



LACCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THREE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees on February 3, 2021 unanimously approved a three-year contract extension for Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. as Chancellor and chief executive officer for one of the largest community college districts in the nation.

The extension through June 2024 reaffirms the Board's strong support of Chancellor Rodriguez and means that he will be at the helm of the nine-college LACCD for a total of 10 years and makes him the second-longest tenured LACCD Chancellor in the District's 52-year history.

Since joining [LACCD](#) in 2014, Chancellor Rodriguez has deftly guided the District through challenging and unprecedented times, most recently during the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic with a monumental pivot by faculty and staff to quickly shift the entire educational experience of more than 10,000 courses from in-person to remote learning platforms, while also maintaining business continuity.

During his leadership, the number of two-year degrees and certificates has more than doubled and West Los Angeles College has become a leader in California for community colleges awarding bachelor's degrees.

His acumen to build strong partnerships within the education, business, philanthropy, non-profit and government/public sectors, together with increasing public and private resources for the District, has kept the District fiscally strong. Chancellor Rodriguez was also a key figure for the successful passage of the District's \$3.3 billion facilities bond in 2016 and in transforming the District's capital improvement program, [BuildLACCD](#), into a more efficient and transparent operation.

"The Board has a high level of confidence in Chancellor Rodriguez and he has demonstrated his ability to lead this District through unpredictable and unprecedented times," Board President Steven Veres said. "His leadership and guidance have been key to responding to the needs of students and our institutions through the pandemic and positioning us favorably for the future."

"Chancellor Rodriguez is a tireless advocate for the rights of all—regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and immigration or citizenship status—to have access to higher education. He is a man of honor and integrity who never forgets his roots and fully understands that the huge benefits to our society, the economy and personal enrichment come from education. The District is fortunate that we have him as Chancellor," Board Vice President Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., said.

[California Community Colleges](#) Chancellor Eloy Oakley said "I am very pleased to see that Chancellor Rodriguez will continue to lead the LACCD. LACCD is one of the largest and most diverse community college districts in the country and its success is vital to the State of California. During his tenure, Chancellor Rodriguez has lifted the voices of students in the LACCD and has championed initiatives and reforms that align with the *Vision for Success* and in doing so has created more opportunities for tens of thousands of Angelenos. He is one of the California Community College system's most reliable leaders and I look forward to continuing our partnership."

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Chancellor Rodriguez thanked the Board for its faith and trust in his leadership after the contract extension was approved at the Board’s regularly scheduled meeting Feb. 3. Contract terms are publicly available online as part of the [Board agenda](#) materials.

“I have a great team and we share a common vision to provide a high quality, affordable education and experience for our students. I am pleased that I will be able to lead this District into the future and continue to propel our students and communities forward,” Chancellor Rodriguez said.

Looking ahead, Rodriguez said the Board has made its priorities clear: to continue leading the District through the pandemic and its safe return for in-person education and business operations; to fuel significant reform for racial and gender equity; to increase enrollments and, most importantly, to bolster student success.

The LACCD 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) 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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