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**Date:** May 1, 2013

**To:** Los Angeles Community College District

**From:** Steve Veres, President

**Subject:** **Announcement of Chancellor Search**

On behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District, I am pleased to share with you that the Board of Trustees is in the early stages of preparing to move forward with the search for the District's next Chancellor. The process we are designing will provide for a smooth transition in leadership within the District both at the Chancellor and Board levels as we welcome newly elected trustees who will take office in July.

The Board has selected the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to assist us with the Chancellor search process. ACCT has conducted over 400 community college searches and brings a wealth of information to our process. ACCT's mission is to strengthen community college governance through education, advocacy and service. Dr. Narcisa A. Polonio, ACCT Executive Vice President of Research, Education, and Board Leadership Services will provide leadership and coordination for our national search. Dr. Polonio attended Foothill Community College before transferring to San Jose State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in History. She also earned a Master of Arts from the Graduate School of Education at Stanford University. She continued her graduate studies and completed her doctoral degree in education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Dr. Polonio has been involved in many executive searches in California. She will be assisted by Julie Golder, Esq., a native Californian who has served at ACCT for over six years. Other California based consultants will assist with the search.

The Board plans to provide regular progress reports to keep the entire District informed on the search process through the summer. The District's website will include information on all aspects of the search for the internal community, potential candidates and the communities served by the District. The webpage on the Chancellor's search process will be up in the next few weeks and all information, including progress reports, pertaining to the search will be posted.

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A key step in the search process is the development of a Chancellor Profile, a document which describes the qualities and characteristics we seek in the next chancellor. The ACCT Search Team will be scheduling a public open forum at each college to solicit your thoughts and feedback for the Chancellor Profile. The Board and I invite and encourage everyone to participate in the public forums. Dates and times for the forums will be forthcoming. Additionally, each of you will also have the opportunity to provide confidential feedback through an electronic survey to be designed and posted by ACCT in the next couple of weeks. Everyone will also have the opportunity to reach out directly to our ACCT Search Team.

The Board is committed to conducting an open, transparent, and equitable national search as we seek the next leader for our District. To assist the District to achieve this goal the Board will appoint an inclusive and representative Chancellor Search Committee.

Should you have any questions or suggestions, the Board encourages you to contact our ACCT Search Consultants: Dr. Narcisa Polonio at [npolonio@acct.org](mailto:npolonio@acct.org), 202-276-1983 (mobile) or Julie Golder Alion, J.D. at [jgolder@acct.org](mailto:jgolder@acct.org), 202-775-4466 (office).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for your support and look forward to your participation in the Chancellor's search process.