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**LACCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT HOFFMAN ANNOUNCES
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees President Andra Hoffman today announced that the District, in collaboration with SEIU Local 99, is hosting a two-day, “Women’s Empowerment Conference” on August 15-16, 2019.

The professional development conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days, at Los Angeles City College, <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/>, 855 N. Vermont Avenue, in the Student Union building’s third floor multipurpose room. Attendance is free for SEIU Local 99 members, who will also be given paid release time to attend the conference if needed, but the conference is open to anyone.

“As LACCD Board President, I’m excited to co-sponsor the event and I’m pleased that the District is able to bring this training opportunity to our SEIU members, many of whom are part of our custodial staff and are rarely offered professional development and career enhancement opportunities,” Hoffman said. “We hope attendees will be inspired to new levels of success through fun, powerful, breakthrough activities that will help women overcome personal and professional barriers, and gain new confidence in a safe, non-judgmental environment.”

The conference sessions include, among others, *Diversity-Importance of Women in the Workplace; More Students-More Money; Your Role in Student Success; Speak Up and Speak Out-Your Voice is Needed*. Expert advice also will be provided on how to break through gender barriers on important issues facing women in SEIU Local 99.

This is the first time that LACCD has collaborated with SEIU Local 99 to host a professional development conference. SEIU Local 99, <https://www.seiu99.org/>, represents about 400 District employees.

Online registration is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwf3RMWk3TX2ujgWSBqUrlAk6tz0mD7aVIVXqtfdaNiCegqg/viewform>

For questions about the conference, contact Katreliia C. Walker, Training and Development Program Manager, LACCD Division of Human Resources, by calling (213) 891-2040; or by email to walkerkc@laccd.edu.

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