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The Compton Initiative Recognized for Beautification Efforts at CUSD Board of Trustees Meeting

COMPTON, Calif., — Community outreach nonprofit, the Compton Initiative, was honored for its work to beautify Compton Unified School District (CUSD) schools, Tuesday, October 27, at the district's board of trustees meeting.

Six members of the Paramount-based organization, comprised of several southern California churches, were recognized in the CUSD board room, 501 S. Santa Fe Ave. Compton Initiative Site Coordinator Alma Vargas received a special honorary award on behalf of her organization. Fellow honorees included volunteer Lieutenants Rodrick Brown, Martin Ross, Andrew Jeeves, Eduardo Arellano, and muralist Sara Christensen. Over the past three years the nonprofit's growing number of volunteers have re-painted and cleaned up district schools including Kelly Elementary School, Whaley Middle School and Centennial High School, and have remodeled several local homes.

Vargas dedicated her award to all Compton Initiative members and vowed the nonprofit will fulfill its 40-year commitment to beautify the city of Compton and CUSD schools. "It's a blessing to be recognized by the school district," she said. "But this is about continuing to work on our commitment to just do good." Vargas added that the Compton Initiative's next project is set for January 23, 2010. "We're planning to paint two schools and maybe about 50 homes. We don't know which schools we'll help out next but we hope Compton residents will join us."

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PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS TO ACCOMPANY:
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Taking Initiative with Honors — Alma Vargas (*front row*), site coordinator, the Compton Initiative, accepted an honorary award on behalf of the Paramount-based nonprofit, Tuesday, October 27, at a Compton Unified School District (CUSD) board of trustees meeting. For the past three years, she and her fellow Compton Initiative members have worked together to beautify the city of Compton and CUSD elementary, middle and high schools through a series of projects that include re-painting school campuses.

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