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LACCD APPLAUDS SUPREME COURT DECISION SUPPORTING DACA STUDENTS

LOS ANGELES—The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, ruling today that the Trump Administration cannot dismantle the immigration reform program strongly supported by the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

The action caps a week of historic decisions by the nation’s highest court which has now taken strong action reaffirming human rights by protecting job rights for LGBTQIA+ workers, upholding California’s sanctuary law and now its support for nearly 800,000 people under the DACA program known as Dreamers. Also in federal court this week, a judge ruled in favor of California’s lawsuit, which LACCD joined, to stop eligibility restrictions on federal aid money under the CARES Act to many students, including Dreamers and other undocumented immigrant students, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“This is fantastic news for our Dreamers. We are overjoyed, really, stunned and thankful that the basic core tenets for which our proud nation was founded—freedom, liberty and justice—has been strongly upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in this series of historic rulings during a time of divisive leadership coming from the White House,” said LACCD Board of Trustees President Andra Hoffman.

LACCD, with nine colleges serving about 230,000 students per year, is California’s largest community college district and one of the largest in the nation. LACCD serves a higher population of DACA students than any community college district in the nation. All nine colleges have dedicated Dream Resource Centers with college and community resources for Dreamers.

“This is a historic day for the nation, the District and our Dreamers. Truly a remarkable day to get the best possible news when the worst was expected. This is a day that symbolically the Liberty Bell is ringing throughout the land. Si Se Puede!” said LACCD Board of Trustees member Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., who chairs the District’s DACA and Immigration Task Force. The Task Force is scheduled to meet today via videoconference from 2 to 4 pm.

“Our country is now much stronger as a result of this decision. This decision allows our Dreamers to pursue their educational goals, and their futures, free from fear or uncertainty,” said LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. “We have always supported our Dreamers without apology, and LACCD will continue to take a leadership role to defend and protect the rights of all students to receive a quality, affordable education, and to join with Congress to protect and fight for a permanent solution and pathway to citizenship for DACA students.”

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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