



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

June 18, 2021

Dear LACCD Colleagues,

I hope that you are enjoying this significant Juneteenth holiday and reflecting on its historical meaning of independence against the shackles of slavery and its contemporary value of recognizing the vast contributions of the Black/African American community to this nation.

At its June 2, 2021, meeting, the LACCD Board of Trustees unanimously approved a series of important Resolutions that I bring to your attention, including:

- [In Celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day](#)
- [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and/or Asexual \(LGBTQIA+\) Pride Month](#)
- [Condemning the Rise of Hate Crimes Against the Jewish Community](#)
- [Reaffirming the Support for the LACCD Framework for Racial Equity and Social Justice and Vision for Success Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#)

Please take the time to read each of these Resolutions, as they speak directly to the values and interests of this organization – who we are and who we aspire to be.

As noted, we will not tolerate hate crimes, oppression and discrimination of any kind, in any form, against any community. Let's stand together in solidarity and in allyship to denounce racism and xenophobia, and support the rights and dignity of every member of our community.

As a society and especially as educators, we cannot and will not be tone deaf to the demand for racial equality, social justice and criminal justice reform – all necessary and interdependent ingredients of an inclusive democracy.

As educators, I believe that it is our collective responsibility to purposefully serve our higher education community and, at the same time, to challenge it. As we move forward in a post-pandemic world, I invite us all to be protagonists, lead actors, collaborators and co-conspirators to affirm our collective vision for racial equity, social justice and inclusion in our District.

With my admiration and respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Francisco C. Rodriguez'.

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