



# *Board of Education*

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## **POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION OF MS. SHIRLEY ANN DAVIS**

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/37**

*Honoring the life and service of Ms. Shirley Ann Davis*

**Whereas**, Ms. Shirley Ann Davis served the Lynwood Unified School District with honor and distinction as a Substitute Teacher, Elementary Teacher, Secondary Teacher, High School Assistant Principal and Equity, Access, and Instructional Services Administrator; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Davis served the communities of both Lynwood and Compton as a business owner and was recognized as the 1<sup>st</sup> African American Female Rotary Club President in the city of Compton. She used her business acumen to develop community partnerships that propelled the districts equity mission and vision forward; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Davis served as the first Athletic Director of Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School and supported her colleagues throughout her career as a mentor, department chair, and assisted in the formation of the comprehensive International Baccalaureate Curriculum at Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Davis' passion for supporting students manifested itself in her work with becoming the first Young Black Achievers Student Union Club Advisor, establishing the first African American Student Support Class, assisted in supporting cultural clubs such as La Raza, Los Sueños, and our Gay Straight Alliances, assisted in organizing the Latino College Expo, Black College Expo, and the Historical Black Colleges and Universities Caravan which supported hundreds of students with college admissions and scholarships; and

**Whereas** Ms. Davis' grass roots efforts increased parent engagement across the district and her work was instrumental in the establishment of the African American Parent Advisory Council. Parents in Lynwood relied on her to be a voice of wisdom, reason, and advocacy for them and their children; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Davis' role in the establishment and growth of the LUSD Equity, Access, and Instructional Services Department has been pivotal to its success. She worked diligently as the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command to ensure students in Lynwood would be able to fearlessly achieve their own personal and professional aspirations; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Davis' dedication was an example of exemplary leadership which embodied modeling the way, inspiring a shared vision, challenging perpetual barriers to student success, enabling others to act, and encouraging the hearts and minds of students, staff and parents; and

**Be it hereby resolved**, that we, the members of the Lynwood Unified School District Board of Education, express our sincerest appreciation for the dedication and service Ms. Shirley Ann Davis provided to Lynwood Unified School District, an accolade that is so richly earned and deserved.

**Be it further resolved**, that we extend our deepest condolences to her daughter Ms. Emmanuella Pluton and the family of Ms. Shirley Ann Davis.

**Be it finally resolved**, that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the February 10, 2022, meeting of this Board.

**Passed and adopted by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on February 10, 2022.**

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Alfonso Morales, Esq. – Board President

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