

# COLLEGE SQUARE

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## News Flash

### Call To Action Notice

Several streets in our neighborhood are impacted by El Camino College Compton Center's students parking in the neighborhood. In addition this has caused other problems which affects quality of life, safety and health.

We need all neighbors to attend the next **College Board of Trustees meeting** to address our concerns and issues directly. Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes.

**LOCATION:** El Camino College Administration Building

**DATE:** February 17, 2015

**Time:** 5:00 pm

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## **Background – Survey Results**

Because of unusually and excessively high gate utilization by primarily students to access the college property through the neighborhood of College Square in Long Beach, California, a survey of affected residents was conducted in July 2014.

College Square residents were constantly besieged with loud noise, trash, profanity, loitering, illegal drug smells, property damage, threats and parking issues.

The major area affected boundary streets are: Delta Avenue, Harbor Blvd; side streets west of harbor: Gardner Street, Cummings Street, 67<sup>th</sup> Way, Heath Street, Taylor Street.

## **Recommendations Proposed To El Camino College–Compton Center**

BASED ON BOTH VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS, THE MOST IMMEDIATE REMEDY DESIRED IS THAT THE EL CAMINO COLLEGE – COMPTON CENTER GIVES EARNEST HEED TO REMEDY RESIDENTS' PLIGHTS AND AN EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING.

- Install security plate facing the lock/latch area side of the gate so that items cannot be used to pry or force open the locks.
- Install devices or materials that would eliminate the noise created by the gates slamming.
- Install cameras to monitor and identify users of the gates, times of use and method of entry.
- Maintain property on both sides of the fence, monitor and remove trash on a daily bases.
- Compton College Police/Security to monitor gates more closely, enforce, control items identified, Post Student Compliance and Monitoring Notices at gates.
- Take actions against students who disrupt, disturb, harass, loiter, performing illegal acts, smoking illegal substances, blocking driveways, destroy property, littering, using profanity or in any way affects the quality of life, feeling of safety, affecting health and/or creates a nuisance to the residents in the community.
- Provide signs for residents to post in their yards instructing students of NO Parking in the residential area.
- Provide sponsorship of Long Beach City Preferential Parking Permits for residents in the affected areas.
- Provide and/or take any and all additional steps to remedy the problems that El Camino College Compton Center students are causing to the Long Beach— Square Neighborhood residents.