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Jerry Patterson Elected President of Coast Community College District Board of Trustees

Fountain Valley resident Jerry Patterson has been elected to serve as the president of the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees for 2007. Patterson was unanimously elected board president by his fellow trustees at an organizational meeting in December. Trustee Armando Ruiz was elected vice president for 2007.

First elected to the District board in 1996, Patterson was re-elected in November 2004 to serve a third four-year term. Patterson has served on the Board during the successful passage of Measure C, the \$370 million general obligation bond measure that provided funds to renovate and expand classroom facilities at the District's three colleges.

"It is an honor and a challenge to be elected by my colleagues to serve as president in the coming year," Patterson said. "This board will face some important challenges this year. I am confident that we can work together to meet these challenges and continue to effectively serve our students and our community."

Patterson resides in the Coast District's Trustee Area 2, which includes portions of Westminster, Garden Grove and Fountain Valley.

Patterson served in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing California's 38th District from 1975 to 1985. As a senior member of the House of Representatives' Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, he worked on virtually every piece of urban affairs legislation for 10 years and authored many amendments. He was also a senior member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, where he worked on environmental legislation and served on the Water and Power Subcommittee.

Prior to his election to federal office, Patterson served as a city attorney in Placentia, Santa Ana, Cypress, Dana Point, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Temecula and Chino Hills. He was elected to the Santa Ana City Council from 1969 to 1974 and served as mayor of the city in 1973 and 1974.

He is a graduate of the UCLA School of Law and has taught as part-time faculty at the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Administration at California State University, Long Beach and UC Irvine. Patterson is a member of the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association, and the Los Angeles and Orange County bar associations.

Patterson and his wife, Linda Moulton-Patterson, former Mayor of Huntington Beach, live in Fountain Valley. They have four adult children and six grandchildren.

Vice President Armando Ruiz, a resident of Huntington Beach, has served on the Board since 1983.

During his distinguished career on the Board, Ruiz has served on the board of the Association of Community College Trustees and has held the post of president of the California Community College Trustees and the Association of Latino Community College Trustees.

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An active member of the community, Ruiz has served on the United Way of Orange County Board of Directors. He was selected to be a member of the Orange County Treasurer's Committee for Education on Excellence and the nominating committee for the Orange County Committee on School Board Organization.

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The Coast Community College District is the ninth largest community college district in the state in credit enrollment, serving 60,000 students each semester. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.