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### **RIO HONDO COLLEGE TRUSTEES RESOLVE TO ESTABLISH A SANTA FE SPRINGS/SOUTH WHITTIER EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Whittier-* At their October 18, 2006 meeting, the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees resolved to create a Santa Fe Springs/South Whittier Advisory Board to work on the curriculum to be offered at the new satellite campus serving these areas. They Board of Trustees had previously resolved to create an Advisory Board for the Rio Hondo College satellite campus that will serve the El Monte/South El Monte area.

“Creating advisory boards is a critical component of collaborative decision making,” said Angela Acosta-Salazar. “It is important that the College offer classes that are pertinent and useful in our communities. Community stakeholders are the most qualified people to help the College in this endeavor.”

“I am so proud of this working agreement and what it does for South Whittier and the Santa Fe Springs Areas,” said Chief Garry Couso-Vasquez, Rio Hondo College Trustee. “There is so much need and request for education and Rio Hondo is listening and taking action.”

The Rio Hondo College Master Plan calls for off-site centers in both the Santa Fe Springs/South Whittier and El Monte/South El Monte areas. The Board approved the Master Plan at their September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and has immediately begun implementing the new *Building Access and Excellence* building program. These advisory committees are designed to create an open line of communication between the college and the community.

“The creating a satellite campus in the Santa Fe Springs/South Whittier community has been a top priority for the College and this community” said Gary Mendez, Rio Hondo College Trustee. “It is important to provide greater access to college for people in South Whittier and Santa Fe Springs.”

“Rio Hondo College wants to serve the communities in our District the best way possible,” said Dr. Rose Marie Joyce, President of Rio Hondo College. “Incorporating the important information that we are provided by our Advisory Committee members enables us to do so.”

The Advisory Committees will be created over the next several months as the satellite campuses are prepared for their grand openings.

Located in Whittier, California, Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offering - including programs and courses leading to transfer and vocational degrees and certificates - for its diverse students and community. For information on the College or its programs, please call 562-692-0921 or visit [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu) .

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