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Dear LACCD Students, Staff and Faculty:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees and District Administration, we denounce the discriminatory remarks recently made by Kanye West. Incidents or language with clear intentions to divide and discriminate have no place and are not welcomed here at LACCD, whether fueled by anti-Semitism, racism, bigotry, homophobia, Islamophobia, misogyny, sexual harassment or any other form of discrimination, prejudice or bias, and hate.

“Now more than ever educators at every level must inform and engage their students, staff and faculty about the evils of anti-Semitism, racism and prejudice of all kinds,” said Trustee Andra Hoffman. “The wave of hateful speech and acts of violence that have gripped us of late must be confronted and condemned.”

We will not tolerate any form of hate speech or comments and actions that are unacceptable, despicable and dangerous. Our LACCD family will continue to be attentive and proactive to decry such behaviors and speech that serve to separate us, instead of uniting us.

“All individuals within our community have the right to participate in activities free from discrimination, harassment and retaliation,” added Board Trustee Gabriel Buelna. “All college and district leaders must proactively create a safe space, especially if a particular voice or group of voices are being silenced through intimidation or interference.”

Times like these—as challenging as they may be—allow us to reflect and to reaffirm our shared collective values at LACCD to actively build an antiracist organization and actively move toward a more socially and racially-just academic community.

Our diversity is our strength.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco C. Rodriguez".

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