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HARBOR COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND APPOINTED TO CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S AD HOC

COMMISSION ON LAUSD GOVERNANCE



425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731 Tel: 310/732-3508 After 5:00 p.m.: 310/732-3500 **SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla has named Harbor Commissioner Camilla Townsend to his Joint Commission on Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Governance. The 30 –member ad-hoc commission will evaluate the governance of the LAUSD and provide recommendations for its improvement.

"I've spent the majority of my 40 years as an educator as a teacher, administrator and principal with the LAUSD," said Commissioner Townsend. "I really am looking forward to examining and evaluating the way LAUSD is run, and coming up with solutions that will benefit the youth of Los Angeles, and the entire City in the long run."

Townsend has taught at the high school, adult school and college levels. She was an assistant professor of education in the graduate schools of California State University, Los Angeles; California Lutheran College; Loyola Marymount University and UCLA Extension School. Now retired, she worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 38 years; serving as a teacher, administrator to the Deputy Superintendent of Schools and as former principal of Harbor Community Adult School.

A native Angeleno and a 25-year San Pedro resident, Camilla Townsend was appointed to the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners by Mayor James K. Hahn and confirmed by Los Angeles City Council on July 25, 2001. She was reappointed in 2004, and her current term as Harbor Commissioner expires in 2009. Townsend also served on the City's Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families under Mayor Richard Riordan from 1999 to 2001.