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SBCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECT OFFICERS

San Bernardino Community College District Trustees elected officers at their annual organizational meeting last night. James S. Ramos was elected President, Carleton Lockwood, Jr. will serve as Vice President and Dr. Donald L. Singer will serve as Clerk.

“Community colleges are an important link in our educational systems within the state,” Ramos said upon his election. “Our trustees are equally committed to continually improving our standards and providing a quality educational experience for our students. I am blessed to be teamed up with such outstanding leaders in education who serve on the Board of Trustees.” Ramos, the first Native American ever elected to the board, also serves as chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians having been elected by tribal members in March 2008.

Since his election to tribal office, Ramos has actively pursued building partnerships with local governments and community organizations to advance goals that enhance communities in the San Bernardino region.

His deep commitment to education and its role in improving communities drives Ramos to pursue the outreach to communities beyond the San Manuel reservation. He is one of the founders of the California Indian Awareness Conference held annually at Cal State University, San Bernardino since 1999 providing information and instruction about local Indian tribes to fourth grade school children from the surrounding school districts. Each year, some 2,000 children participate in the conference.

The remaining board members are John Futch, John Longville, Dr. Charles S. Terrell, Jr., Jess Vizcaino, Jr. and student trustees Javier Alcaez from San Bernardino Valley College and Stefan Colvey from Crafton Hills College.

The San Bernardino Community College District encompasses San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, KVCR-FM/TV and the Division of Corporate and Economic Development.

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