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Ms. Teresa Dreyfuss, Interim President
Rio Hondo Community College
3600 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear Ms. Dreyfuss:

On July 28, 2020, our office received notification of a vacancy on the Rio Hondo Community College District (CCD) governing board resulting from the resignation of Ms. Norma Edith Garcia in Trustee Area 1, to be effective July 8, 2020. Under Education Code (EC) §5090 and Government Code §1770, July 28, 2020, the date the County Superintendent was notified, is the effective date of the vacancy.

Provisional Appointment

In accordance with EC §5091(a), the Rio Hondo CCD governing board has **60 days** from the date of the vacancy by which to make a provisional appointment to fill the remainder of Ms. Garcia's term in Trustee Area 1, which expires in December 2022.

If the governing board chooses to make an appointment, the deadline is **September 26, 2020**. If an appointment is made, please ensure that the provisions of EC §5092 are adhered to regarding posting and publication requirements. A provisional appointment confers all powers and duties of a governing board member upon the appointee **immediately** following his/her appointment.

Enclosed are an Oath of Office, Board Roster, and a Certification of Signatures form for a new governing board member. Please return the completed forms to:

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Business Advisory Services
Attention: Anna Heredia
9300 Imperial Highway
Downey, CA 90242-2890

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Special Election

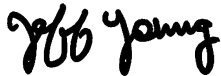
If the governing board chooses not to make an appointment to fill the remainder of this term, there will not be an opportunity to hold a consolidated special election in line with the November 3, 2020 regularly scheduled general election due to the timing of the vacancy. Therefore, absent an appointment, the only opportunity to hold a special election would be on the March 2, 2021 state election date.

For your information, I have included a link below to a LACOE bulletin on best practices for filling a vacancy.

<https://www.lacoe.edu//Portals/0/zBulletins/5081.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding the above or require additional information, please contact Dr. Allison Deegan at (562) 922-6336.

Sincerely,



Jeff Young, Interim Director
Business Advisory Services

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cc: Dr. Russell Castaneda-Calleros, Rio Hondo College
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