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Newly Elected Trustees Sworn in and LACCD Announces Board Leadership for 2017- 2018

LOS ANGELES, CA—The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees at their July 12, 2017, Board meeting held an official swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected board members. New member Dr. Gabriel Buelna, returning member Steve Veres and re-elected Ernest Moreno were administered the official Oath of Office before students, family members, friends, and college administrators. Additionally, members of the board elected Trustee Sydney Kamlager-Dove as the 2017-2018 Board President and Trustee Mike Fong was named Vice President.

New Board President, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, who serves as a District Director for State Senator Holly Mitchell, said of the new and returning members, “I am proud to welcome back Trustee Steve Veres, who has always been a passionate advocate for our communities both in his time as a public servant and as a Board member. I am also grateful that Ernest Moreno will continue his work on behalf of LACCD and I look forward to collaborating with Dr. Gabriel Buelna on our shared objectives to move this district forward and serve our students.”

A former public school teacher, Steve Veres returns to the LACCD Board of Trustees having served on the board from 2011 to 2015. He currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to Senate President Pro Tem of California, Kevin De León.

“I am eager to advance the effort to make our Nine College District serve as a gateway for social mobility and economic opportunity.” noted Trustee Steve Veres. “LACCD must strive to help all hard-working students — regardless of their income, race, or parents’ education — to enroll in college, graduate, and go on to rewarding careers.”

Ernest Moreno, who served 15 years as East LA College President was re-elected in March 2017 to his second term as a Trustee, said, “Since I began my first term in 2013, LACCD students have always been my priority. I am very excited to continue advocating for their success and working with my fellow Trustees to make our district more efficient and effective.”

Dr. Gabriel Buelna begins his first term as a LACCD Trustee continuing a distinguished career in education and in local non-profit leadership. Trustee Buelna upon his swearing-in stated, “I am looking forward to positively impacting the students at the colleges in our District. LACCD serves more students than ever before and the challenges that this entails will take collective effort and collaboration to advance our educational agenda.”

Upon the swearing in of the members, the board elected Trustee Sydney Kamlager-Dove to serve as Board President, while Trustee Mike Fong was selected as Vice President. “It is a privilege to serve as President of the Board of Trustees and I thank my colleagues for their vote of confidence. I am committed to returning the focus to connecting our students to the tomorrow they deserve - brighter, bigger, and full of opportunity. This is the people's community college district.,” stated Board President Kamlager-Dove.

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

The Los Angeles Community College District, the nation’s largest community college district, serves one-quarter million students a year in more than 36 cities in Los Angeles County at its nine colleges. The District covers nearly 900 square miles and has educated and trained the region’s diverse workforce since 1969.

Members of the Board

Sydney Kamlager, President | Mike Fong, First Vice President | Gabriel Buelna | Andra Hoffman | Ernest H. Moreno | Scott Svonkin | Steve Veres | Christopher Martinez, Student Trustee

Newly elected trustees are elected for a 5 and half year term and per California Education Code all trustees receive a stipend of \$24,000 annually.