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Horton Tells High School Students to Follow their Dream; Recognizes CSU Dominguez Hills President Dr. Mildred Garcia

Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization, in partnership with Mike Gipson, Carson City Councilman, California State University Dominguez Hills, California Education Solutions, and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board hosted the Career Pathways Symposium, a free career day and college fair for freshman and sophomore students from high school campuses in Los Angeles County.

The event, hosted by AT&T, Darden Industries, Visa Inc, Hewlett-Packard and the California Teachers Association, took place today, November 19, 2010, at California State University Dominguez Hills. Over 600 students from 20 high schools in the area of the university attended the event

“One goal of this symposium is to impress upon you the importance of an education to your future, and the future of your society. Don’t let anyone dissuade you from your dream,” said Horton.

Mr. Horton also presented Dr. Mildred Garcia, the President of CSU Dominguez Hills, with a resolution thanking her for her participation in the event, and recognizing her as a leader in articulating clear career and professional goals for high school and college students.

In addition to Dr. Garcia, Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, Superintendent-Elect of Schools, and A.J. Duffy, President of United Teachers Los Angeles, spoke at the symposium. Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, and State Personnel Board introduced the students to state employment careers in the legal, accounting, appraisal and customer service fields. Also, representatives from Visa Inc., AT&T, Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard and KIA Motors introduced the students to technology career opportunities for those who plan to study math, science, and business management. Representatives from the California Student Aid Commission and the California State University Dominguez Hills Alumni offered counsel and advice about financial aid, financial aid applications, and college applications.

Elected in 2010, Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton is the 4th District Member of the Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California’s history. Horton previously served as an Assemblymember from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and has a significant responsibility in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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