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L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGES SIGN CLIMATE REGISTRY PLEDGE TO PUBLICLY REPORT EMISSIONS

*New Construction on Nine Community College Campuses
Includes Energy-Saving Efforts and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases*

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Community College District today signed an agreement joining the California Climate Action Registry. The Registry was established by California statute as a non-profit voluntary registry for businesses and public agencies to track their greenhouse gas emissions, which cause global warming.

The Los Angeles Community College District is the first community college district to join the California Climate Action Registry.

Over the course of the College District's \$2.2 billion Proposition A/AA construction program, the Colleges will work with the Registry to increase awareness of greenhouse gas emissions issues and to become an environmental role model for California's educational institutions. The Registry encourages voluntary actions to increase energy efficiency and decrease GHG emissions. Its participants include businesses, non-profit organizations, municipalities, state agencies, and other entities.

L.A. Community College Trustees Mona Field and Nancy Pearlman signed the agreement joining the Registry, and Registry Executive Director Diane Wittenberg greeted her newest members.

"Our commitment to protecting the environment is an important part of our Proposition A/AA bond construction program," said Trustee Field. "As a new member of the Climate Registry, we will pay specific attention to our greenhouse gas emissions with the goal of reducing them."

East Los Angeles College Student Nevada Dove, a Campaign Assistant at the Coalition for Clean Air, appreciates the College District's commitment to the environment. "By joining the Climate Registry and using sustainable construction, the Community Colleges are setting an example for students," Dove said. The agreement was signed at a Coalition for Clean Air event.

"The Community Colleges are proud to be the first college district to join the Climate Registry," said Trustee Nancy Pearlman. "We hope other colleges will follow our lead."

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(L-R) Community College Board of Trustees President Kelly Candaele, California Climate Registry Executive Director Diane Wittenberg, Cabinet Secretary Terry Tamminen, and Community College Trustee Nancy Pearlman stand proudly behind the recently-inked agreement