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LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez Named to Los Angeles Mayor Bass' Transition Team

Strategic Group to advise Mayor during her first 100 days

LOS ANGELES— Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has named Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez to serve on her transition advisory team, whose purpose is to provide advice and counsel through the first 100 days of her administration.

"I'm honored to serve on Mayor Bass' transition team and help her address issues the City of Los Angeles faces," said Chancellor Rodriguez. "With Mayor Bass' ambitious plan to address homelessness, public safety, affordability, jobs, and housing in Los Angeles, she has brought to the forefront many relevant and timely policies to reinvigorate our City."

"As Mayor Bass focuses on pressing issues and policies to address during her first 100 days, I believe Chancellor Rodriguez will bring insight and solutions to many concerns," said LACCD Board of Trustee President David Vela. "Since he understands the educational needs of the region, he will be a great asset by providing key counsel to the transition team."

Appointed to serve as LACCD's Chancellor in 2014, Chancellor Rodriguez has 30-plus years of experience as an educator, faculty member, and administrator within California public higher education. He has dedicated his career to high-quality public education that champion equity and inclusion, diversity, and outreach to under-resourced communities. With a focus on expanding and authoring educational policies to increase access to higher education in underserved communities, he hopes to leverage this experience and assist in the mayor's initiatives.

"Given Mayor Bass' policy focus, I look forward to partnering with her on how education remains a significant predictor of social mobility," adds Chancellor Rodriguez. "The heart of LACCD is to provide students hope through education. Collaborating with the Mayor's office, I believe together we can increase resources and create opportunities to all Angelenos."

Born and raised in San Francisco, Dr. Rodriguez graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a bachelor's degree in Chicano studies and his master's degree in community development. He received his Ph.D. in Education from Oregon State University and an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Loyola Marymount University.

Co-chairs of the mayor's advisory team are: Dolores Huerta, labor and civil rights leader; Monica Lozano, president of the College Futures Foundation, formerly publisher and CEO of La Opinión; Dominique Ng, CEO of East West Bank; Steve Soboroff, city police commissioner; and Yvonne Wheeler, president of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

The 103 advisory team members have “a broad range of experience in the public and private sectors that Mayor Bass will draw upon to house people immediately, make L.A. safer and expand opportunity in every neighborhood,” according to the Mayor’s office. The team includes individuals from the business, education and nonprofit worlds, as well as civic and religious leaders.

The advisory group will also help lay the foundation for long-term success by identifying the best possible talent for positions in the Mayor’s Office, City departments and on the City’s 49 Boards and Commissions.

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