



January 31, 2017

Andres Ramos  
President  
Compton Community College District Board of Trustees  
1111 East Artesia Blvd  
Compton Ca, 90221

Kenneth Brown  
President  
El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees  
16007 Crenshaw Blvd  
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Dear Board Presidents Ramos and Brown:

Based on the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team's (FCMAT's) 2016 annual assessment, and in accordance with Education Code Section 71093, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Governor of the State of California concur with the special trustee for the Compton Community College District (CCD) that the district has, for two consecutive academic years, met the requirements of the comprehensive assessment conducted, and the recovery plan prepared, pursuant to Education Code Section 41329.59. Specifically, Compton CCD has met FCMAT's required rating standards in all five operational areas of the comprehensive assessment and recovery plan: Academic Achievement; Community Relations/Governance; Facilities Management; Financial Management; and Personnel Management.

This is an impressive achievement and we congratulate your faculty, staff, administrators, students, and community on the hard work that has led to this accomplishment. It is an important step toward the ultimate goal, shared by all, that Compton College will once again operate as an accredited institution under the sole control of Compton CCD.

Further, we recognize the strong partnership that has been formed between the Compton CCD and the El Camino CCD. This partnership has ensured that courses and programs offered at the El Camino Compton Center are accredited, protecting access to higher education for local residents. In addition, the partnership has directly supported Compton CCD in building the institutional capacity to meet standards in all operational areas.

The continued success of recovery efforts will depend on the partnership between Compton CCD and El Camino CCD. Next steps will include: 1) securing accredited status for Compton College as part of El Camino CCD; and then 2) and requesting the Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges and Junior Colleges to approve the transfer of Compton College from El Camino CCD to Compton CCD. These actions will require close coordination and cooperation between the two districts on a wide range of operational, financial, and policy issues in order to successfully navigate the accreditation process. To support Compton CCD's continued recovery

and to assist in maintaining effective relations between the Compton CCD Board and El Camino CCD Board, we believe that the presence of a Special Trustee with stay and rescind authority is necessary.

In conclusion, we jointly support the return of local governing authority to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees, contingent upon the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges appointing a special trustee with stay and rescind authority. The State Chancellor's Office will work with the Compton CCD Chief Executive Officer Keith Curry and El Camino College Superintendent/President Dena Maloney to expedite the appointment of a Special Trustee.

We wish you well in your continued efforts.

Sincerely,



Director Michael Cohen



Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley

Cc:

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