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El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees Holds Public Hearing to Discuss Possible Compton Community College Agreement

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees has scheduled a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 24 in the Campus Theatre to solicit input from the community regarding the continuation of negotiations to offer courses at Compton Community College this fall.

There will be an informational presentation regarding the status of negotiations, followed by public comment, and board discussion and direction to staff.

The proposed agreement with the El Camino Community College District and the neighboring campus eight miles away is under consideration as an effort to assist Compton Community College in recovery and full accreditation as a two-year public college within the next several years.

Under the proposed agreement, El Camino College will provide accredited instructional services and related support, in addition to administrative services to meet the needs of current Compton students. Under the plan, Compton Community College will be a center of the El Camino Community College District. El Camino College courses taught at the Compton Community Educational Center by Compton faculty will be offered to students starting in the fall, if the plan is approved.

In late June, the Legislature approved and the Governor signed legislation that outlines the parameters for a community college district to enter into an agreement with the Compton Community College District to provide accredited instructional programs to students residing in the Compton district.

El Camino College is in good standing with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), and has successfully completed the accreditation cycle to secure accreditation until 2008. Established in 1947, El Camino College serves about 26,000 students from the South Bay and beyond. The district is one of the largest single-campus two-year institutions in the state, serving the communities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Torrance – a population of over one million residents.

By addressing all accreditation and legal requirements, El Camino College will operate with the goal of bringing Compton Community College into good standing with the

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, with the understanding that the eventual separation of campus functions after full accreditation or completion of contractual obligations is the primary objective.

All persons with questions or comments are encouraged to attend the hearing and to address the El Camino Community College District Board on Monday, July 24. Those who are unable to attend the hearing are invited to contact a board member or send correspondence addressed to El Camino College Board President William "Bill" Beverly, c/o El Camino College, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506. For more information, contact Ann M. Garten, Director of Community Relations, at 310-660-3406.

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