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**El Camino Community College District Boundary Review Committee Presents
Recommended New Trustee Areas; Public Hearing Scheduled For February 21**

Members of the public are invited to comment on a recommended new trustee area plan that will be presented for a Public Hearing and consideration of adoption by the El Camino Community College District (ECCCD) Board of Trustees. The public is encouraged to attend the Public Hearing, scheduled during the regular board meeting, 4 p.m. February 21 in the ECCCD Board Room.

The ECCCD Boundary Review Committee (BRC) recently released a map outlining their recommendations for the proposed new trustee areas. Community members are invited to review the map online and submit comments at www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/brc/.

The upcoming Public Hearing is part of a process that began in Fall 2010 when the board of trustees initiated discussions regarding the process required to modify trustee area boundaries and change from "at-large" to "by-trustee area" elections.

Currently, trustees in the ECCCD must live in the trustee area they represent, however residents of the district vote for trustee candidates "at-large;" that is, voters cast their vote for all candidates on the ballot. When voting "by-trustee area," residents will only vote for the candidate who resides in their specific trustee area.

The BRC citizens' group was established by the ECCCD board to guide the redistricting process, which included utilizing 2010 census data to review current trustee areas to ensure they are representative of the District's constituents. In addition, the BRC scheduled five Public Forums this past fall to gather input from the community. Residents were also able to attend BRC meetings, add comments online via the college's website, and create and submit maps indicating their communities of interest through an online interactive redistricting map.

The BRC's proposed boundaries were drawn by a mapping consultant from Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc., based on recommendations provided by the BRC members and comments from the community.

Once the proposed map is adopted by the board, the next step in the process is to submit an Election Waiver Request to the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors for consideration at its May 7-8, 2012 meeting. Following approval of the Election Waiver by the Board of Governors, the ECCCD board will submit the new trustee areas to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office by October 15, 2012 in order to impact the November 2013 election.

The public is encouraged to view the maps and provide comments by February 21 at www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/brc/