

Hello Taxpayers and Voters

I am Jane Ardigo Scott, running for seat #6 on the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees. I have a Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University and Master of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky. I taught 2 yrs in a 4 year college, 7.5 years in high school, and 27 yrs in community college. I am a member of the Los Angeles Police Department's booster club for Rampart division, member of the Community Redevelopment Agency's Pico Union 2 Board, as well as board member and treasurer of the Pico Union Neighborhood Council.

As a Taxpayer, I am outraged at the wholesale waste of monies and resources that this Board has engaged in over the past 12+ years. The newest members of the Board are appointees made by the Board. This Board has transformed the finest Community College District from 30 years ago to one of the poorest in the nation today. We have a graduation rate of 49 to 51%, depending upon whose numbers you check.

This Board has eliminated classes so that a 2 yr. program has evolved into a 3 or 4 yr. program, as well as eliminated whole programs and technologies.

A few things that the Board must do to get back on track are:

Move district headquarters to one of the 9 campuses; sell their holdings on Wilshire Blvd. and eliminate all positions at district headquarters that are duplicated on every campus.

Rotate Board meetings to alternate campuses during evening hours so the public can attend them.

Publish Board agendas (72 hour notice - Brown Act) in school newspapers and other public places. (4 schools have a newspaper at this time.)

Hire fulltime faculty for stability on each campus benefiting students and the school.

Fire unfit teachers;

don't just move them into administration.

Stop selling and/or leasing school properties to commercial entities, the golf driving range at City College and proposed mixed-use complex on Jefferson Blvd. at West Los Angeles College.

Stop the 40% mark-up of textbooks in the college bookstores.

Stop raiding Student Body Funds to back bond measures.

2.2 BILLION dollars from Bonds "A" and "AA" were not spent on students. The Daily News reports there are no funds left for the 9 campuses. Change district elections to the time of general elections, increasing voter turnout and saving funds.

In the last board election, there was a 5.5% voter turnout. When good people do nothing, corruption prevails.

It is time to take a stand for what we believe and vote in this March 3 election. Voting all incumbents out of office, at all levels of government, is long overdue. Holding a political office was NEVER meant to be a career. If an elected official can't get the job done in 1, possibly 2 terms, they need to be replaced promptly. So, I am asking for your support to replace an incumbent on the present Board.

Thank you.