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## **Los Angeles City College Adds New Transfer Degree in Social Justice Studies**

LOS ANGELES - (May 29, 2019) – The application for a new Social Justice Studies Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)/ Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) at Los Angeles City College (LACC) was approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office on May 20, 2019.

The ADT/AA-T in Social Justice Studies will prepare students to transfer into the California State University (CSU) system to complete a bachelor’s degree in Social Justice Studies and related majors. Career pathways for this degree include child advocacy, criminal justice, disability rights, government service, human rights, immigration, education and social work, among other fields.

“In today’s rapidly changing national and international political environment, many of our students are interested in classes that will provide opportunities to build careers in the government and social justice fields,” said Professor Anthony Clark, Department Chair of Social Sciences at LACC.

“The new degree will enable students to study the intersection of gender, ethnicity, race and class issues as they pertain to politics, education, economics and the environment,” said Carol Kozeracki, LACC Dean of Academics Affairs.

"One of the objectives was to ensure that the program is attractive to millennials and generation 2020 students. Many of our students are experiencing gentrification, homelessness, and other social inequalities. We believe the new social justice program will give students the opportunity to apply practical solutions to complex social problems while studying traditional and contemporary scholars in the Social Justice Movement," stated Dr. Nyree Berry, Associate Adjunct Professor of Sociology.

“We are very proud to now offer a Social Justice Studies option for our students,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College.

The Social Justice Studies ADT/AA-T is made possible through California law SB 440 which stipulates that community college students earning transfer degrees receive priority admittance to CSU programs.

### **About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, LACC celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.