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Long Beach Community College District Board Vice President Dr. Thomas Clark Announces Decision Not to Seek Re-election

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach Community College District Board Vice President Dr. Tom Clark, representing Area 5, has decided not to run for another four-year term in the upcoming election on April 8, 2014.

Elected to the Board of Trustees in 1998, Dr. Clark will have completed 16 years of service on the Board when his current term as Vice President ends on July 22, 2014. Prior to serving on the Board, Dr. Clark was a Long Beach City Councilmember for a record of 30 years and served as the Long Beach Mayor for three terms. Dr. Clark also served as a Boardmember and President of the Community College League of California Trustee Board as well as President of the League of California Cities.

“I have enjoyed my experience on the Board of Trustees working to supporting student success,” said Dr. Clark. “The College has been a great asset of the community for many years.”

Dr. Clark is a proud Long Beach City College alumnus; two of his children are also Vikings. He received his AA degree from Long Beach City College after service in the Army. He then received his BS, MS and OD degrees from the School of Optometry at UC Berkeley. He is a member of the City College Hall of Fame for his distinguished career and LBCC’s Hall of Champions for his accomplishments in track.

“Long Beach City College and the students it serves have greatly benefitted from Dr. Clark’s years of experience as an elected official and community leader,” said Eloy O. Oakley, Superintendent-President of Long Beach City College. “I wish to thank Dr. Clark for his dedication to the College, which has helped with campus improvements and the success of our students.”

Long Beach City College Board of Trustee President, Jeff Kellogg, added, “Tom Clark has represented the City of Long Beach and Long Beach City College for over five decades. He has served the citizens of our community with dignity and respect during that time and has been a role model for public service. It has been my honor to have served with Dr. Clark as a Long Beach City Councilmember and as a Trustee at the College. You don’t simply replace someone like Tom, he will be truly missed.”

Dr. Clark will continue his service to Long Beach City College and the Foundation and its scholarship programs after his term on the Long Beach Community College District ends in July 2014.

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