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## **Compton Community College District Announces Redistricting Committee Members**

At the January 17 Board meeting, the Special Trustee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) appointed five individuals to serve on the Redistricting Committee. The committee is an important part of the CCCD's overall redistricting process. A recommendation for new trustee area boundaries will be presented to the Special Trustee at the May 2012 Board meeting. Redistricting Committee members will review and provide input regarding the redistricting proposals.

The first Redistricting meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the CEO Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, or to view the redistricting action plan as well as the proposed maps for the new Compton Community College District Trustee areas, go to the District website Redistricting Committee page at [http://district.compton.edu/district\\_information/district-redistricting.asp](http://district.compton.edu/district_information/district-redistricting.asp).

### **The newly appointed Redistricting Committee Members are:**

**LeGrand H. Clegg II, J.D. Esquire**, taught at the former Compton Community College and also served on the CCCD Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1993. In addition to being a community college instructor, Clegg's diversified career includes positions as a city attorney, historian, elected official, author, producer, television talk show host, civil rights advocate, media critic, musician and spokesperson for naturopathic medicine.

Clegg's articles covering topics such as "Black Presence in America Before Columbus" and "Black History and Culture" have been published by the *Los Angeles Times*, as well as various magazines and journals. He has also spoken at numerous public forums and appeared on several television and radio talk shows.

**Mary Louise Godoy** is a native of Compton and currently a member of the Concerned Citizens of Compton. Godoy retired from the Compton Unified School District (CUSD) in 2010. While employed by the CUSD, she worked as a senior bilingual community relations specialist and as a staff member for the CUSD's homeless program for families in transition. In addition, she worked in the Department of Child Welfare and Attendance serving high-risk students and their families.

Godoy also was the Federal Grants Advisory Board Commissioner for the City of Compton in 1996, and was elected as the board's chair for two years. She received her Associate of Arts degree from the former Compton Community College.

**Mark Guillen** is currently employed as a staff engineer for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Guillen attended schools served by the CCCD and continues to be involved in a variety of local issues.

He was on the initial Advisory Board of the Paramount Education Partnership, as well as on a committee that worked to secure a bond, which resulted in \$100 million in funding for the Paramount School District. In addition, he serves on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the CCCD. Guillen is a graduate of UCLA.

**Martina Rodriguez** is a longtime resident of Lynwood and is currently employed by the Los Angeles Unified School District. Rodriguez's involvement in public education began as a volunteer with the parent council for the pre-school Head Start program at Drew University. She continued her support of public education as a board member for the Lynwood Unified School District, and as an active member of the parent council and related committees at Abbott Elementary School in Lynwood, including serving as PTA President in 1992. She also took a leadership role in organizing Lynwood Save Our Students, and later helped the community organization become a nonprofit, as well establishing the Parent Organizing Network (PON).

**Olivia Verrett** is a public servant and an active member of many community organizations focused on citizens' rights. She is currently the planning commissioner for the City of Carson and serves as a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) State Conference officer and Women in the NAACP chair.

Her past appointments include member of the Special Trustee for the CCCD's Advisory Board; chair of the City of Carson's Human Relations Commission; member of the Public Safety Task Force, Women's Task Force, and the Code of Ethics Task Force; and president of the Carson/Torrance branch of the NAACP. Verrett earned an associate degree in administration of justice from El Camino College, a bachelor's degree in political science, and a master's degree in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

#### **About the Compton Community College District**

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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