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North Orange County Community College District Trustee M. Tony Ontiveros Appointed to California Community College Trustees Board

Anaheim, Calif. – North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Board President M. Tony Ontiveros has been appointed to the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board.

The 21-member board of the CCCT is elected by the local governing boards of the state's 72 community college districts. Action is taken at board meetings on education policy issues before the state Board of Governors and the Legislature. Policy direction also is provided to staff concerning state-wide educational policy, research initiatives, publications, workshops, and conferences.

Ontiveros was appointed by the CCCT Board to fill one of the two seats vacated by Paul Fong from Foothill-De Anza Community College District and Carolyn Batiste from MiraCosta Community College District.

"I am happy to be able to represent North Orange County on the state trustees board during these critical economic times," said Ontiveros. "It's very important that the valuable role of our community colleges be emphasized when making funding decisions."

"Our community colleges are very good at providing skills training for new jobs," he added. "There needs to be an ongoing investment in our colleges so we can continue to fulfill this vital role – now more than ever before."

Ontiveros was re-elected to a third, four-year term on the NOCCCD Board last month. He has served on the Board since March 1999 when he was appointed to complete the term of a trustee who was elected to county office. Ontiveros has served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the NOCCCD Board. He additionally has served as a trustee representative on District committees and task force groups, including the Orange County Community Colleges Legislative Task Force.

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This task force is a unique collaborative effort of the county's four community college districts to address legislative issues impacting the districts, colleges, and students.

Ontiveros is a Federal Probation Officer and an Adjunct Professor of Political Science. He also is a member of Anaheim Beautiful, Anaheim Arts Council, and Anaheim Sister Cities Association. He has served as a board member for the Anaheim Independencia Community Center and as a commissioner for Anaheim Parks and Recreation, and the Orange County Human Relations Commission. Additionally, Ontiveros has been a frequent presenter at the annual Community College League Conference, attended by trustee and college representatives from across the state.

During Ontiveros' service as a trustee, the NOCCCD Board has provided leadership for a number of major District accomplishments. Among them is Measure X, a \$238-million facilities bond program that, approved by voters in 2002, is nearing completion today at the Anaheim Campus, Cypress College, and Fullerton College. Another major accomplishment has been development of the first District-wide Strategic Plan as well as renewal of accreditation for the colleges and establishment of accreditation for the District's School of Continuing Education (known as SCE).

NOCCCD Background

Two of the state's premiere colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the NOCCCD. Nearly 70,000 students enroll each term at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the School of Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each with unique ambitions. *The NOCCCD – Greatness. Achieved.*

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