

**Dr. Jose Fierro**  
**President's Message**  
**June 12, 2017**

Dear Colleagues,

During last week's Board meeting, the Board voted to appoint James Cody Birkey to fill the open seat in Trustee Area 3, representing the cities of Bellflower, portions of Downey, South Gate and Cerritos. Trustee-elect Birkey is a resident of Bellflower and serves as vice president at JLL, a global real estate company, where he advises public institutions on strategic capital investments. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in international economics from the University of Oregon. He also holds a Master's in Design Studies in real estate economics and finance from Harvard University. Trustee-elect Birkey will be officially sworn in at the June 21 board meeting.

Please join me in welcoming Trustee Birkey to Cerritos College.

Thanks,  
Jose Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
President/Superintendent