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Dear LACCD Colleagues:

The Los Angeles Community College District leadership denounces the anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, and homophobic remarks by individual elected officials that were recently made public. Divisive and racist language has no place in any setting, and obstructs our ability to advance an inclusive and equitable equity agenda that uplifts our communities, especially those that have been under-resourced and historically marginalized.

Incidences such as these provide us an opportunity as an academic community to reflect on and emphasize our shared values at LACCD to actively build antiracist organizational capacity and resilience, and move forward towards a more socially and racially-just academic community. We'd also like to take this opportunity to recommit to and re-elevate our [Framework for Racial Equity and Social Justice](#) that the Board adopted in 2020.

Especially as we recognize Indigenous Peoples Day, LACCD commits to and will remain steadfast in tearing down educational barriers that impede solidarity and that stagnate progress towards delivering justice and equity for all. The diversity of our student body across our nine campuses is our greatest strength and asset. Our students are the next generation, and they will lead the way towards a more inclusive, accepting, and uplifting future.

In solidarity we stand. Together, we rise.

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