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**LOS RIOS TRUSTEE ALBIANI TO STEP DOWN
AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

SACRAMENTO – Kay Albiani, one of the longest serving and most influential and honored members of the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees, will be stepping down this year after 20 years of service.

Albiani, who has represented the Elk Grove area on the Los Rios Board since her first election in 1996, has served numerous terms as Board president – in 1998, 2004-2006 and 2010. She will finish out her fifth consecutive term as a trustee this December.

And prior to joining the Los Rios Board, she served 18 years on the Elk Grove Unified School District Board. She was president of the California School Boards Association in 1985 and served as a director from 1980-1986. In 2005, the Elk Grove Unified School District named a middle school in her honor.

“Kay has been an outstanding leader at the local, state and national level. Her vision and commitment to our students has been unshakable,” said Los Rios Chancellor Brian King. “She will be greatly missed on the Los Rios Board of Trustees. She has been passionate about her constituents in Elk Grove, and has always seen the bigger picture for the capital region. It is hard to imagine where Los Rios would be today without Kay.”

In addition to her Los Rios service, she was president of the California Community College Trustees in 2005 and was a gubernatorial appointee to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors from 2004-2008, where she also served as president.

"The past 20 years have been very rewarding for me, being able to work with such outstanding trustees, administration, staff and students, who – as a team – have worked to bring the Los Rios Community College District into the 21st century as a progressive and innovative district with excellent facilities," Albiani said. "We have become the nationally recognized premier community college district and the most outstanding district in the state of California.

“Through taxpayer support, we have been able to provide a new campus (Folsom Lake) and new, modern facilities to existing campuses to provide students with career opportunities for the future, whether for technical training, transitional education to four-year institutions, or the world of work. I am proud to have been a part of this growth.”

For her service to community college, Albani has been honored with the Pacific Regional Trustee Leadership Award and the prestigious M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award, both from the Association of Community College Trustees.

"After nearly 40 years of service as an elected community college and K-12 school board member, Kay Albani may well be one of the finest public servants in all of California," said former Los Rios Chancellor and California Community Colleges Chancellor Emeritus Brice Harris. "She has helped literally hundreds of thousands of area students get a better life through education at the Elk Grove and Los Rios districts. Her impact on our region had been immense."

Albani, who attended Sacramento State, has represented the Board's [Area 7](#) residents of Elk Grove, Florin, Sloughhouse, Jackson Road and a part of Rancho Cordova.

Today, Albani and her husband, Gil, are co-owners of Albani Land and Livestock. She has a lengthy track record of volunteering time and serves on the boards of many community organizations.

ABOUT LOS RIOS

The Los Rios Community College District is one of the nation's most respected learning institutions and the second-largest community college district in California, serving the greater Sacramento region. Los Rios includes: American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges; six major education and outreach centers; and specialized workforce and economic development programs, for regional businesses, governments and organizations. Los Rios colleges offer AA/AS degrees, certificates and transfer-education opportunities in more than 70 career fields. The District's 2,400 square-mile service area includes all of Sacramento County, most of El Dorado County and parts of Yolo, Placer and Solano counties. More than 75,000 students are enrolled in the four Los Rios Colleges. For more information, go to www.losrios.edu.