

**ARTICLE II**

**THE MISSION OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**1200. MISSION. “*Changing Lives in a Changing Los Angeles*”**

The mission of the Los Angeles Community College District is to provide our students an excellent education that prepares them to transfer to four-year institutions, successfully complete workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs, and pursue opportunities for lifelong learning and civic engagement.

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1201. **CORE VALUES.** This District mission is informed by the following core values that will guide us in reaching our goals.

*Access & Opportunity:* We are committed to maximizing educational opportunity and access to everyone who has the desire to learn, and we actively engage all students, including those from communities that have traditionally been underserved by higher education or who require special accommodation or support.

*Excellence & Innovation:* In all of our services and institutional activities, we strive to create a culture of excellence and continuous improvement through the use of innovative pedagogy and technologies that challenge our students, faculty, staff and administrators to meet the highest educational and professional standards.

*Student Learning & Success:* All of our institutional efforts and resources are dedicated to one central purpose—the support of all students as they work toward the achievement of their academic and career goals.

*Free Inquiry:* We value the vigorous, critical and free exchange of ideas and opinions, and we work actively to create communities of mutual respect and shared concern that support and sustain open debate and constructive, democratic discourse.

*The Power of Diversity:* As a group of nine urban and suburban colleges situated in the midst of different communities, we draw upon and embrace diversity as an integral aspect of our civic and institutional identity and as a powerful element in the education and development of every individual.

*Equity.* We are committed to eliminating achievement gaps by identifying and removing barriers to student success.

*Community Connection:* Our colleges must be rooted in the communities they serve, and we are determined to build and maintain strong, durable, and responsive collaborations with our educational partners across Los Angeles, and with business, labor, and other organizations that contribute to the fabric of our larger community.

*Public Accountability and Transparency.* We are accountable to the public for all aspects of our mission, and we owe the students we serve, the people of Los Angeles, and the State of California regular and timely assessments of all of our efforts through shared governance processes that are open and transparent.

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