

## **LADY CAGE-BARILE**

Campaign Speech      January 6, 2009

Hi, I'm Lady Cage-Barile and I want to be elected to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees. I feel that I have the skills and qualifications to be a great representative of your voices.

The position demands that there be integrity, sensitivity and due diligence in culminating the assets and potentials of our Nine Community Colleges.

As a Professionally Cleared Teacher, Community Activist and Business Owner, I would carry out the duties to oversee the everyday operations of the campuses and the fiduciary obligations, to assure maximum needs of the intended population, the underprivileged.

My campaign promise is to assure that education remains accessible and affordable to the underprivileged. Also to assure that the Students, Staff and Administration are in a safe, comfortable and highly skilled technological environment, whereby the surrounding Communities have input regarding the College's growth.

I've volunteered in the Community with the Crenshaw Cougar Parent's Group for college preparation, the Los Angeles Urban League for Education Outreach, The National Council for Negro Women Viewpark HIV/AIDS Education Outreach and as a private tutor.

Los Angeles Community College District is the largest in the nation. It serves over 120,000 students and has an annual budget of 640 million dollars. This past November 4th, the voters passed "Prop J", a 3.5 Billion Dollars Bond that the current Board of Trustees proposed, which will generate funds through tax increases. So, "Prop J" and previous bonds "Prop A" and "Prop AA", were proposed in order to bring in billions of dollars for growth and construction. Yet, the students served are far short

of what the Community Colleges should be accomodating.  
There must be accountability of how funds are spent.

Living in the County of Los Angeles for over 20 years and I've witnessed growth and destruction. I want to assure that each generation has a chance to fulfill their dream of success, be it in sports, entertainment, medicine, education, horticulture, law enforcement, religion, engineering or politics.

Community College is the stepping stone for a better life.

Elect me, Lady Cage-Barile to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees, Seat #2 on March 3, 2009.

I thank you and God Bless you.