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Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached letter, which states LACCD's reasons for urging support for the Los Angeles Convention Center expansion and modernization project.



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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

August 20, 2025

Economic Development and Jobs Committee
Office of the City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE LA CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION & MODERNIZATION PROJECT -
COUNCIL FILE 15-1207-S1**

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) strongly urges you to approve the expansion and modernization of the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC). As a leading educator in California, serving a diverse population of nearly 200,000 students, the LACC project provides a unique opportunity to create thousands of jobs during development and through broader economic benefits that hold great workforce potential for our students and recent graduates.

The convention center construction and maintenance will positively impact LACCD's skilled-trade students. LACCD proudly administers educational programs that prepares students to excel in industries such as carpentry, electrical construction and maintenance, electrical line-working, heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), welding, operation and maintenance engineering, and more. The renovations would boost these industries locally, likely helping provide vital learning, internship, and career opportunities for students, as well as family-sustaining jobs for early-career professionals.

The lasting economic benefits will strengthen workforce opportunities for LACCD students across programs. The renovation would once again make the Los Angeles Convention Center competitive relative to other cities, increasing the number of major events and related jobs, expanding opportunities for student-workers to support themselves while furthering their education. Additionally, the associated economic impact will bolster other industries, holding the promise of creating new pathways into diverse careers aligned with our various educational programs, including hospitality, communications, business, culinary arts, and beyond.

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The renovation is a long-term investment in Los Angeles and its people. LACCD's colleges have been in partnership with the City of Los Angeles for 100 years. While we acknowledge the immediate complexities of the project, we urge the council to take a long-term perspective and forcefully seek viable solutions to capitalize during this swiftly closing window of opportunity. A modernized convention center is essential to maintaining Los Angeles' force on the world stage, and a critical investment that will pay dividends for our communities and economy for decades to come.

On behalf of the entire LACCD community, for these reasons, we urge your support for this project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Alberto J. Román".

Dr. Alberto J. Román, DPA
Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

CC: Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees