LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Nancy Pearlman is serving her fourth term with the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), originally elected to the Board in 2001. She leads the effort to have sustainable buildings and operations for the District.

Ms. Pearlman is an award-winning broadcaster, journalist, environmentalist, college instructor, anthropologist, editor, producer, on-air personality, and outdoorswoman who has made safeguarding the earth’s ecosystems both a vocation and an avocation. For forty-three years, she has given her time and energy to the environmental cause. She was selected by the United Nations Environment Program as a Global 500 Laureate and has received many other honors including the Chevron Conservation Award.

Since 1970 when Nancy coordinated the first Earth Day in Southern California, she has worked with and continues to be involved with hundreds of conservation organizations, serving as administrator, founder, member of advisory councils, participant, and member of boards of directors. She founded the Ecology Center of Southern California in 1972, Project Ecotourism in 1993, Humanity and the Planet in 2001, Earth Cultures in 2004, and Nancy Pearlman, the Eco-Traveler in 2007.

ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTIONS, her international weekly radio series, was started in 1977 and is now the longest-running environmental radio series in the country on broadcast and the web. These half-hour programs, with one to three interviews per show, have featured leading scientists, authors, activists, and representatives from the business, academic, government, and nonprofit sectors.

As Executive Producer and Host of the three-time EMMY-nominated environmental television series ECONEWS, Nancy covers every ecological issue. Since 1984, she has presented her programs weekly to over 20 million homes via cable and broadcast television and over the Internet. Over 550 shows air on local origination, public access, governmental, school, and university channels, as well as on satellite to PBS stations.

Television documentary specials that have won awards include: “Gem in the Heart of the City” (the definitive piece on the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area), “Wind: Energy for the 90’s and Beyond,” and “Population Crisis, USA.” Television show honors include ACE-nominations (Award for Cable Excellence), Hometown USA Video Festival, and Diamond Awards. Nancy’s public service announcements have won numerous Buccaneer Awards from the Public Interest Radio and Television Educational Society.

As Executive Director to Educational Communications, Nancy has edited for 41 years the bi-monthly “Compendium Newsletter,” manages the Environmental Resources Library and writes for the "Culturally Speaking" newsletter. She is also president of a media consulting firm and lectures regularly. She has taught Cultural and Physical Anthropology, Broadcasting, Journalism, and Mass Communications at the college and adult level.

Ms. Pearlman is a member of the Gypsy Folk Ensemble and performs and teaches ethnic world dance. Her athletic achievements include completing the Western States 100-mile run, finishing the Ironman Triathlon, climbing more than 100 listed peaks in California, winning long-distance races such as the 1980 Regional Championship 50-mile race, and performing in equestrian events.

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