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Los Angeles Community College District Outlines Plans to Transform College Campuses into 21st Century ‘Gateways to Opportunity’ with Proposition AA Funding

Approved by 64 percent of Los Angeles voters on May 20, Proposition AA enables Los Angeles community colleges to meet imminent enrollment pressures and build out college master plans.

LOS ANGELES (May 22, 2003) – Hon. Warren Furutani, President of the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), and LACCD Chancellor Mark Drummond today joined administrators, faculty and students at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (Trade-Tech) to celebrate the passage of Proposition AA, a facilities bond measure approved by Los Angeles voters on May 20, and outline plans to create 21st Century “Gateways to Opportunity” at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and the LACCD’s eight other community colleges.

“I am extremely proud to report that Proposition AA passed, not only because it was approved by more than 64 percent – surpassing the 55 majority approval percentage needed to win – but also because Los Angeles voters are sending a clear message that they support our colleges,” said Trustee Furutani.

Trustee Furutani continued, “Los Angeles depends on community colleges to help students achieve success and help fuel our local economy. Our colleges provide valuable training to students of all ages, races and ethnicities, and prepare students for transfer as well as for careers in homeland security, police work, nursing, firefighting and an array of other critical jobs that support our community.”
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The LACCD Board of Trustees approved the plan to place Proposition AA before Los Angeles Community College District voters to ensure the completion of all projects outlined in each of the nine LACCD community college’s master plans which are not funded by Proposition A, a facilities bond that was approved by Los Angeles voters in April 2001. Proposition AA also will enable Los Angeles Community College District to meet its imminent enrollment needs.

“Proposition AA funding is critically important, as it will provide the funds necessary to meet the growing needs of Los Angeles,” said Chancellor Drummond. “Through this facilities bond, we can address the classroom overcrowding as Tidal Wave II, the children of the baby boom generation, reaches college age and enters our system.”

Projects that will be completed with Proposition AA funding at the nine community colleges include, among others:

- **Los Angeles City College**: New math-science-technology building; new student services center; new police station; renovation of the Caesar Chavez Building, Clausen Hall, DaVinci Hall, Franklin Hall, Holmes Hall, Jefferson Hall, cafeteria building and Family Life Science Building; and campus-wide computer network upgrade for Internet access.

- **East Los Angeles College**: New technology education building; new mathematics/science complex; comprehensive health and fitness center complex and gymnasium renovation; new humanities building; modernize Helen Miller Bailey Library and Student Services Center; and provide multimedia conversions for classroom buildings.
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- **Los Angeles Harbor College**: New child development center; new technology instruction building; upgrade the Learning Assistance Center; new library building; and the renovation of the following facilities: Administration/Student Services Building, Cafeteria, Liberal Arts, Business, Physics, Science, Astronomy, Student Services Center/Administration, Drama/Speech/Theater, Fine Arts, Student Food Services and the Seahawk Center.

- **Los Angeles Mission College**: New student food services and culinary arts building; new media arts building; new wellness and health center; new child development center; new community extension and workforce development center; additional classroom buildings; Learning Assistance Center/Library expansion; new student services building; and new police station and safety information center.

- **Los Angeles Pierce College**: New theater support facility; new agriculture, outreach and support facilities; library renovation; modernize and improve the physical education facilities; new art education facilities; upgrade the Performing Arts Building; new improvements to mitigate local traffic congestion; and complete the water reclamation project.

- **Los Angeles Southwest College**: New student activities/services center; new community services center; new student food services/conference facility; new parking structures; new community arts center; and a new advanced technology center.

- **Los Angeles Trade-Technical College**: Renovate the Learning Resource Center/Library; make renovations and additions to the Fashion and Cosmetology Building; refurbish and reequip campus buildings; new vocational/technology complex; new instructional facilities; and renovate and make additions to the Liberal Arts Building.
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- **Los Angeles Valley College**: New computer-business-technology center; new fire/life safety training center; new child development center; new job training center; complete renovation of the following facilities: Planetarium, Motion Picture Life Science, Business& Journalism, Engineering, Math/Science, Humanities, Foreign Language, Behavior Science, Campus Center, Art, Music, Theater Arts, Cafeteria, physical education complex and athletic facilities.

- **West Los Angeles College**: Renovate the Library/Learning Resource Center; new entertainment media arts complex; new public safety institute; modernize the Career Education Center; Student Services and Administration Building; new plant operation and storage facilities; and a new community arts and entertainment center.

- **Additional projects**: Improve access to education and mitigation of local traffic congestion by the acquisition; and construct and develop additional campus sites in Northeast Los Angeles, Gateway Region of Los Angeles County and the San Fernando Valley.

“With the passage of Proposition A in 2001, and Proposition AA on Tuesday, we are well on our way to ensuring that our facilities are state-of-the-art and that we have the necessary space for a growing student population,” said Furutani. “We thank the voters and stand ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work.”

The largest community college district in the country, the LACCD educates more than 130,000 each year, offering educational opportunities at nine colleges in the Los Angeles area.