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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO FILL BOARD VACANCY**

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees on Friday, June 8, 2018, voted to appoint Mr. David Vela to fill the Seat 3 vacancy on the board. The unanimous vote capped a four-hour special meeting held at Los Angeles City College. Mr. Vela was selected from a field of 26 applicants. He is scheduled to be sworn in at the Board’s July 11 meeting and would hold the seat until the term expires on December 14, 2020.

“Thank you so much to the applicants for your presentations and for your leadership and efforts in the community. We had a tremendous response from the community and many well-qualified applicants. We welcome Mr. Vela to the Board of Trustees and look forward to collaborating with him and the LACCD team on embracing the hopes and aspirations of our students,” Board President Mike Fong said.

A Los Angeles native, Mr. Vela has an extensive career in public service. In 2002, he served as Senior Legislative Assistant to former state Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, handling labor, transportation and economic development issues. He also served as a senior advisor in state government under former Gov. Gray Davis.

After Sacramento, Mr. Vela spent 10 years as Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, in charge of one of the county’s largest unincorporated community pockets with more than 130,000 residents. In 2012, he was appointed as Chief of Staff to the California Legislature’s Labor Committee Chair, Assemblymember Roger Hernandez.

In 2013, he became Senior Vice President of External Affairs for the Lee Andrews Group. Before joining Lee Andrews Group, he created his own government-consulting firm, VELADA Consulting LLC to focus on social capital projects such as low-income housing and solutions for responsible businesses, unions, non-profits, eco-businesses and governmental agencies. Mr. Vela is also the founder of Honor PAC, a political action committee focused on equality in all levels of government. He has a bachelor’s degree from UCLA and a master’s degree in public policy from Pepperdine University.

“Mr. Vela brings an important voice and lived experience to the Board of Trustees. His extensive leadership in the public sector locally and in Sacramento adds tremendous value towards meeting our educational mission and serving the diverse needs of our students,” Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., said.

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Mr. David Vela