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L.A. AREA CHAMBER SALUTES NEW LAUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce salutes the new and continuing members of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education and welcomes Mónica García as the new school board president.

The L.A. Area Chamber applauds the new school board for taking swift action in key areas of reform. As the new board is sworn in today, it turns its immediate attention to the use of student and district data to drive policy decisions including graduation, college acceptance, placement and eligibility rates, all of which are key measures for predicting the needs of the next generation workforce. The school board also turns its attention to the need for new and existing schools to be designed or organized as Small Learning Communities (SLCs) with no more than 500 – 1,000 students – a concept the Chamber has long advocated.

The L.A. Area Chamber looks forward to working with the new school board to cast a future that boldly, creatively and courageously works to graduate all of our youth from high school, preparing them for careers and college. The Chamber urges board members to set high goals and establish aggressive timelines for action and results that will help improve education for all students.

The L.A. Area Chamber is committed to public education and youth development through programs and campaigns including small school reform, Cash for College, LA Youth at Work and Principal For A Day; serving more than 30,000 youth each year. More information on Chamber education and workforce development programs is available at www.lachamber.org.

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