



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: March 21-22, 2016

SUBJECT: Recognition of Mario Camara, founding member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation for California Community Colleges		Item Number: 3.7	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Foundation for California Community Colleges	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Keetha Mills, President/CEO	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: This item recognizes the long-standing service of Mario Camara, founding member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation for California Community Colleges, and former Board of Governors Member.

BACKGROUND: This is an informational presentation in acknowledgment of outstanding service in support of students, colleges, college foundations, and the California Community College system. Mario Camara has been a vocal advocate for the California Community Colleges as a member of the Board of Governors and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Over the course of 18 years, as a trusted member of the Foundation’s leadership since its inception, Camara has overseen the growth of the organization into a dynamic and diversified organization capable of serving the needs of students, colleges and system priorities.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented to the Board for recognition of exemplary service.

ANALYSIS: Mario Camara is a founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges since its formation in 1998. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, 1977-1986, serving in the roles of Vice-President, 1980, and President, 1981.

Camara has served in a number of officer positions throughout his tenure with the Foundation Board. He has been instrumental in advising the Board on a myriad of legal and contractual issues related to the Foundation's growth, contributing to the achievement of approximately \$30 million in annual revenue and over \$100 million in total assets. Under Camara's leadership, the Foundation has provided over \$250 million of support to the California Community College System, distributed over \$15 million in student scholarships, employed thousands of students in meaningful internship opportunities, and made significant strides in building a nest egg of important net operating reserves to sustain the Foundation into the future.

Camara is a managing partner at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP in Los Angeles, CA. He has professional affiliations with Los Angeles County Bar Association, National Association of International Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), Urban Land Institute (ULI), Association of Real Estate Attorneys, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, and Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Camara is a distinguished figure among his professional peers and his community. Camara was named Citizen of the Year by the Century City Chamber of Commerce in 2014, and was also named as one of the Los Angeles Business Journal's 50 Names in Law in 1997.