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## **El Camino Community College District Board Appoints New Superintendent/President**

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously Monday to appoint Dr. Dena Maloney as the Superintendent/President, effective February 1, 2016.

"We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Maloney to the El Camino College family," said Board President Bill Beverly. "Her experience and leadership will serve the district well during this time of transition."

Maloney, who will become the sixth Superintendent/President in the El Camino Community College District's 68-year history, has ties to the South Bay. She was born at Centinela Hospital in Inglewood and lived in Hawthorne before her family moved to the San Gabriel Valley, where she grew up. She has fond memories of spending her summers with her grandparents in Inglewood.

"I am thrilled and honored that I was selected to be the next superintendent/president," said Maloney. "El Camino College is a wonderful institution. It is an exciting time to be a part of El Camino College and the Compton Center. There is so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to in the future."

Maloney currently serves as Superintendent/President of the West Kern Community College District/Taft College. She began her career in higher education at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, where she served as director of the Employee Training Institute and director the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies. She then became dean of economic development for the Santa Clarita Community College District. In 2007, Maloney was named founding dean of the Canyon Country Campus, a new educational center within the Santa Clarita Community College District. She then became assistant superintendent/vice president, with responsibilities for the Canyon Country Campus, as well as the district's economic development programs. In May 2012, she was appointed to her current position.

Maloney's educational background includes a doctorate in education from the University of La Verne, a master's degree in government from Georgetown University, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola Marymount University.

Maloney was among five finalists from a nationwide search process that began this past spring after Thomas M. Fallo, El Camino College alumnus and Superintendent/President for 20 years, announced that he would retire effective Feb. 1, 2016. A search committee comprised of campus groups including students, faculty, staff, managers and community members, screened candidates and recommended five finalists who participated in public forums and interviews with the district's Board of Trustees.

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