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**LACCD SEEKS NEW CONTRACT FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES AT ITS NINE COLLEGES AND DISTRICT FACILITIES**

LOS ANGELES— The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) today announced it will seek a new contract for safety and security services for its nine colleges and District facilities. The announcement comes after the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) formally notified LACCD regarding the termination of its contract with the District.

The formal letter from the Sheriff's Department was delivered to the District after both sides could not reach mutually agreeable terms for a new contract. The current contract expires December 31, 2020. LACCD will now seek a temporary safety and security services contract while a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) is developed and a new contract approved.

LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., told District officials tonight:

"Today, I met with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department representatives to formally acknowledge the termination of the public safety contract between the Los Angeles Community College District and the LASD, effective Dec. 31, 2020. As you know, we have spent about five months in discussions and negotiations with LASD representatives to address the needs of the District and its colleges, but ultimately we were unable to reach mutually agreeable terms for either a short (six-month) or longer-term contract, in light of the current COVID-19 environment. Over the next few months, we will engage in an assessment of campus safety at LACCD and use that assessment as the basis for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for campus safety services. I thanked the LASD for their professional service over the last 19 years and made clear that we would welcome their (new) proposal when the time came."

Chancellor Rodriguez said the District has been "preparing for this contingency and we are moving forward with other options for the safety and security of District personnel, our students and facilities." LASD officials, meanwhile, have told the District that they will fulfill all of their obligations through the end of the contract.

No details about a new, temporary contract or the types of services to be provided are available. The Board of Trustees must vote to approve any new contract. No LACCD jobs are impacted by the contract ending with the LASD. All personnel involved are LASD employees.

The District currently spends over \$25 million a year for the LASD contract that includes 24/7 security at the nine colleges, several branch sites and satellite campuses plus the District's main office and other facilities. About 150 LASD personnel are currently part of its Community College Bureau, which began operations for the District in 2001.

The colleges include: [Los Angeles City College](#); [East Los Angeles College](#); [Los Angeles Harbor College](#); [Los Angeles Mission College](#); [Los Angeles Pierce College](#); [Los Angeles Southwest College](#); [Los Angeles Trade-Technical College](#); [Los Angeles Valley College](#) and [West Los Angeles College](#).

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We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD ([www.laccd.edu](http://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, [@LACCD](https://www.facebook.com/LACCD), and on Twitter, [@laccd](https://twitter.com/laccd) and Instagram, [@laccd\\_edu](https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu).

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