BOARD OF TRUSTEES CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees, I will perform my duties in accordance with my oath of office. I am committed to serve the individual needs of the citizens of the District. My primary responsibility is to provide learning opportunities to each student regardless of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, age, marital status, national origin, or handicap.

It is my further responsibility to:

 Devote time, thought, and study to my duties as a San Bernardino Community College District Board Member so that I may render effective and creditable service.

 Work with my fellow Board Members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during vigorous debates of points of view.

3. Base my personal decisions upon all available facts in each situation, vote by honest conviction in every case unswayed by partisan bias, and abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.

4. Remember at all times that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board, and conduct my relationships with college staff, students, and local citizenry, and the media on that basis.

5. Be aware that I am responsible to all citizens of the District, and not solely to those who elected me. The authority delegated to me by the voters must be exercised with as much care and concern for the least influential as for the most influential member of the community.

6. Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position as a community college board member to benefit either myself or any other individual or agency apart from the total welfare of the San Bernardino Community College District.

7. Recognize that it is as important for the Board to understand and evaluate the educational program of San Bernardino Community College District as it is to plan for the business of college operation.

8. Bear in mind under all circumstances that the Board is legally responsible for the effective operation of the District. Its primary function is to establish the policies by which the San Bernardino Community College District is to be administered. The Board shall hold the Chancellor and his/her staff accountable for the administration of the educational program and the conduct of college business.

9. Welcome and encourage the active involvement of students, employees, and citizens of the District with respect to establishing policy on current college

- operation and proposed future developments, and consider their views in my deliberations and decisions as a Board Member.
- 54 10. Recognize that deliberations of the Board in closed session are not mine to 55 release or discuss in public without the prior approval of the Board by majority 56 vote.
 - 11. Avail myself of opportunities to enhance my potential as a Board Member through participation in educational conferences, workshops, and training sessions offered by local, state, and national organizations.
 - 12. Be informed about the actions and positions of state and national community college trustees' associations.
 - 13. Strive to provide the most effective community college board service of which I am capable, in a spirit of teamwork and devotion to public education as the greatest instrument for the preservation and perpetuation of our representative democracy.

71 Reference:

72 Accreditation Standard IV.B.1.a, e, & h

74 ADOPTED: 01/11/0175 AMENDED: 09/14/06