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To: Members of the Public; and All Colleges

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Date: January 4, 2016

Re: Board of Governors Invites Input on Chancellor Search

The Board of Governors and our Chancellor Search Screening Committee invite public input on the position description for the Chancellor.

California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris announced that he will retire in April 2016 after more than three years leading the 113-college system. The Board of Governors has begun the search for a new Chancellor.

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges is a seventeen-member public body appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The Board provides direction and leadership to the community college system and implements state law through the Chancellor's Office. The Chancellor is the chief executive officer of the Chancellor's Office, which has a staff of approximately 170. The recruitment, selection and supervision of the Chancellor is the responsibility of the Board of Governors.

With more than 2 million students, California Community Colleges form the largest system of higher education in the nation. From programs that ensure our economic vitality through workforce training and education to preparing students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, along with basic skills education to ensure proficiency in English and mathematics, every Californian has a stake in the successful leadership of the system.

At our public meeting on January 20, 2016, we invite input on the 1) challenges and opportunities for a new Chancellor, and 2) ideal characteristics of a Chancellor.

Individuals may address the Board of Governors at the meeting or offer written input via https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorCA.

The link, along with additional information about the search process, can be found at: http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/ChancellorSearch.aspx

Thank you for sharing this information with colleagues, stakeholders and members of the public.