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**DR. MARY GALLAGHER NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE**

(Release date) Dr. Mary Gallagher has been appointed the new interim president for Los Angeles City College (LACC). Dr. Gallagher, who served as the Vice President of Administrative Services at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), assumed her new role effective January 2, 2018. Her appointment comes on the heels of Reneé D. Martinez’s retirement as LACC president in December 2017.

“We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Dr. Gallagher’s caliber to serve as interim president of LACC while we conduct a search for the next permanent president,” said Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez.

In addition to her role as Vice President of Administrative Services at LATTC, Dr. Gallagher served as Acting President of the college for eight months. While at LATTC, she planned and implemented a $17 million project to completely overhaul and upgrade campus technology, provided leadership in transforming LATTC from individual instructional departments to inclusive pathways, initiated student assistance programs including a pop-up food bank and discounted public transportation passes and helped organize LATTC’s 90th anniversary celebration.

Prior to her position at LATTC, Dr. Gallagher served as Vice President of Administrative Services at Los Angeles Southwest College.

Dr. Gallagher received her Doctor of Philosophy in education from Claremont Graduate University. She earned her Master of Business Administration degree from Pepperdine University and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

**About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is the oldest of the Los Angeles 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. Ranked in the top three Best Southern California Community Colleges by *USA Today* *News*, LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, LACC will celebrate its 90th anniversary.

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