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### **NOCCCD Swears In Two New Trustees** *Ryan Bent and Ed Lopez Elected to Trustee Areas 7 and 2, Respectively*

**Anaheim, Calif.** – Ryan Bent and Ed Lopez were officially sworn in as Trustees for Areas 7 and 2, respectively, on the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees at its December 13 meeting. They succeed M. Tony Ontiveros and Leonard Lahtinen, who did not run for reelection. Bent and Lopez’s terms run through November 2020.

“As an active member of the community and graduate of NOCCCD’s Fullerton College, I am thrilled to have received over 70 percent of the vote from Area 7 residents,” said Bent. “As a newly elected trustee, I believe it is vital that we continually challenge each other to deliver successful outcomes for each student, who in turn will help meet the marketplace and local economy demands.”

Bent is a member of numerous community organizations, including the City of Yorba Linda’s Public Library Commission and Emergency Response Team, and Yorba Linda High School Parent Teacher Association. He earned his associate’s degree in Business Administration from Fullerton College, bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton; master’s degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge, and an MBA from Colorado State University.

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Lopez teaches Political Science at Irvine Valley College, and earned a law degree and his master's degree in Public Administration from Indiana University, and a masters of law degree from Georgetown University. Prior to that, he served as a policy advisor to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. He is an active member of Los Amigos of Orange County, West Anaheim Neighborhood Development Council, and serves on the Board of Directors for Service, Employment, Redevelopment (SER) Jobs for Progress.

“I would like to thank retired trustee Leonard Lahtinen for his distinguished service and for his support of my election to succeed him,” said Lopez. “I also thank the voters of West Anaheim for their trust in me and would like to assure them that I will endeavor to vindicate that trust. I look forward to working with my colleagues on challenges facing the District.”

### **NOCCCD Background**

Two of the state's premiere colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 90,000 students enroll each year 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 pursuing their own, unique ambitions. The NOCCCD – Greatness. Achieved.

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