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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris Lauds appointment of Cecilia Estolano to Board of Governors and Reappointment of Geoffrey L. Baum

SACRAMENTO – California Community Colleges Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) issued the following statement on Gov. Jerry Brown's appointment of [Cecilia Estolano](#) to the [Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges](#) and the reappointment of [Geoffrey L. Baum](#) to another term on the board that oversees the largest public higher education system in the country:

"The appointment of Cecilia Estolano will make a welcome addition to the Board of Governors as it pursues its twin goals of increasing access to California community colleges and improving student success. Her impressive legal and policy background will bring new insight and expertise to the board. The governor's reappointment of Vice President Baum provides stability in board leadership. These are two fine appointments."

Cecilia Estolano, 47, of Pasadena, has been co-founder of Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors LLC since 2011. She was chief strategist for state and local initiatives at Green for All from 2009 to 2011, chief executive officer at the City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency from 2006 to 2009 and a lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Affairs from 2006 to 2009. Estolano was of counsel at Gibson Dunn and Crutcher LLP from 2005 to 2006 and served as assistant city attorney at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office from 2001 to 2005 and as a senior policy advisor at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1993 to 1995. Estolano earned a Juris Doctor degree from University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Geoffrey L. Baum, 50, of Pasadena, has been director of communications and public affairs at the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnyslans since 2010 and an administrator at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism since 2001. He was executive producer at C-SPAN from 1999 to 2001 and assistant vice president at Claremont McKenna College from 1994 to 1999. Baum was president of the Pasadena Area Community College District Governing Board in 2006 and in 2012. He earned a Master of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Southern California.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>.

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