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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER CONGRATULATES MARSHALL DRUMMOND ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO CHANCELLOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce congratulates Dr. Marshall “Mark” Drummond on his appointment as the new Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) in preparation for the planned departure of Darroch “Rocky” Young.

Previously serving as Chancellor of California Community Colleges – the largest community college system in the world – and as Chancellor of the LACCD (from 1999 to 2004), Drummond will bring unparalleled expertise to Los Angeles community colleges.

“Dr. Drummond is the right leader for LACCD at the right time,” said David Rattray, Vice President of Education & Workforce Development at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the LACCD Chancellor’s Search Committee. “Drummond’s experience reforming LACCD in the late nineties and his recent work with all levels of state government to improve California Community Colleges makes him uniquely qualified to help LACCD adapt to the state’s changing workforce demands. The L.A. Chamber congratulates Dr. Drummond on his appointment, and applauds the Board of Trustees for selecting the very best person to lead the LACCD as it prepares students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.”

The L.A. Chamber recognizes the important role of community colleges in meeting current and future workforce demands in the Los Angeles region and beyond. The Chamber supports LACCD in its efforts to provide multiple pathways for students to both continue their education in California’s four-year University system and to obtain career and technical training to fill a growing number of jobs statewide. The Chamber also supports the Los Angeles Cash for College program, which provides information and assistance for students to obtain state funds for community college and other higher education pursuits.

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