



A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT HOFFMAN AND CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ

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Dear LACCD Colleagues,

We are writing to you, our LACCD faculty, staff and students, to express our pain and support during this time. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others, can no longer be ignored.

This nation has a historic and harmful disease called racism. *This* pandemic has endured for centuries, and the time to heal and cure it is *now*. We stand in solidarity with our Black employees and students and will not tolerate these continued acts of violence – we stand with you, we hear you, we support you.

As institutions of higher education, we call for justice in the deaths of George, Breonna, Ahmaud and the countless other victims of police criminality. However, we know that this is simply not enough. We must be deliberate and purposeful in educating around being anti-racist. We must fully acknowledge that Black lives do indeed matter in the way we build our schools and colleges to what we teach in our classrooms, from the way our streets are policed to equitable access to healthcare. Until economic opportunities are afforded to Black and disenfranchised communities, there is no justice.

We recognize in the midst of all of this, including a global pandemic, there are finals to be taken, classes to be completed, work to be done, and we thank you all for your empathy, resiliency and commitment to our mission during this challenging time.

We are all empowered as educators. Let's use this power and influence to make lasting, systemic change!

In Solidarity We Stand,

Andra Hoffman
Board President

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