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El Camino Community College District Presents New Trustee Areas

The El Camino Community College District (ECCCD) Board of Trustees established new Trustee Areas at its February meeting and has changed from “at-large” to “by-trustee area” elections.

An Election Waiver Request will now be submitted 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 Board of Trustees initiated discussions in fall 2010 regarding the procedures required to modify trustee area boundaries and change from “at-large” to “by-trustee area” elections.

The redistricting process included establishing an ECCCD Boundary Review Committee to guide the effort, which utilized 2010 census data to ensure each area was 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. Finally, a Public Hearing was conducted at the February board meeting.

The new 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. A map of the new trustee areas is available here.

Boundary Review Committee members include: John Edward Alter, Torrance; Heidi Ann Koch Ashcraft, Torrance; Marché L. Boose-Welch, Inglewood; Nilo Michelin, Hawthorne; Nathan M. Mintz, Redondo Beach, Vice-Chair; Steve Napolitano, Manhattan Beach, Chairman; and Susan W. Truax, El Segundo.

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