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LACCD Statement on State of the Union Address

LOS ANGELES—Today, Trustee Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., Chair of the Los Angeles Community College District’s DACA/Immigration Task Force, released the following statement in response to the policies outlined by the President in his 2018 State of the Union address:

“Tonight, the President reiterated his hard-line immigration principles. While his proposal would provide a path to citizenship for Dreamers—which is essential for any viable policy moving forward—it would also include draconian changes to our legal immigration system, potentially tearing families apart and forcing tax-paying individuals to leave our country. This is simply unacceptable.

As the largest community college system in the country, serving one of the largest DACA populations, we urge Congress to come together to develop a humane, sustainable fix for DACA to ensure that these young men and women—and their families-- have the chance to succeed and to experience the opportunities afforded by this great nation. Denying these students access to higher education and employment will not only deprive them of access to the American dream, but it will deprive our nation of a young and vibrant workforce that contributes to our nation’s economic health, stability and prosperity for generations to come.”

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

The Los Angeles Community College District, the nation’s largest community college district, serves one-quarter million students a year in more than 36 cities in Los Angeles County at its nine colleges. The District covers nearly 900 square miles and has educated and trained the region’s diverse workforce since 1969.

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