



# LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Mr. Scott J. Svonkin has served three consecutive terms as President of the Los Angeles Community College District's Board of Trustees, the first time in the District's 50-year history that an elected Board member was selected by their peers to serve three consecutive one-year terms as president. Trustee Svonkin was first elected to the LACCD Board, Seat 5, in 2011, and re-elected in 2015. His current term expires in December 2020.

In 2015, Svonkin was appointed to the College Promise National Advisory Board by former U.S. President Barack Obama. He served for three years to help the campaign initiate free tuition for responsible students attending community colleges across the nation. The Los Angeles Community College District was among the first districts to offer free tuition to all first-time, full-time students.

A high-school dropout, Svonkin is a prime example of the role community college can play in transforming lives. He enrolled at Pasadena City College, went on to get a bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge, and served on the San Gabriel Unified School District Governing Board before being elected to the LACCD Board of Trustees.

His career focus has been in public service, particularly on education and non-profits, and as a businessman and experienced community activist. Mr. Svonkin currently serves as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, the largest probation agency in the U.S. He previously was Chief of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang.

Svonkin also served as a member of former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's staff and worked as Senior Advisor to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Trustee Svonkin was also Chief of Staff for State Assemblyman Paul Koretz and was a Deputy Councilman for the City of West Hollywood.

As a chief of staff, he was involved in key legislative projects such as an aggressive anti-crime program focused on getting guns off the streets; the protection of children from tobacco and its advertising arms, and support for public education and working families. As a West Hollywood Deputy Councilman, Svonkin worked on important legislation, community liaison activities, intergovernmental affairs, media relations, and constituent services for residents.

Trustee Svonkin is committed to promoting educational opportunities for all through various organizations. He twice served as President of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association and has served on the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation Board; the California State University, Northridge Legislative Advisory Council; the LA PROSPER Board of the Los Angeles Community College District, and the Center for Southern California Studies Advisory Board. He is a former Chairman of the Los Angeles Unified School District Advisory Council for District Four. As a health care executive, he arranged for his company to donate almost 1,000 computers to public schools.

Concerned about public health, Svonkin served on the Board of the Children's Hospital L.A. Huckleberry Fund and on the California Respiratory Board where his fellow members elected him Board President shortly after his appointment. Svonkin has been a volunteer for 16 years with the California Credit Union, first serving on the Board of Directors and now currently serving as a member of the Supervisory Committee. He is also the current Chair of the Los Angeles County Insurance Commission.

A native of Los Angeles County, Svonkin attended public schools and served two terms as the Student Member of the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees before transferring to California State University at Northridge. Scott received his Associate of Arts degree from Pasadena City College with the Class of 2016.

During his six-and-a-half years with Prudential, Scott received the company's Community Champions Rising Star Award for his commitment to helping others and the Hero Award for creating a voter registration and grassroots-lobbying program.

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