



Office of the President

May 7, 2021

To our Students, Employees and the Community,

Many of you have raised concern about a widely circulated video where a woman identified as a former employee of West Los Angeles College was recorded berating a Los Angeles County deputy. We understand your outrage.

Please note that this instructor last worked for West Los Angeles College in 2016 and Los Angeles Southwest College in 2017. She has not worked for any Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) campus since 2017.

Unfortunately, her name was still in our online directory as of the morning of May 4, 2021 which created confusion about her employment status. We removed her name from the online directory when we became aware of the issue.

This information was posted to our social media and online newsletter on May 4 and we have tried to answer as many of your emails, calls, and other messages as possible.

Below you will find a statement from LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez and the President of the LACCD Board of Trustees, Steven F. Veres.

I am in full agreement with their assertion "We are repulsed by the motorist's actions and urge the appropriate officials to investigate the verbal assault as a hate crime."

Thank you for your on-going support of West Los Angeles College.

Sincerely,

Dr. James M. Limbaugh, President



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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this week, a shocking video surfaced in news media reports that shows a racist, verbal tirade by a motorist leveled against a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputy during a routine traffic stop on April 23, 2021. The motorist's actions are highly offensive, hateful and repugnant.

The video does not identify either the driver or the deputy, but the video has now been seen by millions of people around the world through extensive news media reports and social media posts. As part of the initial news coverage, a Fox Broadcasting Company cable television show aired an interview with the Los Angeles County Sheriff during which the person seen in the video is incorrectly identified as a current employee at Los Angeles Southwest College.

This is absolutely false.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is fully expected to correct the erroneous statement used during the interview, which has now caused unwarranted reputational damage to our colleges and to the mission and values of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

The District, our Board of Trustees and our nine colleges denounce racism and xenophobia in all its forms. We are repulsed by the motorist's actions and urge the appropriate officials to investigate the

verbal assault as a hate crime. We stand united together in strong support of our colleagues at Los Angeles Southwest College and at all nine LACCD colleges for the good work they do, every day, to serve and empower their students and the surrounding communities.

LACCD also stands by, and is held accountable to, our [Framework for Racial Equality and Social Justice](#) and our District's actions denouncing hatred and violence against others, including the [Armenian](#) community and [Asian Pacific Islanders](#).

We call upon everyone to "Stop the Hate" and to denounce racism wherever and whenever it is found.



Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor



Steven F. Veres
President, LACCD Board of Trustees