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Dr. Anthony's interview w/Cindy re: history of CCCCCD

Dr. Anthony: Cindy when did you first hear of the community college – the concept?
I think from Tino – prior to the election.

Dr. Anthony: Did you play an active role in the early years in getting it started?
No really.

Dr. Anthony: What motivated you to become a Foundation Board Member?
As I recall – you and Tino came to visit me. Just started and Tino knew that I had an interest in education I guess and you were with him and came to me to ask me if I'd be interested.

Dr. Anthony: That was almost the first board foundation committee.

It was – I was at the tail end. I was still part of that first - - -

Dr. Anthony: Was that when Al Bitso (?) was there??

Yes, he was _____ chair.

Dr. Anthony: You have always been a strong passionate advocate of education.

I guess because I feel like education is a life long learning experience. ??? Outside - - -
God connected - - - - It became a labor of love – you know absolutely in all committees or task force on the Foundation Board or as Trustee its just the most positive volunteer experience I've ever had. I obviously don't tire of – I'm still on it.

Dr. Anthony: That's right – What pushed you to move from Foundation Board to Board of Trustees?

Several times in years – I remember a few people within the college and within the community would suggest that I run for Trustee. It was something that was a hard decision for me to make because the political aspect of running for an office was not pleasant and of course I ran against 2 opponents – I guess I really made the decision when Sue Olivier announced that she was not going to run for re-election. I lived somewhat in the same area of the county that she did and so I guess that's where I made my decision.

Dr. Anthony: As you look back on those years on the Foundation Board what sticks out in your mind that you're most proud of? Accomplishments? - - -

Overall excellence at the districts rapid growth – its my perception that we handled the growth well. Nationally known institution – just really proud to be a part of it.

Dr. Anthony: Any disappointments along the way? Know you had a rough - - - won hands down in the election. ???

The only real challenge was the 6 or 8 weeks before - - - well you know there are challenges all along – just like challenges in any business but I'm just so proud. I go to that ACCT Conferences and we are just a world-class organization. I love being part of work (???) that's like that.

Dr. Anthony: What high points or things that you feel should be included in the book?

Overall – excellence from an educational prospective, programs perspective. I think it's been just phenomenal considering such a fast growing district. Out of space (?) for one thing and our ability to continue to be on the cutting edge in regard to acknowledging the advantages of community college district. The ability to make

changes quickly. I think it would be a challenge to keep up the pace. But I think we're up to the challenge.

Dr. Anthony: Anything about your role as a Trustee that has surprised you?

I don't think I do as much as I can. I've been associated with the district for so many years – before I ran for Trustee - - I felt that I had quite a good knowledge of the district and yet after three years I feel that as a Trustee I'm still learning.

Dr. Anthony: You've been very active in the community.

I've said for years that I thought we were the best-kept secret in Collin County. I think that we've been able to get our message out perhaps we've had some recognition in the past few years. I think overall we're perceived very positively. Excited - - - over 14 years ago - - - ????? and I think that's a good thing. Real exciting - - great personal experience.