

HELLO, MY NAME IS SYLVIA SCOTT-HAYES AND I AM RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OFFICE #1. I AM RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE I HAVE SERVED YOU WELL AND HAVE WORKED HARD TO BRING ABOUT NEEDED CHANGES IN THE L.A. COLLEGE DISTRICT—THE LARGEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN THE NATION. THE 9 COLLEGES OF THE DISTRICT ENCOMPASS APPROXIMATELY 880 SQUARE MILES AND SERVE OVER 2 MILLION VOTERS. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT FOR THE MAJORITY OF MY TENURE ON THE BOARD, I HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE BOARD LEADERSHIP TEAM BY MY COLLEAGUES.

PEOPLE ASK ME WHY I WANT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A TRUSTEE ON THIS BOARD. MY ANSWER IS THAT I RELISH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND A CHANCE TO CREATE SOMETHING GREAT. I CAME TO THE L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO **CHANGE** AND NOT TO SUSTAIN. I WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK VIGILANTLY TO BRING TO FRUITION THE MANY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WE HAVE STARTED. I KNOW THAT IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS WE CAN REALIZE OUR POTENTIAL—SO THAT THE L.A. COLLEGE DISTRICT WILL BE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST FOR OUR 150,000 STUDENTS!

THE COLLEGE DISTRICT HAS CHANGED MUCH SINCE I WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD. WE HAVE CHANGED ACADEMIC CALENDARS, WE HAVE PASSED BONDS, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR OUR STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS AND FACULTY. WE HAVE STARTED TO DECENTRALIZE OUR OPERATIONS AND WE HAVE BEGUN TO HOLD ON TO OUR STUDENTS, CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS IS TAKING PLACE AT EACH OF OUR COLLEGES. THE DISTRICT COMPLETED A PHENOMENAL STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN—A BLUEPRINT FOR THE 9 COLLEGES TO FOLLOW AS WE REORGANIZE AND RE-ENERGIZE OUR COLLEGES TO DEVELOP NEW CAREER AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FEES FOR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED FROM \$26 PER UNIT TO \$20 PER UNIT!

BUT I ALSO KNOW THERE ARE CHALLENGES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. IN PARTICULAR, WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP FOR ALL OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY FINDING THE MEANS TO REVERSE THE CONTINUAL DECLINE IN **MALE** PARTICIPATION IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

WE NEED TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO ENGAGE THE 90,000 PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 24 WHO ARE NEITHER WORKING NOR GOING TO SCHOOL, AND AN EQUIVALENT SIZE POPULATION WHO ARE WORKING AT MINIMUM WAGE JOBS WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. **THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE DESTINED TO POVERTY IF WE DON'T INTERCEDE.**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE EFFORTS, WE NEED TO BE THE LEADER IN WORK FORCE TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND,

WE NEED TO TRANSFER STUDENTS IN EVEN LARGER NUMBERS TO FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS I WANT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU AS A TRUSTEE OF THIS BOARD. I BRING OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN EDUCATOR AT THE CSU LEVEL.

I VOW TO CONTINUE TO BE A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LACCD. I WILL CONTINUE KEEN OVERSIGHT OF EXPENDITURES OF PROP A AND AA BOND MONIES TO ENSURE ALL FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT APPROPRIATELY. I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING SERVED YOU ON THE L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON MARCH 6TH.