and Career Center co-

ordinator at El Camino College Compton Center. As a labor specialist, Lewis also serves as the president of Compton Community College District Classified Union, Local 3486.

He plans to work toward reducing the district's \$40 million deficit. "The district has financial difficulties because of how money is allocated," he said. "The budget is dominated by consultants. The district spends more on consultants than it does in the classroom or on the students."

Lewis also believes that the district does not do enough to improve Academic Progress Indicator scores. "We need improvement on API scores for schools that are under par," he said. "The district needs to be more transparent about the measures being taken to accomplish this. We need to know what they are doing and why."

He is concerned about the district's lack of responsiveness to the community. "I believe in servant leadership elected to serve the community interest," he said. "Often issues are raised at board meetings and never mentioned again. Recently a contingent of Compton High School students had the wherewithal to appear before the City Council over concerns about crime on campus and other issues. Those concerns need to be addressed. The students and the community deserve to know what is being done."

Lewis feels that the district is under the influence of consultants and special interests. "There

are so many special interest groups," he said. "The board and the district are controlled by contractors, vendors, consultants and unions. These interests endorse candidates who, if they are elected are beholden to them. That's no way to run a school district."

The district currently allows open requisitions in the budget, allowing money to be held in abeyance for contractors from the previous year, based on that year's budget, on the assumption that their contracts will be renewed.

"That's a really bad practice and is evidence of the power held by contractors and consultants. When a contract is over it should not be rolled over into the next year. It should end when it ends. New contracts should be negotiated based on the district's current needs each year."

Accreditation is another issue of concern to Lewis. "Our accreditation continues to be at risk," he said. "It's a tenuous subject every year. The district should focus its policies on shoring up its accreditation. A \$40 million deficit could cause us to lose it. Our high schools have a 50 percent dropout rate. The board needs to be proactive in making sure it keeps its accreditation."

Lewis is running for the school board because he believes students should come first in any decisions made by the district.

"We are playing politics with our children," he said. "That is unacceptable. The kids in our community need as much extra support as possible because we are in a state of cultural transition. There are many negative influences out there and many of our students are also affected by poverty. They deserve the very best we can give them."

Special election cost released by Norfleet

By Chris Frost
Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—The Compton City Council has received a fiscal impact report on the cost of holding a special election to determine who will provide police services in the city.

The City Council requested the report on Tuesday, July 19 after the city clerk certified a petition to put the issue to a vote in a special election. A certificate of sufficiency stating the petition was signed by 10 percent of the voters was presented to the council members.

The report from the city manager's staff estimates the cost for an election at between \$60,000 and \$75,000. That amount can fluctuate due to the cost of election expenses, such as supplies, poll workers, security staff, city staff overtime and Los Angeles County election charges. The budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 does not have an allocation for a special election.

If passed by a vote of the people, the initiative would require the city to contract with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for police services to the exclusion of any other public or private law enforcement organization.

The city first contracted the LASD to provide police services in fiscal year 2000-2001, at a cost of \$12 million, which allocated 83 deputies to the Hub City. The cost of the service has increased every year except for one (2009-2010) since 2001-2002. The current year shows the cost of service at \$17.5 million, a 3.1 percent increase from 2010-2011. The total is 45.4 percent higher than the cost in 2000-2001.

The initiative would eliminate the city's discretion to select a provider for police services that would be comparable to the LASD. It could undermine Compton's ability to negotiate the best price for the level of service provided.

A report on the legal sufficiency of the initiative from City Attorney Craig Cornwell has not been released to the public.

The Council did not discuss potential dates to hold the special election.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lawmakers pass ban on openly carrying unloaded gun

SACRAMENTO—California lawmakers have sent the governor a bill making it a misdemeanor to openly carry an unloaded handgun in public, a practice popular among gun enthusiasts. The Assembly on Sept. 9 passed AB144 on a 44-30 vote after it was approved by the Senate. The bill by Democratic Assemblyman Anthony Portantino of Pasadena would prohibit openly carrying an exposed gun in a public place, vehicle or street. The bill exempts hunting or shooting events. It now goes to Gov. Jerry Brown. Supporters say the only person who knows whether the gun is loaded is the

person carrying the gun. They say the practice can be used to intimidate others. Opponents say the bill is one of many assaults on the public's basic second amendment right and treats law-abiding citizens like felons.

Former Mongol gang leader sentenced in LA

LOS ANGELES—The former national leader of the Mongols motorcycle gang has been sentenced in a case that accused members of murder, drug trafficking and violent attacks. Ruben Cavazos pleaded guilty to one count of racketeering conspiracy in January 2009. The results from his sentencing hearing held Thursday were sealed, according to an online docket.

Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office declined comment Friday. A message left for deputy federal public defender John Littrell was not immediately returned. Prosecutors say Cavazos ordered members to engage in murders, extortion and drug trafficking. They said he was responsible for brokering a deal with the Mexican Mafia over the collection of drug payments in areas controlled by that gang.

Most of the 79 members indicted have pleaded guilty to a variety of charges.

Senate expected to vote on governor's jobs plan

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to promote job creation through tax reform remains

in limbo in the state Legislature. The state Senate was expected to take up AB40X1 on Friday night, Sept. 9, in the last hours of this year's legislative session. The Assembly approved it Thursday with bipartisan support. The bill requires Republican votes, but so far the GOP leader in the Senate says the proposal is being rushed. Brown's jobs plan calls for closing a 2009 tax loophole that benefits large, out-of-state corporations by allowing them to lower their tax liability. The governor wants to use those proceeds on tax breaks for California manufacturers and small businesses. The bill would increase the standard deduction on the state income tax, which would provide relief to more than 4 million working Californians.

Carson re-establishes Parks Enforcement Team

By Chris Frost
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CARSON—The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Carson Station introduced Mike Austin as the Parks Enforcement Team sergeant at the Carson City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

His appointment comes in response to recent violent acts committed in the city's parks.

In addressing the Council, Austin said his career began in 1990 when he walked into a recruitment station at the Carson Mall that was operated by the Sheriff's Department.

"I came here as a patrol trainee in 1997 and

worked for 10 years as a deputy, detective, field training officer and on the Cops Team. I was promoted to sergeant in 2007, left for a little while, and now I am back."

Austin said he met his wife in the city and he considers it home.

"Our goal is to make the parks safe for everyone, and we are going to do that by being more visible, and enforcing the law," Austin said. "Since we have re-established the parks team, we have had no shootings, robberies or assaults."

He said his team works on establishing a good relationship with members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff on a daily basis.

Councilwoman Lulu Davis-Holmes recognized

the success the team has achieved in a very short period.

"I met with members of the Parks and Recreation staff, and the first thing they told me is to thank you for bringing back the parks enforcement team," she said. "I used to be the parks superintendent, and I know how the enforcement team started. The staff says they know the parks team by their first names. Residents are saying the same thing. That is something we did not have even a month ago."

Carson Mayor Jim Dear said that the addition of Austin to head the parks enforcement team is crucial to the future of the city.

"In 1991, when I was a city councilman, I had a


public safety task force comprised of citizens of Carson," he said. "When I introduced the motion to create the enforcement team, I had a little trouble getting the council to agree to the \$900,000 price tag."

While many people argue that spending money on the parks is not the most efficient use of money, Dear said the reality is gangs in Carson refer to parks as their territory and use them to recruit.

"With your team in place, they will no longer be able to do that," he said. "It is very important that the crime rate continue to drop in Carson."

"I am very proud to have this job, and I look forward to making Carson a safer place for all," Austin said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW
DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

Pursuant to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, the City of Compton has prepared the draft Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) Program Year. The CAPER provides an assessment of the City's performance in meeting Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 housing and community development goals as outlined in the previously adopted Fiscal Year 2010-2011 One Year Action Plan. Additionally, the CAPER discusses changes the City anticipates making in the upcoming year as a result of the assessment of FY 2010-2011 annual performance.

In compliance with the City's approved Citizen Participation Plan and the Consolidated Plan implementing regulation 24 CFR 91.105, this notice is given to invite public review and comment of the City of Compton's Draft 2010-2011 CAPER. This document can be reviewed at the following locations:

City Clerk's Office
205 S. Willowbrook Avenue
Compton, CA 90220

Planning and Economic Development Department
205 S. Willowbrook Avenue
Compton, CA 90220

Compton Library
240 W. Compton Blvd.
Compton, CA 90220-3109

A copy of the CAPER is required to be made available to the public for review and comment for a fifteen (15) day period. The CAPER draft will be available for public review from September 12, 2011 to September 27, 2011. Individuals wishing to express their views concerning the above-referenced document may provide written comments to the City on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2011 to the City of Compton, Planning and Economic Development Department, 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220. For more information, please call the Planning and Economic Development Department at (310) 605-5580.

It is the objective of the City to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, the Fair Housing Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act in all respects. If you require public documents in an accessible format, the City will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your request. If you require a disability-related accommodation to attend or participate in a hearing or meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours prior to a meeting at 310-605-5500.

Alita Godwin
City Clerk

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**AYUNTAMIENTO DE LA CIUDAD DE COMPTON
AVISO DE REVISION PUBLICA
BORRADOR DEL REPORTE DE LA EVALUACION DEL
DESEMPEÑO ANUAL CONSOLIDADO (CAPER) PARA EL AÑO
FISCAL 2010-2011**

En conformidad con los reglamentos del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos, el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton ha preparado el borrador del Reporte de la Evaluación del Desempeño Anual Consolidado (CAPER, por sus siglas en inglés) del Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés) Fondos de Vivienda de Emergencia (ESG), y del Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME, por sus siglas en inglés) del Año Fiscal 2010-2011. El CAPER proporciona una evaluación del desempeño y rendimiento del Ayuntamiento de las metas establecidas para la vivienda y desarrollo comunitario durante el Año Fiscal 2010-2011 tal y como se delineó en el Plan de Desempeño Anual 2010-2011 previamente adoptado. Este reporte a su vez expone cambios que el Ayuntamiento anticipa llevar a cabo durante los subsecuentes años debido al resultado de la evaluación del desempeño anual del Año Fiscal 2010-2011.

Conforme al Plan de Participación de los Ciudadanos aprobado y con la regla de implementación del Plan Consolidado 24 CFR 91.105, por medio de este aviso se invita al público a la revisión pública y comentarios del Borrador del CAPER 2010-2011 del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton. Dicho documento está disponible para su revisión en los siguientes lugares:

Oficina del Secretario Municipal
205 S. Willowbrook Avenue
Compton, CA, 90220 // (310) 605-5500

Departamento de Planificación y Desarrollo Urbano
205 S. Willowbrook Avenue
Compton, CA 90220 // (310) 605-5580

Biblioteca de Compton
240 W. Compton Blvd.
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Se requiere que una copia del CAPER esté a la disposición del público para su revisión y comentarios por un periodo de quince (15) días. El borrador del CAPER estará disponible para revisión pública a partir de Septiembre 12, 2011 y Septiembre 27, 2011. Individuos que deseen expresar sus puntos de vista concernientes al documento referido anteriormente deberán proporcionar comentarios por escrito al Ayuntamiento antes de las 5:00 P.M. en Septiembre 27, 2011 al Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton, Departamento de Planificación y Desarrollo Urbano, 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220. Para mayor información, por favor comuníquese con el Departamento de Planificación y Desarrollo Económico al (310) 605-5580.

El Ayuntamiento tiene como objetivo cumplir en todo con respecto a la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, tal y como se enmendó, la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) de 1990 y la Ley de Enmienda a ADA del 2008, la Ley de Vivienda Justa, y la Ley de Barreras Arquitecturales. Si usted necesita documentos públicos en un formato accesible, el Ayuntamiento hará lo posible dentro de lo razonable para dar cabida a su petición. Si usted requiere acomodo especial debido a alguna discapacidad para asistir o participar en una audiencia o junta, incluyendo aparatos auxiliares o servicios, por favor comuníquese a la Oficina del Secretario Municipal por lo menos 48 horas antes de la junta al (310) 605-5500.

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