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ANDRA HOFFMAN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF LACCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees member Andra Hoffman was elected to serve as the Board’s President for a one-year term effective immediately. The action occurred during the Board’s annual organizational meeting July 10.

With a call to “put students first,” Hoffman said she intends to emphasize “a year of transparency and accountability” as well as zero tolerance for any disrespectful behavior at Board meetings.

President Hoffman, of Encino, Calif., was first elected to the Board in 2015 and her current term expires next year. She has 22 years of service as a community college professor and administrator and currently works at Glendale Community College (not part of LACCD). She has a Master’s degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor’s in Liberal Studies. On assuming the Board President’s role, Ms. Hoffman noted her priorities for next year, including:

- Expand Family Resource Centers to every campus to serve students who are parents;
- Full funding of Dream Centers to support DACA and other undocumented students;
- Improve outreach and retention services for African-American students;
- Increase diversity in faculty, staff, senior management and all levels of the curriculum;
- Continue support for the L.A. College Promise program for all high school graduates and other qualified adult learners;
- Further professionalize Early Childhood Education Programs to train early childhood educators who serve children of district students and staff as well a program run by the Los Angeles County Office of Education and local public school districts;
- Engage with the broader community to confront the issue of student homelessness, including homeless students who are veterans;
- Invest in technology to meet standards recognized in the world of community colleges.

“These are ambitious goals but they are not the only issues we face,” President Hoffman said. “We need to embrace Governor Newsom’s bold plan to serve all Californians from cradle to career and we must be intentional in our efforts to do so. In the entire system of higher education, no entity is better able to fulfill that goal than the community colleges and we at LACCD must commit ourselves to lead the way.”

President Hoffman said she intends to appoint fellow board members to various committees with an emphasis on the interests and abilities of board members and will create special committees where needed to focus on specific issues. Also at the meeting Board members Steven F. Veres was elected as Vice President and Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., was elected as Second Vice President. Mr. Veres and Dr. Buelna also will serve one-year terms in those positions.

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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