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**CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ ANNOUNCES NOMINATION  
FOR NEW LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE PRESIDENT**

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, Ph.D., today announced he is forwarding the name of Alexis S. Montevirgen, Ed.D., to be presented for approval by the District’s Board of Trustees as the next President of Los Angeles Pierce College. The Trustees are expected to consider and approve his appointment at the Board’s June 5, 2019 meeting.

Montevirgen currently is the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Indiana University Northwest, in Gary, Indiana, a position he has held since December 2014. His appointment, subject to Board confirmation, caps a year-long nationwide recruitment and selection process. Contract terms will be finalized concurrent with Board consideration with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019.

“We are delighted that Dr. Montevirgen has agreed to join our District as Pierce’s next President. His credentials and experience are in strong alignment with our mission to serve all who seek a two-year college education, professional certificate or successful transfer to a four-year university,” Chancellor Rodriguez said.

Dr. Montevirgen said he was honored to have been selected by Chancellor Rodriguez to join LACCD and the Pierce College Teams. “Pierce has an outstanding reputation as a premier two-year college and I look forward to working with the faculty and staff in service to our students and the surrounding community. This is an exceptional opportunity and I’m ready to begin once the Board confirms my appointment,” he said.

Dr. Montevirgen has many years of prior experience with the California Community College system. From August 2009 to November 2014, he served at the College of Alameda in the Peralta Community College District, Alameda, Calif., as Dean of Enrollment Services before becoming Vice President of Student Services. Prior to that, from November 2006 to July 2009, he was Director of Student Life for the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District.

He worked for the California State University (CSU) system for several years and held internship positions with both the University of Pennsylvania and University of California, San Diego. He has a doctorate in education from CSU’s San Francisco State University; a master’s in education from the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor’s degree from U.C. San Diego.

As the first in his family to go to school in the United States, Montevirgen said he is particularly proud of his strong foundation and life-long commitment to transformative educational leadership, social justice, equity, access, retention and student success.

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