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Whittier Appoints New Board Of Trustee To The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

Whittier Mayor Pro Tempore, Owen Newcomer, has been appointed by the Whittier City Council to serve a two-year term as a Trustee for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) is a California government and public health service agency. Service programs include preventing and reducing populations of vectors, such as mosquitoes, aquatic midge, and biting black flies. By controlling the populations of various vectors throughout the District, reducing the amount of interaction between humans and vectors, and protecting public health and comfort, the District helps preserve the quality of life of the residents and citizens within its boundaries.

The District's governing power is vested in the Board of Trustees, which is comprised of 35 members. One trustee is appointed by each respective city and the County Board of Supervisors appoints one. To be appointed, the member must be a resident voter of the representative city (or county for county member) in the District.

As a board member for GLACVCD, Mr. Newcomer's duties and responsibilities will include setting policy, establishing the budget, approving expenditures, and retaining legal council. He will serve a two-year term without compensation, but will receive an *in lieu* travel expense of \$100 for attending each regularly scheduled board meeting, which is held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm, at District headquarters in Santa Fe Springs. All meetings are open to the public.

Newcomer is a government professor at Rio Hondo College and the author of *Governing California and Los Angeles*, 4th Edition. Previously, Owen served as a Board Member for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and Whittier City School District. A 1980 graduate of the University of Southern California with a doctorate in political science, Newcomer earlier received an M.A. degree in political science and a B.A. degree in political science from California State University, Northridge. Owen and his wife Kristina have resided in Whittier since 1976.

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