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CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ ANNOUNCES NEW VICE CHANCELLOR FOR DISTRICT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

LOS ANGELES— Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, Ph.D., today announced the District has successfully hired a new Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer to oversee the Information Technology (IT) Division.

"I am very pleased to report that after an exhaustive nationwide search we have found someone who we believe will help take full charge of the District's inexorable transformation into a high-tech learning institution of the first order," Chancellor Rodriguez said.

Carmen V. Lidz is a technology executive with more than 20 years of leadership experience driving strategic change for information technology (IT) initiatives. Prior to joining LACCD, she served as the Chief Information Officer and Vice Chancellor for the City Colleges of Chicago where she was responsible for IT strategy and operations in support of more than 80,000 students, faculty and staff at seven colleges. She begins her new role at LACCD on Nov. 6, 2019.

"I am very pleased that we have picked an eminently qualified woman from the world of Information Technology to help direct our District's current technology needs and our future IT strategy. LACCD continues to lead by example regarding the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We look forward to having Vice Chancellor Lidz as an integral member of the District's executive leadership team," LACCD Board of Trustees President Andra Hoffman said.

Vice Chancellor Lidz previously worked for the City of Chicago, the University of Chicago and in the private sector for IT roles and responsibilities. She is a strong advocate for technology entrepreneurship, women in technology and youth STEM programs.

"It is a distinct privilege to join LACCD's team and leverage my expertise to help ensure the District's IT transformation plans rapidly move forward to empower students' success and to support the needs of the District's faculty and staff," Vice Chancellor Lidz said.

"I am a strong supporter in the important role that community colleges have in providing education to all as a path for upward economic mobility. I thank Chancellor Rodriguez and the Board of Trustees for having confidence in me to be part of this outstanding organization that impacts the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people every year."

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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.

LACCD's New Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Vice Chancellor Carmen V. Lidz