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**Los Angeles Community College District Applauds Governor Newsom's Signature of Transformational Senate Bill 330 that Addresses Student Housing Crisis**

*Bill enables LACCD to develop an affordable housing pilot program for students and employees*

LOS ANGELES —The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) thanks Governor Gavin Newsom for signing SB 330 (Durazo), which can significantly impact the availability of affordable housing for many students and employees at LACCD. This bill allows LACCD to develop a first-of-its-kind pilot program to construct and provide affordable housing for low-income LACCD students and low-to-moderate income employees.

SB 330 allows LACCD to lease District land to nonprofits or private entities for development, if is used for affordable housing for its students and employees. The bill places an emphasis on homeless students by requiring that they be given priority for the available affordable housing units.

"The soaring cost of housing is one of the biggest hurdles for many of our students and employees in studying or working at one of our campuses," said LACCD Board President Steve Veres. "This creative and innovative bill provides LACCD another tool in the toolbox to enable the District to look at alternative models to provide safe, affordable housing for low-income students and staff."

Current law prohibits LACCD from entering into any leases longer than five years and bars the District from leasing property for below fair market value, unless certain conditions are met. SB 330 provides a very specific exception that allows the District to lease property for less than the fair market value, enabling the private or non-profit developer to pass along the development savings to students and staff.

"SB 330 gives LACCD essential tools to address the housing crisis currently faced by their community college students and employees across Los Angeles," said Senator María Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles), author of SB 330. "As many as fifty-five percent of LACCD students currently experience housing insecurity, and nineteen percent experienced homelessness at some point during 2020. SB 330 creates an opportunity for the District to create a pilot program to develop affordable housing at or near a Los Angeles Community College. People should be able to focus on their jobs or their education, not worry about where they will sleep that night."

The pilot program will sunset on January 1, 2033, and LACCD will have to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2032 detailing its findings and making suggestions and recommendations.

"We appreciate the Governor's commitment to closing the affordable housing gap for California's neediest students and applaud Senator Durazo's leadership and support for LACCD's housing insecure students," said LACCD Chancellor, Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. "This bill provides the District sufficient time and flexibility to look at multiple options available for consideration."

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