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El Camino Community College District Boundary Review Committee Presents Proposed New Trustee Areas; Public Comments Welcome

The El Camino Community College District's Boundary Review Committee (BRC) recently released a map showing proposed new trustee areas. Community members are invited to review the map online and submit comments at http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/brc/.

In addition, the public is invited to attend and provide input at a BRC meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. January 18 in the Board Room.

The BRC scheduled five Public Forums this past fall to gather input from the community, as part of the process to modify the district's trustee area boundaries. Residents were also able to add comments online and create and submit maps indicating their communities of interest through an online interactive redistricting map.

The proposed boundaries were drawn by a mapping consultant from Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc., based on recommendations provided by the BRC and community comments. Minor adjustments were made by the mapping consultant to ensure proportionate population in each trustee area.

The El Camino Community College District (ECCCD) board of trustees, along with many other public agencies and school districts in California, is examining voting practices.

In Fall 2010, the ECCCD board of trustees initiated discussions regarding the process required to modify trustee area boundaries and change from "at large" to "trustee area" elections. The Boundary Review Committee is a citizens' group, established to guide the redistricting process for the El Camino Community College District. This process includes utilizing 2010 census data to review current trustee areas to ensure they are representative of the District's constituents.

Currently, trustees in the ECCCD 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 will only vote for the candidate who resides in their specific trustee area.

A final proposed plan of new trustee areas will be presented for a Public Hearing and for consideration for adoption by resolution or ordinance by the ECCCD Board of Trustees at the regular Board meeting scheduled for February 21.

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